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COMPREHENSION CHECK

Fill in the circle before the correct answer to each question below.

1. Why have strong hurricanes become more common?
 - a Global warming is making storms worse.
 - b We're in a stormy part of the hurricane cycle.
 - c Ocean temperatures have dropped.
 - d Scientists are not sure.
2. Which animal lives with sea anemones?
 - a clownfish
 - b oxpecker
 - c plover
 - d ratel
3. Why did slave owners not teach slaves to read?
 - a Reading might strain slaves' eyes.
 - b Slaves could not afford books.
 - c Slaves didn't seem interested in reading.
 - d Slaves who could read might want freedom.
4. When did people first walk on the moon?
 - a 1929
 - b 1949
 - c 1969
 - d 1989
5. How fast are hurricane winds?
 - a at least 54 miles an hour
 - b at least 64 miles an hour
 - c at least 74 miles an hour
 - d at least 84 miles an hour
6. What is a symbiotic relationship?
 - a partnership between two very similar animals
 - b partnership between two very different animals
 - c partnership between two related animals
 - d partnership between two dead animals
7. Who was the first African-American woman to write a book?
 - a Maya Angelou
 - b Harriet Tubman
 - c Phillis Wheatley
 - d Oprah Winfrey
8. What formed the moon's craters?
 - a Melted rock from volcanoes burned holes into the surface.
 - b Astronauts dug for gold.
 - c Water eroded the rock.
 - d Space rocks smashed into the moon's surface.
9. What is the center of a hurricane called?
 - a epicenter
 - b eye
 - c mouth
 - d typhoon
10. When did slavery end in the U.S.?
 - a 1665
 - b 1765
 - c 1865
 - d 1965