

World History Quiz for Students

World History · Answer Key · 25 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization built the city of Machu Picchu in the Andes Mountains?

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

2. Who was the primary author of the United States Declaration of Independence?

- A) George Washington
- B) Benjamin Franklin
- C) Thomas Jefferson**
- D) John Adams

3. The 'Code of Hammurabi' is one of the earliest legal codes, originating from which ancient region?

- A) Mesopotamia**
- B) Ancient Egypt
- C) Indus Valley
- D) Ancient Greece

4. Which European explorer is credited with being the first to circumnavigate the globe?

- A) Christopher Columbus
- B) Vasco da Gama
- C) Ferdinand Magellan**
- D) James Cook

5. The French Revolution began in which year?

- A) 1776
- B) 1789**
- C) 1804
- D) 1812

6. Which dynasty ruled China for the longest period in history?

- A) Han Dynasty
- B) Ming Dynasty
- C) Zhou Dynasty**
- D) Qing Dynasty

7. Who was the leader of the Soviet Union during the Cuban Missile Crisis?

- A) Joseph Stalin
- B) Vladimir Lenin
- C) Mikhail Gorbachev
- D) Nikita Khrushchev**

8. What was the primary language of the Roman Empire in the West?

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

9. Which empire was led by Mansa Musa, often considered one of the wealthiest people in history?

- A) Songhai Empire
- B) Mali Empire**
- C) Ghana Empire
- D) Kanem-Bornu Empire

10. The Battle of Waterloo, which marked the final defeat of Napoleon Bonaparte, took place in which modern-day country?

- A) France
- B) Germany
- C) Belgium**
- D) Austria

11. Which ancient civilization developed the first known writing system, known as cuneiform?

- A) Sumerians**
- B) Phoenicians
- C) Egyptians
- D) Hittites

12. During which century did the Black Death pandemic peak in Europe?

- A) 12th Century
- B) 13th Century
- C) 14th Century**
- D) 15th Century

13. Which famous queen of Egypt was the last active ruler of the Ptolemaic Kingdom?

- A) Nefertiti
- B) Cleopatra VII**
- C) Hatshepsut
- D) Nefertari

14. The Magna Carta was signed by King John of England in which year?

- A) 1066
- B) 1154
- C) 1215**
- D) 1302

15. What was the name of the ship that carried the Pilgrims to North America in 1620?

- A) Santa Maria
- B) Golden Hind
- C) Mayflower**
- D) Endeavour

16. Which civilization is known for constructing the Great Pyramid of Giza?

- A) Ancient Egyptians**
- B) Ancient Mesopotamians
- C) Ancient Greeks
- D) Ancient Persians

17. The 'Tokugawa Shogunate' was a military government that ruled which country for over 250 years?

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

18. Who was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize?

- A) Marie Curie**
- B) Mother Teresa
- C) Florence Nightingale
- D) Ada Lovelace

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

- A) The Amber Road
- B) The Silk Road**
- C) The Spice Route
- D) The Incense Route

20. Which major conflict lasted from 1914 to 1918?

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

21. The Aztec capital city of Tenochtitlan was located on the site of which modern-day city?

- A) Cancun
- B) Mexico City**
- C) Guadalajara
- D) Lima

22. Which philosophical system, based on the teachings of a Chinese philosopher, emphasized social harmony and respect for elders?

- A) Taoism
- B) Legalism
- C) Confucianism**
- D) Buddhism

23. In 1969, who became the first human to walk on the moon?

- A) Yuri Gagarin
- B) Buzz Aldrin
- C) Neil Armstrong**
- D) John Glenn

24. The Berlin Wall, a symbol of the Cold War, fell in which year?

- A) 1987
- B) 1989**
- C) 1991
- D) 1993

25. Which empire was destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD, burying the city of Pompeii?

A) Byzantine Empire

B) Roman Empire

C) Ottoman Empire

D) Holy Roman Empire