

European History Curriculum Essentials

European History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Which document was signed in 1215, limiting the powers of King John of England?

- A) The Magna Carta**
- B) The Bill of Rights
- C) The Treaty of Versailles
- D) The Edict of Nantes

2. Who was the French military leader who rose to prominence during the French Revolution and later became Emperor?

- A) Louis XIV
- B) Napoleon Bonaparte**
- C) Maximilian Robespierre
- D) Charles de Gaulle

3. Which explorer completed the first recorded voyage from Europe to India by sailing around the Cape of Good Hope?

- A) Christopher Columbus
- B) Ferdinand Magellan
- C) Vasco da Gama**
- D) Marco Polo

4. The Renaissance began in which European country during the 14th century?

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

5. Which ancient civilization built the Colosseum in Rome?

- A) The Greeks
- B) The Romans**
- C) The Persians
- D) The Egyptians

6. Who was the Queen of England during the defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588?

- A) Mary I
- B) Victoria
- C) Elizabeth I**
- D) Anne

7. Which period of European history is often referred to as the 'Age of Discovery'?

A) 15th to 17th centuries

B) 5th to 10th centuries

C) 19th century

D) 1st century

8. The industrial revolution originated in which country during the late 18th century?

A) Belgium

B) France

C) Great Britain

D) Germany

9. Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican?

A) Leonardo da Vinci

B) Michelangelo

C) Raphael

D) Donatello

10. Which city served as the capital of the Byzantine Empire?

A) Athens

B) Rome

C) Constantinople

D) Alexandria

11. What was the primary language of the Roman Empire?

A) Greek

B) Latin

C) French

D) Spanish

12. Which European monarch was known as the 'Sun King'?

A) Louis XIV

B) Henry VIII

C) Peter the Great

D) Frederick the Great

13. The 'Great Schism' of 1054 divided the Christian Church into which two branches?

A) Protestant and Catholic

B) Orthodox and Catholic

C) Anglican and Lutheran

D) Baptist and Methodist

14. Which Viking explorer is credited with reaching North America long before Columbus?

- A) Leif Erikson**
- B) Eric the Red
- C) Ragnar Lodbrok
- D) Harald Hardrada

15. What was the name of the series of religious wars sanctioned by the Latin Church in the medieval period?

- A) The Napoleonic Wars
- B) The Punic Wars
- C) The Crusades**
- D) The Thirty Years' War