

World History Essentials for Teens

World History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization developed the first known system of writing, cuneiform?

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

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

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

3. The Magna Carta, signed in 1215, is considered a foundational document for which concept?

- A) Religious freedom
- B) Universal suffrage
- C) Limited government**
- D) Economic equality

4. Which explorer is credited with the first circumnavigation of the Earth (though he died en route)?

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

5. The Renaissance, a period of great artistic and intellectual revival, originated in which country?

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

6. What major global conflict, often called the 'Great War', took place from 1914 to 1918?

- A) World War II
- B) The Napoleonic Wars
- C) World War I**
- D) The Cold War

7. Who led the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia in 1917, establishing the world's first communist state?

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

8. The invention of the printing press by Johannes Gutenberg in the mid-15th century had a profound impact on:

- A) Military strategy
- B) Agricultural production
- C) The spread of knowledge**
- D) Urban planning

9. The Berlin Wall, a symbol of the Cold War division, fell in which year?

- A) 1961
- B) 1989**
- C) 1991
- D) 1975

10. Which ancient civilization built the pyramids at Giza?

- A) Rome
- B) Greece
- C) Egypt**
- D) Mesopotamia

11. The Silk Road was a network of trade routes connecting which two major regions for centuries?

- A) Europe and Africa
- B) North America and South America
- C) Asia and Europe**
- D) Australia and Asia

12. Who was the influential leader of the Indian independence movement, advocating for nonviolent civil disobedience?

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru
- B) Mahatma Gandhi**
- C) Sardar Patel
- D) Indira Gandhi

13. The Age of Exploration, beginning in the 15th century, was largely driven by European powers seeking new trade routes and resources, leading to:

A) Increased isolationism

B) Global exchange and colonization

C) A decline in maritime technology

D) A focus on internal exploration

14. The Industrial Revolution, which began in Great Britain in the late 18th century, was characterized by:

A) A shift from hand production to machine production

B) A decline in urbanization

C) A decreased reliance on fossil fuels

D) A rise in agrarian economies

15. Which empire, known for its advanced civilization and contributions to mathematics and astronomy, flourished in Mesoamerica before European arrival?

A) The Inca Empire

B) The Aztec Empire

C) The Maya Civilization

D) The Olmec Civilization