

Milestones in Magic History

Magic & Illusion History · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which 19th-century French magician is widely considered the 'father of modern stage magic'?

- A) Jean-Eugène Robert-Houdin**
- B) Harry Houdini
- C) David Copperfield
- D) Doug Henning

2. Harry Houdini, the world-famous escape artist, was born with which original name?

- A) Erich Weiss
- B) Harry Weiss
- C) Erik Weisz**
- D) Henry Houdin

3. What was the name of the iconic illusion where a magician appears to saw a woman in half, first performed by P.T. Selbit in 1921?

- A) The Cabinet of Death
- B) The Sawing Through Illusion**
- C) The Divided Lady
- D) The Partitioned Box

4. Which famous magician was known for his 'Bullet Catch' stunt and died in 1926 from peritonitis?

- A) Chung Ling Soo
- B) Harry Houdini**
- C) Alexander Herrmann
- D) Howard Thurston

5. The term 'Prestidigitation' is derived from Latin words meaning what?

- A) Quick fingers**
- B) Hidden mirrors
- C) Fast movement
- D) Magic craft

6. Which 19th-century magician was known as 'The Great Herrmann' and famously performed for President Abraham Lincoln?

- A) Alexander Herrmann**
- B) Max Malini
- C) Carl Hertz
- D) Harry Kellar

7. What is the name of the prestigious magic club in London founded in 1905?

- A) The Magic Circle**
- B) The Illusionists Guild
- C) The Houdini Society
- D) The Royal Magicians

8. Which magician became famous for his television specials in the 1970s, including walking through the Great Wall of China?

- A) David Copperfield**
- B) Penn Jillette
- C) Teller
- D) David Blaine

9. What type of magic performance involves the use of sleight-of-hand tricks performed at close range to the audience?

- A) Close-up magic**
- B) Stage magic
- C) Grand illusion
- D) Mentalism

10. Which magician was a pioneer in early cinema and used his skills to create special effects in his film 'A Trip to the Moon'?

- A) Georges Méliès**
- B) Lumière Brothers
- C) Thomas Edison
- D) Charlie Chaplin