

Landmarks of European Innovation

European History · Practice Test · 25 Questions

1. Who is credited with inventing the movable type printing press in Europe around 1440?

- A) Johannes Gutenberg
- B) Leonardo da Vinci
- C) Galileo Galilei
- D) Isaac Newton

2. In which European country did the Industrial Revolution begin during the 18th century?

- A) France
- B) Germany
- C) Great Britain
- D) Italy

3. Which scientist is famous for discovering the laws of universal gravitation?

- A) Nicolaus Copernicus
- B) Isaac Newton
- C) René Descartes
- D) Johannes Kepler

4. What was the first nation to successfully launch a satellite into orbit, marking the start of the Space Age?

- A) Germany
- B) France
- C) United Kingdom
- D) Soviet Union

5. Which Italian explorer is credited with the first recorded European voyage to the Americas in 1492?

- A) Amerigo Vespucci
- B) Christopher Columbus
- C) John Cabot
- D) Vasco da Gama

6. Which European country pioneered the invention of the steam engine for industrial use?

- A) Spain
- B) Great Britain
- C) Sweden
- D) Austria

7. Who was the first person to formulate the heliocentric model, placing the Sun at the center of the universe?

- A) Nicolaus Copernicus
- B) Tycho Brahe
- C) Galileo Galilei
- D) Giordano Bruno

8. Which invention by the Ancient Romans significantly improved transportation and trade across Europe?

- A) Steamboat
- B) Road networks
- C) Bicycles
- D) Airplane

9. Which French scientist is known for developing the process of pasteurization?

- A) Louis Pasteur
- B) Marie Curie
- C) Antoine Lavoisier
- D) Pierre Curie

10. What was the first written legal document that limited the power of a European monarch, signed in 1215?

- A) Declaration of Independence
- B) Magna Carta
- C) Bill of Rights
- D) Treaty of Versailles

11. Which invention allowed for the rapid mass production of textiles in the 18th century?

- A) Spinning jenny
- B) The lightbulb
- C) The electric motor
- D) The computer

12. Who is considered the first European to reach India by sea?

- A) Ferdinand Magellan
- B) Vasco da Gama
- C) Bartolomeu Dias
- D) Marco Polo

13. The first public railway line to use steam locomotives was opened in which country?

- A) Netherlands
- B) Belgium
- C) Great Britain
- D) Denmark

14. Which Renaissance artist is often cited as the inventor of the prototype for the helicopter?

- A) Michelangelo
- B) Leonardo da Vinci
- C) Donatello
- D) Raphael

15. Which country was the first to implement a national health service, a concept that influenced much of modern Europe?

- A) United Kingdom
- B) Norway
- C) Switzerland
- D) Ireland

16. Which discovery by Alexander Fleming in 1928 revolutionized modern medicine?

- A) Vaccine for Smallpox
- B) Penicillin
- C) X-rays
- D) DNA structure

17. What major communication device was first introduced in Europe by Claude Chappe in the 1790s?

- A) Optical telegraph
- B) Telephone
- C) Radio
- D) Television

18. Which German inventor is credited with creating the first practical automobile powered by an internal combustion engine?

- A) Karl Benz
- B) Ferdinand Porsche
- C) Rudolf Diesel
- D) Gottlieb Daimler

19. The first working battery, the 'voltaic pile', was invented by which Italian physicist?

- A) Alessandro Volta
- B) Luigi Galvani
- C) Enrico Fermi
- D) Galileo Galilei

20. Which European civilization is credited with creating the first known democracy?

- A) Roman Empire
- B) Ancient Greece
- C) Ottoman Empire
- D) Holy Roman Empire

21. In which century did the 'Age of Discovery' begin, led primarily by Portuguese and Spanish explorers?

- A) 13th
- B) 15th
- C) 17th
- D) 19th

22. Who led the first expedition to circumnavigate the globe?

- A) Hernán Cortés
- B) Francisco Pizarro
- C) Ferdinand Magellan
- D) Vasco Núñez de Balboa

23. Which invention by Wilhelm Röntgen in 1895 allowed doctors to see inside the human body without surgery?

- A) MRI scan
- B) X-rays
- C) Ultrasound
- D) CT scan

24. The first printed book in Europe using a mechanical press was which famous work?

- A) The Divine Comedy
- B) The Gutenberg Bible
- C) The Canterbury Tales
- D) The Iliad

25. Which country was the first in Europe to grant women the right to vote in parliamentary elections?

- A) Finland
- B) Sweden
- C) Denmark
- D) Norway