

Milestones of Modern History

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1. What innovation by James Watt significantly improved the efficiency and applications of the steam engine, making it a cornerstone of the Industrial Revolution?

- A) The spinning jenny for textile production
- B) The power loom for automated weaving
- C) The rotary motion and separate condenser**
- D) The cotton gin for separating seeds

2. Which event, occurring on July 14, 1789, is widely considered the symbolic start of the French Revolution?

- A) The Women's March on Versailles
- B) The Storming of the Bastille**
- C) The Tennis Court Oath
- D) The execution of King Louis XVI

3. What major military innovation, first effectively used by the British in 1916, was designed to overcome the stalemate of trench warfare in World War I?

- A) Poison gas attacks
- B) The machine gun
- C) The tank**
- D) Submarine warfare

4. The widespread economic downturn known as the Great Depression, which began in 1929, was primarily triggered by which event?

- A) Hyperinflation in Germany
- B) The Wall Street Stock Market Crash**
- C) The signing of the Treaty of Versailles
- D) The rise of fascism in Italy

5. Which major World War II battle on the Eastern Front saw the Soviet Union successfully defend its city against a prolonged German siege, marking a crucial turning point?

- A) The Battle of Britain
- B) The Battle of El Alamein
- C) The Battle of Stalingrad**
- D) The Battle of the Bulge

6. The surprise attack on which US naval base on December 7, 1941, directly led to the United States' official entry into World War II?

A) Midway Atoll

B) Iwo Jima

C) Pearl Harbor

D) Guam