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Hunt #3

Use the Fact Monster search engine at http://www.factmonster.com to find the answer to each question below.

1. J. K. Rowling patterned one character in the *Harry Potter* books after herself. Who was that character? _____

2. In which U.S. state is San Jacinto Day celebrated each April 21? _____

3. What is the deadliest insect on Earth? _____

4. What is the name of the largest island on Earth? _____

5. Aspirin is often used to lower fever and ease body pain. Today, aspirin is made in factories by combining chemicals. But many years ago aspirin was made from nature. From what was it made back then? Circle the correct response.
   fish wheat bark from the willow tree

6. Into which ocean -- the Atlantic Ocean ***or*** the Pacific Ocean -- does the Amazon River of South America empty? _____

7. In Greek mythology, Argus was a monster with 100 eyes or more. When Hermes killed Argus, Hera used his eyes on the tail feathers of her bird. What kind of bird received Argus's eyes? _____

8. The first rock 'n' roll record to become widely popular was a 1955 hit song by Bill Haley and the Comets. What was the name of that song? _____

9. Which ocean is found along much of Africa's eastern coast? _____

10. Columbus's first voyage to the New World set sail on August 3, 1492. The explorers sailed in three ships -- the *Nina*, the *Pinta*, and the *Santa Maria*. Which of those three ships did Columbus command himself? _____

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