

Early Reading Comprehension - Historical Facts

Reading Comprehension · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization is credited with inventing paper around 105 CE?

- A) Ancient Rome
- B) Ancient Greece
- C) Ancient China**
- D) Ancient Egypt

2. The Great Wall of China was primarily built to protect against invasions from which group?

- A) Mongols**
- B) Vikings
- C) Persians
- D) Romans

3. Who is widely considered the first Emperor of Rome, reigning from 27 BCE to 14 CE?

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

4. The Magna Carta, signed in 1215, was an important document that limited the power of the monarch in which country?

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

5. What year did Christopher Columbus first reach the Americas?

- A) 1492**
- B) 1501
- C) 1488
- D) 1519

6. The Renaissance was a period of great artistic and intellectual revival that began in which region?

- A) Northern Europe
- B) Eastern Europe
- C) Western Europe
- D) Southern Europe**

7. Who famously sailed around the world between 1519 and 1522, though he died before completing the voyage himself?

- A) Christopher Columbus
- B) Vasco da Gama
- C) Ferdinand Magellan**
- D) James Cook

8. The American Declaration of Independence was adopted in which year?

- A) 1775
- B) 1776**
- C) 1783
- D) 1789

9. Who was the leader of the Soviet Union during World War II?

- A) Vladimir Lenin
- B) Leon Trotsky
- C) Joseph Stalin**
- D) Mikhail Gorbachev

10. The first powered, sustained flight by a heavier-than-air machine was achieved by the Wright brothers in 1903 at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. What was the name of their aircraft?

- A) Spirit of St. Louis
- B) Flyer I**
- C) Enola Gay
- D) Concorde