

European History Foundations

European History · Answer Key · 25 Questions

1. Which treaty officially ended the Thirty Years' War in 1648?

- A) Treaty of Versailles
- B) Peace of Westphalia**
- C) Treaty of Tordesillas
- D) Congress of Vienna

2. Who was the monarch of England during the defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588?

- A) Mary I
- B) Henry VIII
- C) Elizabeth I**
- D) Victoria

3. The storming of which prison on July 14, 1789, marked a flashpoint of the French Revolution?

- A) The Bastille**
- B) The Conciergerie
- C) The Tower of London
- D) Château d'If

4. Which explorer led the first expedition to circumnavigate the globe, starting in 1519?

- A) Christopher Columbus
- B) Vasco da Gama
- C) Ferdinand Magellan**
- D) Amerigo Vespucci

5. What was the name of the legislative assembly formed by the Third Estate at the beginning of the French Revolution?

- A) National Convention
- B) Directory
- C) National Assembly**
- D) Estates-General

6. Which city served as the capital of the Byzantine Empire until its fall in 1453?

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

7. The Magna Carta was signed by King John of England in what year?

A) 1066

B) 1215

C) 1347

D) 1492

8. Who was crowned Holy Roman Emperor on Christmas Day in the year 800 AD?

A) Louis the Pious

B) Charles the Bald

C) Charlemagne

D) Otto I

9. What plague pandemic decimated the population of Europe in the mid-14th century?

A) Smallpox

B) The Black Death

C) Spanish Flu

D) Cholera

10. Which invention by Johannes Gutenberg in the mid-15th century revolutionized the spread of information?

A) The telescope

B) The steam engine

C) The printing press

D) The compass

11. Which royal house ruled Russia from 1613 until the revolution in 1917?

A) Romanov

B) Habsburg

C) Tudor

D) Bourbon

12. What was the primary goal of the Congress of Vienna in 1815?

A) To establish the European Union

B) To redraw the map of Europe after Napoleon

C) To declare war on the Ottoman Empire

D) To promote democratic elections

13. The Edict of Nantes, issued in 1598, granted religious rights to which group in France?

- A) Catholics
- B) Huguenots**
- C) Jews
- D) Orthodox Christians

14. Which battle in 1815 marked the final defeat of Napoleon Bonaparte?

- A) Battle of Austerlitz
- B) Battle of Leipzig
- C) Battle of Waterloo**
- D) Battle of Trafalgar

15. What was the main purpose of the Domesday Book commissioned by William the Conqueror in 1086?

- A) To record religious laws
- B) To conduct a land survey for taxation**
- C) To document the royal lineage
- D) To list the knights of the realm

16. Which country was divided between Germany and the Soviet Union following the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact in 1939?

- A) Poland**
- B) Finland
- C) Czechoslovakia
- D) Hungary

17. The Renaissance began in which modern-day European country?

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

18. Which English king was executed in 1649 following the English Civil War?

- A) Charles I**
- B) James I
- C) Henry VII
- D) George III

19. What was the name of the movement led by Martin Luther in 1517?

- A) The Enlightenment
- B) The Protestant Reformation**
- C) The Industrial Revolution
- D) The Great Schism

20. Which monarch, known as the 'Sun King', reigned over France for 72 years?

- A) Louis XIV**
- B) Louis XVI
- C) Francis I
- D) Henry IV

21. What was the 'Iron Curtain' a symbol of during the Cold War?

- A) The border between East and West Germany
- B) The ideological divide between Communist and Capitalist Europe**
- C) The blockade of Berlin
- D) The steel industry in the USSR

22. Which city was the site of the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand in 1914?

- A) Belgrade
- B) Zagreb
- C) Sarajevo**
- D) Vienna

23. The Treaty of Versailles, which ended World War I, was signed in which year?

- A) 1914
- B) 1918
- C) 1919**
- D) 1920

24. Which powerful female ruler expanded the Russian Empire significantly in the 18th century?

- A) Catherine the Great**
- B) Elizabeth of Russia
- C) Anna of Russia
- D) Olga of Kiev

25. What was the name of the maritime alliance formed by Northern European cities in the 12th century to protect trade interests?

A) The Triple Alliance

B) The Hanseatic League

C) The North Sea Pact

D) The Merchant Guild