

World History Basics

History · Answer Key · 25 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization built the Great Pyramid of Giza?

A) Ancient Egypt

B) Ancient Greece

C) Ancient Rome

D) The Aztecs

2. Who was the first emperor of a unified China?

A) Confucius

B) Qin Shi Huang

C) Sun Yat-sen

D) Mao Zedong

3. In which country did the Industrial Revolution begin?

A) France

B) Germany

C) United States

D) Great Britain

4. What document was signed in 1215, limiting the power of the King of England?

A) The Declaration of Independence

B) The Magna Carta

C) The Treaty of Versailles

D) The Bill of Rights

5. Which explorer is credited with completing the first circumnavigation of the globe?

A) Christopher Columbus

B) Ferdinand Magellan

C) Vasco da Gama

D) James Cook

6. Which city was the capital of the Byzantine Empire?

A) Rome

B) Athens

C) Constantinople

D) Cairo

7. What major global conflict ended in 1945?

- A) World War I
- B) The Cold War
- C) The Napoleonic Wars

D) World War II

8. Who painted the Mona Lisa?

- A) Michelangelo
- B) Vincent van Gogh

C) Leonardo da Vinci

- D) Claude Monet

9. Which ancient empire was famous for its system of roads and its legal code?

A) The Roman Empire

- B) The Persian Empire
- C) The Ottoman Empire
- D) The Mongol Empire

10. The fall of which wall in 1989 symbolized the end of the Cold War in Europe?

- A) The Great Wall of China

B) The Berlin Wall

- C) The Wailing Wall
- D) The Hadrian's Wall

11. Which French military leader rose to prominence during the French Revolution and later became Emperor?

- A) Louis XIV

B) Napoleon Bonaparte

- C) Charles de Gaulle
- D) Maximilian Robespierre

12. The Renaissance began in which European country?

- A) Spain
- B) France

C) Italy

- D) England

13. What is the name of the ancient trade route that connected China to the Mediterranean?

- A) The Amber Road
- B) The Silk Road**
- C) The Spice Route
- D) The Trans-Saharan Trade

14. Which ship sank on its maiden voyage in 1912 after hitting an iceberg?

- A) Lusitania
- B) Titanic**
- C) Britannic
- D) Mayflower

15. Who was the leader of the Indian independence movement who advocated for non-violent resistance?

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru
- B) Subhas Chandra Bose
- C) Mahatma Gandhi**
- D) Sardar Patel

16. The French Revolution began in which year?

- A) 1776
- B) 1789**
- C) 1812
- D) 1914

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

- A) The telescope
- B) The steam engine
- C) The printing press**
- D) The compass

18. The United States Declaration of Independence was signed in which year?

- A) 1776**
- B) 1783
- C) 1789
- D) 1800

19. Which South American civilization is known for building the mountain city of Machu Picchu?

- A) Maya
- B) Aztec
- C) Inca**
- D) Olmec

20. What was the primary language of the Roman Empire?

- A) Greek
- B) Latin**
- C) Italian
- D) French

21. The Meiji Restoration marked a period of rapid modernization in which country?

- A) Japan**
- B) Korea
- C) Thailand
- D) Vietnam

22. Who was the queen of England during the defeat of the Spanish Armada?

- A) Queen Victoria
- B) Queen Mary I
- C) Queen Elizabeth I**
- D) Queen Anne

23. Which ancient Greek philosopher was the teacher of Alexander the Great?

- A) Socrates
- B) Plato
- C) Aristotle**
- D) Pythagoras

24. The Russian Revolution of 1917 led to the rise of which political system?

- A) Monarchy
- B) Communism**
- C) Fascism
- D) Democracy

25. Which ocean did Christopher Columbus cross in 1492?

- A) Pacific Ocean
- B) Indian Ocean
- C) Atlantic Ocean**
- D) Arctic Ocean