

European History Foundations

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1. What form of government, where citizens participated directly in decision-making, originated in ancient Athens?

- A) Monarchy
- B) Oligarchy
- C) Democracy**
- D) Tyranny

2. Who was the first emperor of the Roman Empire, marking the end of the Roman Republic?

- A) Julius Caesar
- B) Nero
- C) Augustus**
- D) Constantine

3. During the Middle Ages, what social and political system involved lords granting land to vassals in exchange for loyalty and military service?

- A) Capitalism
- B) Socialism
- C) Feudalism**
- D) Communism

4. Which famous Renaissance artist painted the Mona Lisa and The Last Supper?

- A) Michelangelo
- B) Raphael
- C) Donatello
- D) Leonardo da Vinci**

5. Who is widely credited with initiating the Protestant Reformation by posting his Ninety-five Theses in 1517?

- A) John Calvin
- B) Henry VIII
- C) Martin Luther**
- D) Ignatius of Loyola

6. Which explorer's expedition was the first to circumnavigate the Earth, although he himself died during the voyage?

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

7. Which Polish astronomer proposed the heliocentric model, suggesting that Earth and other planets revolve around the Sun?

- A) Galileo Galilei
- B) Isaac Newton
- C) Nicolaus Copernicus**
- D) Johannes Kepler

8. Which Enlightenment philosopher advocated for the separation of powers in government, influencing many modern constitutions?

- A) John Locke
- B) Jean-Jacques Rousseau
- C) Voltaire
- D) Baron de Montesquieu**

9. What 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 Reign of Terror
- C) The Storming of the Bastille**
- D) The Battle of Waterloo

10. What key invention dramatically sped up the weaving process during the early Industrial Revolution in Britain?

- A) Steam engine
- B) Cotton gin
- C) Spinning Jenny
- D) Power loom**

11. Which major alliance in World War I included Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire?

- A) Allied Powers
- B) Axis Powers
- C) Central Powers**
- D) Triple Entente

12. What event is considered the official start of World War II in Europe?

A) The attack on Pearl Harbor

B) Germany's invasion of Poland

C) The Battle of Britain

D) The signing of the Treaty of Versailles