

Ancient History Fundamentals

Ancient History · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization is credited with inventing the first known writing system, cuneiform?

- A) Ancient Egypt
- B) Ancient Greece
- C) Mesopotamia**
- D) Indus Valley Civilization

2. What famous structure was built as a tomb for the Egyptian pharaoh Khufu?

- A) The Colosseum
- B) The Great Pyramid of Giza**
- C) The Parthenon
- D) The Lighthouse of Alexandria

3. Who was the legendary king of Sparta known for his leadership at the Battle of Thermopylae?

- A) Pericles
- B) Alexander the Great
- C) Julius Caesar
- D) King Leonidas**

4. The ancient Roman Republic eventually transitioned into which form of government?

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

5. Which Greek philosopher was a student of Socrates and the teacher of Aristotle?

- A) Herodotus
- B) Plato**
- C) Thucydides
- D) Epicurus

6. The Code of Hammurabi, one of the earliest legal codes, originated from which ancient civilization?

- A) Ancient China
- B) Babylonia**
- C) Persia
- D) Maya Civilization

7. What ancient city was famously destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD?

- A) Rome
- B) Athens
- C) Pompeii**
- D) Carthage

8. Which famous general led his army, including war elephants, across the Alps to invade Italy during the Second Punic War?

- A) Scipio Africanus
- B) Hannibal**
- C) Augustus
- D) Suleiman the Magnificent

9. The construction of the Great Wall of China began primarily to defend against invasions from which group?

- A) The Mongols
- B) The Huns**
- C) The Persians
- D) The Japanese

10. Who was the first Roman Emperor, marking the end of the Roman Republic?

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

11. The ancient civilization of the Indus Valley is known for its well-planned cities, such as Mohenjo-Daro and which other major site?

- A) Babylon
- B) Harappa**
- C) Knossos
- D) Troy

12. Which ancient civilization developed a sophisticated calendar system and hieroglyphic writing?

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