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The Dewey Decimal System: Navigating Your Library

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1. Who taught this Watch & Learn? _____

2. True or False: The Dewey Decimal System is only used for non-fiction books.

3. What number range does the DDC use?
 - A. 0-100
 - B. 000-999
 - C. 0-1000
 - D. 0000-9999

4. Who created the DDC?
 - A. Dewey Finn
 - B. Robert Dewey
 - C. Melvil Dewey
 - D. Dewey Webster

5. What year was the first version of the DDC published? _____

6. Explain one of the Positive Impacts Dewey made on the Library world:

7. Explain one of the Negative Impacts Dewey made on the Library World:

8. True or False: In 2019 The American Library Association removed Dewey's name from their top honor medal.

9. What is the concept of Relative Positioning?

10. Explain one of the Pros of the DDC:

11. Explain one of the Cons of the DDC:

12. How many countries use the DDC in their libraries?

- A. Just the United States
- B. Only countries that speak English
- C. More than 130 countries
- D. The entire world

13. Please list the 10 Classes of the DDC:

000 _____ 500 _____

100 _____ 600 _____

200 _____ 700 _____

300 _____ 800 _____

400 _____ 900 _____

14. What is the DDC number for the Category “Linguistics?” _____
15. What is the DDC number for the Category “Painting?” _____
16. What is the DDC number for the Category “Engineering?” _____
17. True or False: All Categories in the DDC are assigned to a topic, no Categories are unassigned in 2021.
18. True or False: The DDC provides ways to make a number that is super specific or super general, depending on how many digits you add.
19. In your opinion, what is the most interesting “DDC Number You Should Know” from the list Emily provided, and what it indicates:

20. Explain one reason why learning the DDC is important

BONUS QUESTION:

21. Emily has a button that reads “I Still Believe in 398.2.” Please explain why this is a very nerdy library joke:

Teen Name: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Date: _____