Martin Luther King Jr. Quiz

Directions: Circle the letter next to the answer that completes each sentence.

1. When he finished his schooling, Martin Luther King Jr. worked as a __________.
   a. medical doctor
   b. high school teacher
   c. Baptist minister

2. Martin Luther King Jr. was influenced by __________, who worked for change without violence.
   a. Mohandas Gandhi
   b. George Washington
   c. Franklin Roosevelt

3. After Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a bus, Martin Luther King Jr. organized __________.
   a. an attack on the jail to free Rosa Parks
   b. the March on Washington
   c. the Montgomery Bus Boycott

4. Literacy tests and poll taxes made it hard for African Americans to __________.
   a. go to white schools
   b. vote
   c. own property

5. Martin Luther King Jr. was one of the founders of __________.
   a. the Southern Christian Leadership Conference
   b. the NAACP
   c. Morehouse College

6. Martin Luther King Jr. was arrested in Birmingham in 1963 for __________.
   a. marching without permission
   b. sitting at an all-white lunch counter
   c. leading a Freedom Ride
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7. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his “I Have a Dream” speech in 1963 __________.  
   a. on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial  
   b. in front of the White House  
   c. before the Senate in the U.S. Capitol

8. In 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. became the __________ to win the Nobel Prize for Peace.  
   a. first American  
   b. first African American  
   c. youngest person

9. On April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated __________.  
   a. in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was planning a march to help sanitation workers  
   b. in Washington, D.C., where he had gone to meet the President  
   c. in New York City, where he was giving a speech about poverty

10. Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday became a national holiday in __________.  
    a. 1968  
    b. 1976  
    c. 1986