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