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History or Legend?

Instructions: Below are 10 statements about historical events, people, or discoveries. Some are based on **documented historical fact**, while others are **myths or legends** passed down over time. For each one: Mark it as **FACT** or **MYTH/LEGEND** and briefly explain your reasoning or how you would verify it.

Historical Claims:

1. Napoleon Bonaparte was extremely short, standing only 5 feet tall.
2. The Library of Alexandria held thousands of scrolls and was destroyed in a series of fires.
3. Vikings wore horned helmets into battle.
4. The Great Chicago Fire of 1871 was started by a cow kicking over a lantern.
5. Joan of Arc led the French army to several victories before being captured and executed.
6. George Washington chopped down a cherry tree and admitted it by saying, "I cannot tell a lie."
7. The Trojan War, as described in Homer's *Iliad*, may have been based on real conflicts.
8. Einstein failed math as a student before becoming a genius physicist.
9. The moon landing in 1969 was filmed on a Hollywood set and never really happened.
10. The Rosetta Stone helped scholars decipher ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics.



#	Fact or Myth/Legend?	Explanation / How You'd Verify It
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