

Ancient Ink: Tattoo Tales for Young Explorers

Tattoo History · Practice Test · 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