

Ancient Art: Tattoo History for Kids

Tattoo History · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. What is one of the oldest ways people decorated their skin for a very long time?

- A) Painting with makeup
- B) Wearing jewelry
- C) Tattooing**
- D) Using temporary stickers

2. Tattoos have been around for how many thousands of years?

- A) Hundreds
- B) Tens
- C) Thousands**
- D) Millions

3. What is one of the oldest known mummified bodies with tattoos?

- A) A famous king
- B) A woolly mammoth
- C) Ötzi the Iceman**
- D) A dinosaur

4. In ancient Egypt, who might have had tattoos?

- A) Only the pharaohs
- B) Only the soldiers
- C) Priests and dancers**
- D) Everyone who was rich

5. What did ancient people use to make tattoos before modern machines?

- A) Pens and ink
- B) Chalk and water
- C) Sharp bones or needles and ink**
- D) Crayons

6. Many indigenous cultures around the world use tattoos for what reasons?

- A) To hide their identity
- B) For decoration and to tell stories**
- C) To scare away animals
- D) To try and fly

7. The Maori people of New Zealand have a traditional tattoo art called what?

- A) Henna
- B) Tribal
- C) Ta moko**
- D) Samoan art

8. In some ancient cultures, tattoos were thought to have what kind of power?

- A) The power to make things invisible
- B) The power to protect them**
- C) The power to change the weather
- D) The power to grant wishes instantly

9. What did the Polynesians use to create their intricate tattoos?

- A) Paintbrushes
- B) Feathers dipped in ink
- C) Carved combs and bone chisels**
- D) Smooth stones

10. Tattoos were used by some ancient societies to show someone's what?

- A) Their favorite color
- B) Their social status or achievements**
- C) How many pets they had
- D) Their height

11. What natural materials were often used to create the ink for ancient tattoos?

- A) Fruit juice and berries
- B) Charcoal and plant dyes**
- C) Water and dirt
- D) Food coloring

12. In some parts of ancient Asia, tattoos were sometimes used to mark someone who had committed what?

- A) A very small mistake
- B) A crime**
- C) A birthday
- D) A good deed

13. The word 'tattoo' comes from a word in which language?

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

14. Early European explorers who saw tattooed people in the Pacific often described the tattoos as what?

- A) Simple dots
- B) Beautiful artwork**
- C) Ugly lines
- D) Scary monsters

15. What body part was often tattooed by ancient people to show their strength or warrior status?

- A) Their nose
- B) Their ears
- C) Their arms and chest**
- D) Their toes

16. When did modern tattoo machines, using needles and electricity, become invented?

- A) Thousands of years ago
- B) In the 1800s**
- C) Just a few years ago
- D) During the stone age

17. What did the ancient Greeks sometimes use tattoos for, besides decoration?

- A) To communicate with animals
- B) To mark slaves or soldiers**
- C) To learn magic spells
- D) To record recipes

18. Tattooing has been a part of many cultures for a very long time to show:

- A) Personal likes and dislikes
- B) Family traditions and beliefs**
- C) Favorite foods
- D) How fast someone can run

19. In ancient times, what was one reason someone might get a tattoo for healing or spiritual purposes?

- A) To become a baker
- B) To ask for good luck or protection**
- C) To learn to sing
- D) To grow taller

20. Tattooing is an art form that has been practiced by people all over the world for:

- A) Only a few decades
- B) A very short time
- C) Thousands of years**
- D) Just this year