

European History Foundations

European History · Practice Test · 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