

Human Geography: Firsts and Discoveries

Human Geography · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Who is widely credited as the 'Father of Geography' for coining the term 'geographia' and calculating the Earth's circumference?

A) Eratosthenes

- B) Ptolemy
- C) Herodotus
- D) Strabo

2. What was the first known map to depict the world as a sphere, created by Martin Behaim in 1492?

A) The Hereford Mappa Mundi

B) The Erdapfel

- C) The Waldseemüller map
- D) The Piri Reis map

3. In which century did the Swedish statistician Anders Chydenius and others begin applying systematic data collection to social phenomena, laying the groundwork for human geography?

- A) 16th century
- B) 17th century

C) 18th century

D) 19th century

4. Who published 'Anthropogeographie' in 1882, a foundational text that established the study of how human populations are distributed across the Earth?

A) Friedrich Ratzel

- B) Carl Ritter
- C) Halford Mackinder
- D) Alexander von Humboldt

5. What was the first official census conducted in the United States, which set a precedent for demographic human geography data collection?

A) 1776

B) 1790

- C) 1800
- D) 1820

6. Which ancient scholar compiled the 'Geographia', an atlas that served as the primary guide for European cartographers for over a millennium?

- A) Pliny the Elder
- B) Aristotle
- C) Ptolemy**
- D) Hecataeus

7. What invention in the early 20th century allowed geographers to first observe large-scale human land-use patterns from a vertical perspective?

- A) The satellite
- B) The hot air balloon
- C) The aerial camera**
- D) The radar

8. The first global geographic information system (GIS), the Canada Geographic Information System (CGIS), was developed in what year?

- A) 1963**
- B) 1975
- C) 1982
- D) 1990

9. Which geographer first proposed the 'Central Place Theory' in 1933 to explain the distribution and size of settlements?

- A) Walter Christaller**
- B) August Lösch
- C) Johann Heinrich von Thünen
- D) Alfred Weber

10. What was the name of the first satellite launched into space in 1957, marking the beginning of the era of global remote sensing for geography?

- A) Explorer 1
- B) Vostok 1
- C) Sputnik 1**
- D) Vanguard 1