Recognizing Common Knowledge Worksheet

Read the sentence and determine if it needs to be cited in a research paper. If the material does not need citation because it is common knowledge, write “CK.” If the material is not common knowledge and the student should cite the source, write “NC.”

1. George Washington was a general in the American Revolution.
   - CK

2. It takes 24 hours for the earth to make a complete rotation.
   - CK

3. Only ¼ of the inhabitants of Bunthai take supplemental vitamins.
   - CK

4. Frank Gilbreth is the inspiration behind the original Cheaper by the Dozen film.
   - NC

5. Hitler possessed the Holy Grail.
   - NC

6. The phrase “Keeping up with the Joneses” is said to have derived from Edith Wharton’s family.
   - NC

7. A dictionary is a reference book in which definitions of words are listed.
   - CK

8. Most candles are made of wax.
   - CK

9. The nearer one approaches the Equator, the warmer it becomes.
   - CK

10. Edgar Allan Poe created the detective genre, and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle almost plagiarized Poe when he brought to life Sherlock Holmes.
    - NC