

World History Quiz for Students

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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