

Milestones of American Innovation

American History · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Who was the first person to successfully fly a powered, heavier-than-air aircraft at Kitty Hawk in 1903?

- A) Orville Wright**
- B) Charles Lindbergh
- C) Glenn Curtiss
- D) Samuel Langley

2. Which American inventor is credited with the development of the first commercially successful incandescent light bulb?

- A) Nikola Tesla
- B) Thomas Edison**
- C) Alexander Graham Bell
- D) George Westinghouse

3. In 1927, who completed the first solo nonstop transatlantic flight from New York to Paris?

- A) Amelia Earhart
- B) Wiley Post
- C) Charles Lindbergh**
- D) Richard Byrd

4. What was the name of the first satellite launched by the United States into orbit in 1958?

- A) Vanguard 1
- B) Explorer 1**
- C) Discoverer 1
- D) Sputnik 1

5. Who is credited with inventing the cotton gin, a machine that revolutionized the production of cotton in 1793?

- A) Eli Whitney**
- B) Cyrus McCormick
- C) John Deere
- D) Robert Fulton

6. What was the first state to grant women the right to vote in 1869?

- A) California
- B) New York
- C) Wyoming**
- D) Colorado

7. Which American physician developed the first safe and effective polio vaccine, announced in 1955?

- A) Albert Sabin
- B) Louis Pasteur
- C) Jonas Salk**
- D) Edward Jenner

8. Who became the first American to orbit the Earth in 1962?

- A) Alan Shepard
- B) John Glenn**
- C) Gus Grissom
- D) Neil Armstrong

9. In 1837, Samuel Morse received a patent for which communication-changing invention?

- A) Telephone
- B) Phonograph
- C) Radio
- D) Telegraph**

10. What was the first permanent English settlement established in North America in 1607?

- A) Plymouth
- B) Jamestown**
- C) Roanoke
- D) Salem