

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