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## Miracle Or Myth Answer Key

1. F - Judah Maccabee did lead the revolt against Greek rule.
2. M - The oil lasted eight days, not twelve.
3. F - The Maccabees fought for religious freedom.
4. M - Hanukkah is not a major Torah holiday; it was established later in Jewish history.
5. F - The oil story is symbolic of faith and endurance.
6. F - The menorah represents the victory of light over darkness.
7. F - Some historians say the dreidel game helped hide Torah study under Greek rule.
8. M - Hanukkah originated after the Temple's rededication, not from a harvest festival.

### Teacher's Guide:

- **Differentiation:**
  - Provide context cards with short explanations for each fact or myth for students who need extra support.
  - Challenge advanced learners to research which ancient sources mention Hanukkah and the Maccabees.
- **Engagement Tip:**
  - Play a quick "Mythbuster Relay": read each statement aloud and have students stand for "Fact" or sit for "Myth."
  - Discuss why myths sometimes grow around historical events and what they reveal about cultural values.
- **Extension Ideas:**
  - Have students rewrite one myth as a short "news report" correcting the misunderstanding.
  - Encourage creative writing: students craft a diary entry from the perspective of a Maccabee witnessing the miracle.
  - Link with art or media: students design a "Fact vs. Myth" poster to display in class during Hanukkah week.