

Medieval History Basics

Medieval History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. In what year did the Norman Conquest of England occur, led by William the Conqueror?

- A) 1066**
- B) 1215
- C) 800
- D) 1453

2. Who was crowned Holy Roman Emperor by Pope Leo III on Christmas Day in 800 AD?

- A) Charlemagne**
- B) King Alfred
- C) Genghis Khan
- D) Saladin

3. The Magna Carta, a significant charter of rights, was signed in England in which year?

- A) 1215**
- B) 1066
- C) 1348
- D) 1492

4. The Black Death, a devastating pandemic, is estimated to have killed approximately what fraction of Europe's population in the 14th century?

- A) One-third to one-half**
- B) One-tenth
- C) Almost all
- D) Less than one-fifth

5. What was the primary religion of the Byzantine Empire during most of the medieval period?

- A) Eastern Orthodox Christianity**
- B) Roman Catholicism
- C) Islam
- D) Paganism

6. The Battle of Hastings, a pivotal event in English history, was fought in what year?

- A) 1066**
- B) 1187
- C) 1453
- D) 911

7. Which famous Viking explorer is credited with reaching North America around the year 1000 AD?

- A) Leif Erikson**
- B) Eric the Red
- C) Ragnar Lothbrok
- D) Bjorn Ironside

8. The construction of the Hagia Sophia, a famous architectural marvel, began in Constantinople during the reign of which emperor?

- A) Justinian I**
- B) Constantine the Great
- C) Theodosius I
- D) Heraclius

9. In what year did the First Crusade begin, called for by Pope Urban II?

- A) 1095**
- B) 1147
- C) 1204
- D) 1291

10. The city of Constantinople fell to the Ottoman Turks in what year, marking a significant end to the Byzantine Empire?

- A) 1453**
- B) 1302
- C) 1299
- D) 1480

11. What number of Crusades are generally recognized as having taken place between the late 11th and late 13th centuries?

- A) Nine**
- B) Three
- C) Fifteen
- D) Seven

12. Joan of Arc, a national heroine of France, played a crucial role in which major conflict?

- A) The Hundred Years' War**
- B) The Wars of the Roses
- C) The Reconquista
- D) The Crusades

13. The Silk Road was an ancient network of trade routes connecting the East and West. What was its primary peak period of use during the medieval era?

- A) During the Tang Dynasty (618-907 AD)**
- B) During the Roman Empire
- C) After the discovery of the Americas
- D) In the early 20th century

14. What important document, outlining the rights of English barons and limiting the power of the king, was signed in 1215?

- A) Magna Carta**
- B) Domesday Book
- C) Code of Hammurabi
- D) Declaration of Independence

15. The Domesday Book, a comprehensive survey of landholdings in England, was commissioned by which king?

- A) William the Conqueror**
- B) King Henry VIII
- C) King Richard the Lionheart
- D) King Edward the Confessor