

# Environmental History for Teens

World History · Answer Key · 8 Questions

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**1. Which animal was intentionally introduced to Australia in 1859 for hunting, subsequently causing significant damage to native vegetation and biodiversity?**

- A) Red Fox
- B) European Rabbit**
- C) Cane Toad
- D) Feral Pig

**2. The 'Great Famine' of Ireland (1845-1852) was primarily caused by an oomycete known as *Phytophthora infestans* affecting which crop?**

- A) Wheat
- B) Barley
- C) Potato**
- D) Rye

**3. During the Little Ice Age, which maritime empire famously relied on the 'Little Ice Age' cooling to navigate the Northwest Passage and establish settlements in Greenland?**

- A) The Norse**
- B) The Ottoman Empire
- C) The Ming Dynasty
- D) The Khmer Empire

**4. In 1932, the Australian military was deployed in the 'Emu War' to curb a population explosion of emus in Western Australia. What weapon was primarily used by the soldiers?**

- A) Chemical pesticides
- B) Lewis machine guns**
- C) Long-range rifles
- D) Trapping nets

**5. The collapse of the classic Maya civilization has been linked by paleoclimatologists to a series of severe, prolonged events of what natural phenomenon?**

- A) Volcanic eruptions
- B) Tsunami strikes
- C) Megadroughts**
- D) Glacial advances

**6. Which invasive species was introduced to the Great Lakes of North America in the 1980s via ship ballast water, causing massive ecological and economic disruption?**

**A) Zebra Mussel**

B) Asian Carp

C) Northern Snakehead

D) Sea Lamprey

**7. The 1815 eruption of Mount Tambora in Indonesia resulted in 'The Year Without a Summer' in 1816 due to what climatic effect?**

A) Increased solar radiation

**B) Volcanic winter caused by stratospheric sulfate aerosols**

C) A massive shift in ocean currents

D) Deforestation in Europe

**8. Which bird species, once numbering in the billions in North America, was driven to extinction by 1914 due to habitat loss and commercial hunting?**

A) Dodo

**B) Passenger Pigeon**

C) Carolina Parakeet

D) Heath Hen