

Ancient Ink: Tattoo Tales for Young Explorers

Tattoo History · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. What did scientists find on the skin of an ancient person named Ötzi, which were like early tattoos?

- A) Funny drawings of cats
- B) Little blue lines and crosses**
- C) Sparkly glitter dots
- D) Pictures of yummy snacks

2. In ancient Polynesia, who were often the very skilled artists who created beautiful tattoos on people's bodies?

- A) The bravest warriors
- B) The wisest elders
- C) Special tattoo artists called 'tatau' masters**
- D) The fastest runners

3. What did ancient Egyptians sometimes use to make tattoos on people's skin?

- A) Juice from rainbow flowers
- B) A special kind of ink made from plants and soot**
- C) Sparkling edible glitter
- D) Colored chalk dust

4. What were some of the earliest tattoos made from, that ancient people used to put on their skin?

- A) Gummy bear juice
- B) Ground charcoal and plant dyes**
- C) Melted crayon wax
- D) Edible fruit colors

5. In some very old cultures, why did people get tattoos? What did they think tattoos could do?

- A) To make them invisible
- B) To help them fly
- C) To protect them or show their status**
- D) To change their hair color

6. What kind of tools did ancient tattoo artists sometimes use to poke the ink into the skin?

- A) Soft feathers
- B) Sharp bones or animal teeth**
- C) Fingers dipped in paint
- D) Tiny toy hammers

7. When Captain James Cook visited islands like Tahiti, what did he and his sailors see that was very different from what they were used to?

- A) People wearing colorful hats
- B) People with amazing tattoos all over their bodies**
- C) People riding on flying carpets
- D) People eating only ice cream

8. What is the word 'tatau', which is where we get the word 'tattoo' from, originally from?

- A) A funny bird sound
- B) The language of the people in Polynesia**
- C) A type of delicious soup
- D) A secret pirate code

9. For some indigenous tribes, what did tattoos sometimes represent about a person's life or their family?

- A) How many toys they owned
- B) Their favorite color
- C) Important stories or connections to their ancestors**
- D) How fast they could run

10. What ancient method involved using a tool with needles to carefully place color under the skin?

- A) Drawing with chalk
- B) Painting with a brush
- C) Tattooing with sharp instruments**
- D) Using glitter glue

11. What did ancient people sometimes believe tattoos could do to help them in the wild?

- A) Make them taste like candy
- B) Help them blend in with nature or scare away bad spirits**
- C) Allow them to talk to animals
- D) Give them super strength for eating

12. In ancient times, who might have been the very first people to get tattoos, and why?

A) People who loved to play hide-and-seek

B) People who were part of spiritual ceremonies or had special roles

C) People who ate too many sweets

D) People who enjoyed wearing colorful clothes

13. What did ancient cultures often use for ink, that came from the earth or plants?

A) Lemonade and sugar

B) Soot, ash, and berry juices

C) Milk and honey

D) Rainbow sprinkles

14. What historical practice involved using needles to insert pigment into the skin, creating lasting designs?

A) Knitting sweaters

B) Tattooing

C) Baking cookies

D) Building sandcastles

15. In many ancient societies, what was a common reason for a person to receive a tattoo?

A) To get a new hairstyle

B) To celebrate a birthday

C) To mark important life events or achievements

D) To get a sticker collection

16. What did the discovery of Ötzi the Iceman reveal about the history of tattoos?

A) That people in the past only wore hats

B) That tattoos are a very, very old form of art

C) That people used to draw with crayons

D) That everyone had the same tattoo

17. What did ancient people sometimes use to make the ink for tattoos permanent and visible?

A) Fairy dust and starlight

B) Charcoal from fires and natural dyes

C) Bubblegum and glitter

D) Juice from painted rocks

18. What was one way ancient people might have identified with their group or tribe through body art?

A) By wearing a specific color of socks

B) By having unique tattoos that told a story

C) By singing a special song

D) By eating only vegetables