

Historical Grammar & Vocabulary Facts

Grammar & Vocabulary · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization is credited with developing the first known alphabet?

- A) Ancient Egyptians
- B) Sumerians
- C) Phoenicians**
- D) Greeks

2. The King James Version of the Bible, a significant work in English literature and language, was first published in which year?

- A) 1511
- B) 1611**
- C) 1711
- D) 1811

3. The Latin language, from which many European languages evolved, was spoken in which ancient empire?

- A) The Persian Empire
- B) The Roman Empire**
- C) The Han Dynasty
- D) The Aztec Empire

4. Who is widely recognized as the author of the first English dictionary, published in 1755?

- A) William Shakespeare
- B) Geoffrey Chaucer
- C) Samuel Johnson**
- D) Charles Dickens

5. The Gutenberg printing press, a pivotal invention for the spread of literacy and standardized language, was invented in which century?

- A) 13th Century
- B) 14th Century
- C) 15th Century**
- D) 16th Century

6. Which historical figure is often associated with codifying the laws of ancient Babylon, which included early examples of written language and legal terminology?

A) Julius Caesar

B) Hammurabi

C) Alexander the Great

D) Cleopatra

7. The Rosetta Stone, crucial for deciphering ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs, contains a decree written in how many different scripts?

A) One

B) Two

C) Three

D) Four

8. The Norman Conquest of England in 1066 had a significant impact on the English language, introducing a large number of words from which language?

A) Old Norse

B) Latin

C) French

D) German