

World History Basics

History · Practice Test · 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