

Intelligence & Espionage History

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1. Which American Revolutionary War spy ring used a complex code system and invisible ink to send messages to George Washington?

- A) The Culper Ring**
- B) The Sons of Liberty
- C) The Midnight Riders
- D) The Liberty Spies

2. What was the name of the encryption machine used by Nazi Germany during World War II, which was famously cracked by Bletchley Park?

- A) Colossus
- B) Enigma**
- C) Purple
- D) Lorenz

3. During World War I, which intercepted communication from Germany to Mexico suggested a military alliance against the United States?

- A) The Balfour Declaration
- B) The Sussex Pledge
- C) The Zimmermann Telegram**
- D) The Schlieffen Plan

4. Which Native American language was used as an unbreakable code by the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific Theater of WWII?

- A) Cherokee
- B) Apache
- C) Navajo**
- D) Choctaw

5. In 1960, which American pilot was shot down over the Soviet Union while flying a U-2 spy plane?

- A) Chuck Yeager
- B) Francis Gary Powers**
- C) Curtis LeMay
- D) Douglas MacArthur

6. Who is often referred to as the 'Spymaster' for Queen Elizabeth I of England?

A) Sir Francis Walsingham

B) Sir Walter Raleigh

C) Sir Francis Drake

D) Sir Thomas More

7. What does the intelligence acronym 'SIGINT' stand for?

A) Signal Intelligence

B) Significant Intelligence

C) Systematic Intelligence

D) Signature Intelligence

8. During the American Civil War, which Union spy ran an extensive intelligence network in Richmond, Virginia, known as the Richmond Underground?

A) Harriet Tubman

B) Elizabeth Van Lew

C) Belle Boyd

D) Rose O'Neal Greenhow

9. Operation Mincemeat was a British deception plan in WWII that used what to trick the Axis powers about the invasion of Sicily?

A) A fake radio station

B) A wooden horse

C) A dead body with false papers

D) Inflatable tanks

10. Which ancient Chinese military strategist wrote about the importance of five types of spies in 'The Art of War'?

A) Confucius

B) Laozi

C) Sun Tzu

D) Han Fei