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Carnival Truth Test Answer Key

1. True
2. False - It began in Europe and was brought to Louisiana by French explorers.
3. True
4. True
5. False - The date changes each year based on the Easter calendar.
6. True
7. True
8. True
9. False - The first recorded Mardi Gras in Louisiana occurred in the early 1700s.
10. True

Teacher's Guide

- **Warm-Up:** Begin by asking students what they already know about Mardi Gras. Record ideas on the board to activate prior knowledge.
- **Reading Strategy:** Have students read each statement aloud and explain their reasoning before marking it true or false.
- **Differentiation:**
 - *Grades 3-5:* Provide a brief Mardi Gras fact sheet before starting.
 - *Grades 6-7:* Encourage independent research for the rewrite section.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Have students write a short paragraph summarizing three facts they learned.
 - Encourage advanced learners to compare Mardi Gras with another global Carnival celebration.