

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