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History or Legend? Answer Key

#	Fact or Myth/Legend?	Explanation / How You'd Verify It
1	Myth/Legend	Napoleon was about average height for his time (~5'6"); the myth likely came from a confusion of French/English measurements and propaganda.
2	Fact	The Library of Alexandria existed and was gradually destroyed, though the exact timeline is debated.
3	Myth/Legend	No evidence supports horned helmets in Viking battle; it's a modern artistic invention.
4	Myth/Legend	The cow story is a popular legend; the true cause of the fire remains unknown.
5	Fact	Joan of Arc did lead French forces and was later tried and executed.
6	Myth/Legend	The cherry tree story is fictional, created by a biographer to illustrate Washington's honesty.
7	Fact	Archaeological evidence supports the idea that the Iliad may be loosely based on real conflicts in ancient Troy.
8	Myth/Legend	Einstein did not fail math; he was advanced in math from a young age.
9	Myth/Legend	The moon landing was real; conspiracy theories have been widely debunked.
10	Fact	The Rosetta Stone was crucial in deciphering hieroglyphics using its Greek translation.