

Environmental History for Teens

World History · Practice Test · 8 Questions

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