

European History Challenge

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1. Which structure was built in London following the Great Fire of 1666 to replace the destroyed medieval cathedral?

- A) Westminster Abbey
- B) St. Paul's Cathedral
- C) The Tower of London
- D) St. Margaret's Church

2. In 1215, King John of England was forced to sign which document that limited the power of the monarchy?

- A) The Bill of Rights
- B) The Domesday Book
- C) The Magna Carta
- D) The Edict of Nantes

3. The 'Hundred Years' War' was primarily fought between which two nations?

- A) England and France
- B) Spain and Portugal
- C) Prussia and Austria
- D) Sweden and Denmark

4. What was the name of the ancient Roman road that stretched from Rome to the south of Italy, famously known as the 'Queen of Roads'?

- A) Via Flaminia
- B) Via Aurelia
- C) Via Appia
- D) Via Cassia

5. Which famous explorer from Venice traveled along the Silk Road to China during the 13th century?

- A) Vasco da Gama
- B) Marco Polo
- C) Ferdinand Magellan
- D) Amerigo Vespucci

6. During the French Revolution, what was the name of the fortress in Paris that was stormed on July 14, 1789?

- A) The Louvre
- B) The Tuileries
- C) The Bastille
- D) Versailles

7. Which Viking explorer is credited with establishing a settlement in North America, specifically Newfoundland, around 1000 AD?

- A) Leif Erikson
- B) Erik the Red
- C) Ragnar Lodbrok
- D) Harald Hardrada

8. What title was given to the leader of the Holy Roman Empire, a title held by figures such as Charlemagne?

- A) Pharaoh
- B) Czar
- C) Emperor
- D) Caliph

9. The Renaissance began in the 14th century in which European country?

- A) France
- B) Italy
- C) Germany
- D) England

10. Which Russian city was founded by Peter the Great in 1703 and served as the capital for two centuries?

- A) Moscow
- B) Kiev
- C) St. Petersburg
- D) Novgorod

11. What was the name of the German monk who initiated the Protestant Reformation by posting his 95 Theses in 1517?

- A) John Calvin
- B) Martin Luther
- C) Ulrich Zwingli
- D) John Knox

12. The 'Spanish Armada', a massive naval fleet, was defeated by which country in 1588?

- A) England
- B) France
- C) Portugal
- D) The Netherlands

13. Which ancient civilization, located on the island of Crete, is considered the earliest advanced civilization in Europe?

- A) Mycenaean
- B) Minoan
- C) Etruscan
- D) Spartan

14. What was the primary language of the Roman Empire, which later formed the basis for the Romance languages?

- A) Greek
- B) Latin
- C) Etruscan
- D) Aramaic

15. In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte was decisively defeated at which final battle?

- A) Battle of Austerlitz
- B) Battle of Leipzig
- C) Battle of Waterloo
- D) Battle of Borodino

16. Which Queen of England, daughter of Henry VIII, reigned during the 'Golden Age' of English history?

- A) Mary I
- B) Elizabeth I
- C) Anne
- D) Victoria

17. What was the name of the bubonic plague pandemic that devastated Europe in the mid-14th century?

- A) The Great Plague
- B) The Black Death
- C) The Sweating Sickness
- D) The Antonine Plague

18. Which famous scientist from Italy was forced by the Inquisition to recant his support for the heliocentric theory?

- A) Isaac Newton
- B) Galileo Galilei
- C) Johannes Kepler
- D) Nicolaus Copernicus

19. The 'Hanoverian' dynasty succeeded which royal house on the British throne in 1714?

- A) House of Stuart
- B) House of Tudor
- C) House of York
- D) House of Lancaster

20. Which city served as the capital of the Byzantine Empire until its fall in 1453?

- A) Rome
- B) Athens
- C) Constantinople
- D) Alexandria