

History of Playing Cards

Card Games · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. In which country were the earliest known playing cards invented during the 9th century?

- A) France
- B) China**
- C) Egypt
- D) Germany

2. What century is generally credited as the time when playing cards were first introduced to Europe?

- A) 14th century**
- B) 10th century
- C) 18th century
- D) 20th century

3. Which of these suits was NOT one of the original four suits used in early European decks?

- A) Cups
- B) Coins
- C) Spades**
- D) Swords

4. The modern 52-card deck format is most closely associated with the playing card designs originally developed in which country?

- A) Italy
- B) France**
- C) Japan
- D) Spain

5. What material were the earliest playing cards in China primarily made from?

- A) Paper**
- B) Animal skin
- C) Clay tablets
- D) Metal plates

6. Which of the following terms describes the first known printed deck of playing cards?

- A) Tarot
- B) Mamluk**
- C) Bicycle
- D) Bridge

7. Who is often historically credited with standardizing the 'French-suited' deck featuring hearts, diamonds, clubs, and spades?

- A) Playing card manufacturers in Rouen**
- B) The United States Playing Card Company
- C) The Royal Court of England
- D) Inventors in Ancient Rome

8. Before the invention of the queen in decks, which royal figures were traditionally used in the court cards of early European decks?

- A) King, Knight, and Knave**
- B) Prince, Duke, and Earl
- C) Emperor, Pope, and Knight
- D) General, Soldier, and Spy

9. Which invention in the 15th century allowed for the mass production of playing cards?

- A) The printing press**
- B) The steam engine
- C) The camera
- D) The telegraph

10. The first index numbers (the small numbers in the corner of a card) were added to playing cards in which century to allow players to fan their hands?

- A) 19th century**
- B) 12th century
- C) 15th century
- D) 20th century