

Ancient Mediterranean Military History

History · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization was famous for its highly disciplined hoplite infantry?

- A) Ancient Egypt
- B) Ancient Greece**
- C) Ancient Phoenicia
- D) Ancient Persia

2. What type of formation did Roman soldiers use to protect themselves from arrows and projectiles?

- A) Phalanx
- B) Testudo**
- C) Column
- D) Square

3. Who was the Carthaginian general who led elephants across the Alps to fight Rome?

- A) Julius Caesar
- B) Alexander the Great
- C) Hannibal Barca**
- D) Pericles

4. What was the primary weapon used by a Roman legionary for stabbing in close combat?

- A) Gladius**
- B) Spear
- C) Longsword
- D) Mace

5. Which famous Macedonian king created an empire stretching from Greece to India?

- A) Leonidas
- B) Alexander the Great**
- C) Augustus
- D) Constantine

6. What was the name of the Greek ship used for ramming enemy vessels during naval battles?

- A) Galleon
- B) Trireme**
- C) Frigate
- D) Caravel

7. The Punic Wars were a series of three major conflicts between Rome and which rival city-state?

- A) Athens
- B) Sparta
- C) Carthage**
- D) Troy

8. Which Spartan king famously led 300 men at the Battle of Thermopylae?

- A) Leonidas**
- B) Xerxes
- C) Agamemnon
- D) Menelaus

9. What did Roman engineers build to transport fresh water to their military camps and cities?

- A) Canals
- B) Aqueducts**
- C) Pipelines
- D) Bridges

10. What defensive fortification was built across Northern Britain by the Roman Empire?

- A) Great Wall
- B) Maginot Line
- C) Hadrian's Wall**
- D) Berlin Wall

11. Which Roman leader was assassinated on the Ides of March in 44 BCE?

- A) Nero
- B) Julius Caesar**
- C) Augustus
- D) Marcus Aurelius

12. What was the main purpose of a Roman military camp known as a castra?

- A) Trade center
- B) Temporary base**
- C) Government office
- D) Public park

13. Which empire was known for its elite soldiers called the Immortals?

- A) Persian Empire**
- B) Roman Empire
- C) Macedonian Empire
- D) Egyptian Empire

14. What was the protective metal headgear worn by ancient Greek soldiers called?

- A) Turban
- B) Helmet**
- C) Crown
- D) Hood

15. The Battle of Actium was a major naval battle between the forces of Octavian and whom?

- A) Mark Antony and Cleopatra**
- B) Hannibal
- C) Attila the Hun
- D) Cyrus the Great

16. Which ancient civilization used a 'phalanx' formation consisting of soldiers with long spears?

- A) Gauls
- B) Romans
- C) Greeks**
- D) Carthaginians

17. What animal did the Romans use extensively for logistics and pulling supply carts?

- A) Camel
- B) Donkey**
- C) Elephant
- D) Water Buffalo

18. What material were most swords and spear tips made from in the late Roman Republic?

- A) Iron**
- B) Bronze
- C) Gold
- D) Plastic