Big History Gold Quiz

1. Traditionally history tells us that wherever ever gold is discovered, men always rush to dig it up.

True or False

2. Why are humans innately attracted to things that glitter and shine?

a. It is connected to our need for light

b. We are not. It is an invented construct.

c. It is connected to our need for water.

d. It symbolizes wealth and power.

3. What is something that sets gold apart from other metals?

a. It is the lightest

b. It is the heaviest

c. It is the strongest

d. It does not rust

4. Another reason that explains gold's value is that it is

a. Disappearing

b. Rare

c. As common as pebbles on the beach.

d. Strong

5. The reason gold coins are valuable is NOT the gold they are made from, but because they have the pictures of gods and kings, making them magical.

True or False

6. There is actually enough gold on planet earth and the entire surface of the earth could be covered 12-13 feet.

True or False

7. In the Americas, gold was used

a. To create technological advancements

b. to create objects of beauty and worship

c. to make everyday objects for everyday people

D.to make currency

8. The lust for gold

a. fosters trade between Europe and Asia

b. results in Africa conquering Europe

c. Drives Europeans across the Atlantic

d. Leads to the end of feudalism in Europe

9. what is the start of the worlds first global gold rush

a. Marco polo along the silk road

b. wealthy merchants supporting the arts during the renaissance

c. knights in the crusades

d. conquistadors to the Americas

10. Given that gold has been important to humans for thousands of years for many reasons, which reason will make it more valuable for the future of humanity?

a. New gods will demand it of the human population.

b. Gold is used in electronics, like computers.

c. Aliens will trade with humans, creating an intergalactic silk road.

d. Gold will be used as a cure to future viruses, like Covid-19