

Tattoo History: Notable Firsts

Tattoo History · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. What is the name of the remarkably well-preserved Ötzi the Iceman, who had over 60 tattoos discovered on his body?

- A) The Siberian Mummy
- B) The Bog Body
- C) The Alpine Mummy**
- D) The Ice Man

2. In ancient Egypt, what substance was commonly used as a pigment for tattoos, believed to have ritualistic significance?

- A) Gold dust
- B) Soot**
- C) Indigo
- D) Henna

3. Which ancient civilization is credited with some of the earliest known evidence of tattooing, found on mummified remains?

- A) The Romans
- B) The Greeks
- C) The Egyptians**
- D) The Mayans

4. What early tattooing tool, often made from bone or wood, was used to puncture the skin and insert pigment?

- A) A needle
- B) A comb
- C) A chisel
- D) A stylus**

5. The practice of tattooing was observed and documented by which European explorer upon his return from Tahiti in the 18th century, bringing the term 'tattoo' (later tattoo) to the West?

- A) Ferdinand Magellan
- B) James Cook**
- C) Christopher Columbus
- D) Marco Polo

6. What significant invention in the late 19th century revolutionized tattooing by making the process faster and more efficient?

- A) The steam engine
- B) The printing press
- C) The electric tattoo machine**
- D) The sewing machine

7. Who is credited with inventing the first electric tattoo machine in 1891?

- A) Thomas Edison
- B) Nikola Tesla
- C) Samuel O'Reilly**
- D) Alexander Graham Bell

8. In ancient Polynesia, tattoos, known as 'tatau', were often associated with what social status or achievement?

- A) Wealth
- B) Warrior status**
- C) Artistic skill
- D) Religious devotion

9. What naturally occurring pigment, derived from plants, was historically used in many cultures for temporary skin markings and sometimes for permanent tattoos?

- A) Turmeric
- B) Saffron
- C) Henna**
- D) Woad

10. The discovery of Ötzi the Iceman, with his ancient tattoos, was made in which mountain range?

- A) The Himalayas
- B) The Andes
- C) The Alps**
- D) The Rockies