

Journey Through Tattoo History

Tattoo History · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. What is the name of the oldest naturally preserved human mummy found with over 60 tattoos?

- A) King Tut
- B) Ötzi the Iceman**
- C) Ramses II
- D) Lindow Man

2. From which Polynesian word does the English term 'tattoo' originate?

- A) Tatau**
- B) Haka
- C) Mana
- D) Aloha

3. Which 18th-century British explorer is credited with introducing the word 'tattoo' to Europe?

- A) Christopher Columbus
- B) Ferdinand Magellan
- C) James Cook**
- D) Vasco da Gama

4. What is the traditional name for Japanese hand-poked body art?

- A) Irezumi**
- B) Origami
- C) Ikebana
- D) Bonsai

5. Which American inventor's 'electric pen' was modified to create the first electric tattoo machine?

- A) Alexander Graham Bell
- B) Thomas Edison**
- C) Benjamin Franklin
- D) Nikola Tesla

6. In ancient Egypt, tattoos were most historically prevalent on the mummified remains of which group?

- A) Pharaohs
- B) Scribes
- C) Soldiers
- D) Women**

7. What substance was most commonly used as black pigment in ancient tattooing practices?

- A) Crushed berries
- B) Charcoal or soot**
- C) Lead
- D) Volcanic ash

8. What is the name of the traditional permanent facial markings used by the Maori people of New Zealand?

- A) Ta Moko**
- B) Lei
- C) Pe'a
- D) Maluma

9. Who patented the first electric tattoo machine in 1891?

- A) Norman Collins
- B) Samuel O'Reilly**
- C) Don Ed Hardy
- D) Leo Zulueta

10. In traditional sailor culture, what bird tattoo often represented traveling 5,000 nautical miles?

- A) Eagle
- B) Albatross
- C) Swallow**
- D) Parrot

11. What traditional tool is used in Samoan tattooing to strike the ink-laden comb into the skin?

- A) A stone hammer
- B) A wooden mallet**
- C) A metal needle
- D) A bone chisel

12. Which city opened the first documented professional tattoo shop in the United States in 1846?

- A) Los Angeles
- B) Chicago
- C) New York City**
- D) New Orleans