

History of Computers Challenge Answer Key

1. The _____, an early calculating machine, is considered a forerunner of the computer.
 - a. abacus
2. The fundamentals of computer programming were developed by _____.
 - a. Charles Babbage and Ada Lovelace in the 1830s.
3. ENIAC, built in 1946, required _____ square feet of floor space.
 - c. 1,800
4. Rear Admiral Grace Hopper is credited with inventing _____.
 - b. the compiler
5. Packet switching, the technology behind the Internet, was developed in 1962 by Leonard Kleinrock, a _____.
 - c. graduate student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
6. In 1952, CBS used UNIVAC to predict the outcome of _____.
 - c. the presidential election
7. In 1958, Jack Kilby patented _____.
 - a. the integrated circuit
8. A major breakthrough came in 1968 when Douglas Engelbart invented _____.
 - b. the mouse
9. Tim Berners-Lee is credited with inventing _____.
 - b. the World Wide Web
10. Bill Gates invented _____.
 - c. neither of the above