

The World of Credit Reports Key

1. A credit reporting agency's role is to:

- Collect and compile your credit and financial information**
- Approve and deny offers of credit
- Provide credit reports to anyone who asks

2. To guard against errors and fraud, it is best to review your credit reports:

- Every month
- Only when problems arise
- At least annually**

3. Late payments will be evident on a credit report for:

- Two years
- Seven years**
- Ten years

4. The four categories of all credit reports are identification, trade lines, inquiries, and ____:

- Public records**
- Credit scores
- Disputes

5. A FICO score ranges from:

- 300 to 850**
- 500 to 850
- 300 to 1,000

6. For FICO scores, the category of information that carries the greatest weight is:

- Amounts owed
- Inquiries
- Payment history**

7. You can improve your credit score by:

- Transferring balances to low rate cards
- Keeping balances at 90 percent of the credit limit
- Avoiding excess credit applications**

8. A good way to reestablish damaged credit is to:

- Obtain and use a debit card
- Obtain and use a secured credit card**
- Close all unused accounts

9. If you spot inaccurate information on your credit report, first:

- Dispute the information with the credit bureau**
- Dispute the information with the creditor that reported the error
- Add a 100-word statement of explanation to your credit file

10. A credit bureau has _____ days to investigate your dispute:

- 30**
- 60
- 90