

Tattoo History: Notable Firsts

Tattoo History · Practice Test · 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