

Historical Trivia Challenge

Trivia · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization is credited with the invention of the first known alphabet?

- A) Sumerians
- B) Greeks
- C) Phoenicians**
- D) Romans

2. In what year did the RMS Titanic famously sink on its maiden voyage?

- A) 1905
- B) 1912**
- C) 1918
- D) 1923

3. Who was the first European explorer to reach India by sea, arriving in Calicut in 1498?

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

4. The construction of the Great Wall of China began during which dynasty?

- A) Han Dynasty
- B) Tang Dynasty
- C) Ming Dynasty
- D) Qin Dynasty**

5. What year marked the signing of the Magna Carta, a foundational document for constitutional law?

- A) 1066
- B) 1215**
- C) 1492
- D) 1648

6. Which ancient city was destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD?

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

7. The Renaissance, a period of great artistic and intellectual revival, is generally considered to have begun in which country?

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

8. What was the primary purpose of the Rosetta Stone, discovered in 1799?

- A) To record military victories
- B) To facilitate the translation of hieroglyphs**
- C) To serve as a religious text
- D) To outline legal codes

9. The Black Death, a devastating pandemic, primarily swept through Europe in which century?

- A) 11th Century
- B) 13th Century
- C) 14th Century**
- D) 16th Century

10. Who was the leader of the Soviet Union during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962?

- A) Joseph Stalin
- B) Leonid Brezhnev
- C) Mikhail Gorbachev
- D) Nikita Khrushchev**

11. The Battle of Waterloo, which marked the end of Napoleon Bonaparte's reign, took place in what year?

- A) 1805
- B) 1812
- C) 1815**
- D) 1821

12. Which scientific revolution figure published 'Principia Mathematica' in 1687, laying the groundwork for classical mechanics?

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

13. The Declaration of Independence of the United States was adopted in which year?

A) 1775

B) 1776

C) 1783

D) 1789

14. What was the name of the ship that carried the Pilgrims to Plymouth Rock in 1620?

A) Santa Maria

B) Mayflower

C) Niña

D) Pinta

15. The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, a key event leading to World War I, occurred in which city?

A) Vienna

B) Berlin

C) Sarajevo

D) Belgrade

16. Which ancient civilization built Machu Picchu, the famous citadel in the Andes Mountains?

A) Maya

B) Aztec

C) Inca

D) Olmec

17. The Industrial Revolution is largely associated with advancements originating in which country?

A) Germany

B) United States

C) Great Britain

D) France

18. Who was the first Roman Emperor?

A) Julius Caesar

B) Nero

C) Constantine

D) Augustus