

World History Challenge for Pre-Teens

History · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization developed the first known writing system called cuneiform?

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

2. In 1215, King John of England was forced to sign which document, establishing the principle that everyone, including the king, is subject to the law?

- A) The Bill of Rights
- B) The Domesday Book
- C) The Magna Carta**
- D) The Declaration of Arbroath

3. Which explorer was the first European to lead a voyage that successfully circumnavigated the globe, though he died before the journey was completed?

- A) Ferdinand Magellan**
- B) Vasco da Gama
- C) Christopher Columbus
- D) Amerigo Vespucci

4. The Silk Road was an ancient network of trade routes that primarily connected China to which region?

- A) The Americas
- B) The Mediterranean World**
- C) Sub-Saharan Africa
- D) Northern Scandinavia

5. Which architectural marvel was built during the Ming Dynasty to protect the Chinese Empire against nomadic invasions from the north?

- A) The Forbidden City
- B) The Terracotta Army
- C) The Great Wall of China**
- D) The Potala Palace

6. What was the primary language used for science, law, and religion in medieval Europe?

- A) Old English
- B) Greek
- C) Latin**
- D) French

7. Which civilization is credited with creating the first democratic government in the city-state of Athens?

- A) The Romans
- B) The Persians
- C) The Spartans
- D) The Greeks**

8. What event is widely considered the beginning of the French Revolution in 1789?

- A) The Battle of Waterloo
- B) The Storming of the Bastille**
- C) The Execution of Louis XVI
- D) The Tennis Court Oath

9. Which empire was centered in modern-day Peru and was known for its advanced road system and the city of Machu Picchu?

- A) The Aztec Empire
- B) The Maya Civilization
- C) The Inca Empire**
- D) The Olmec Civilization

10. Who was the first female pharaoh to rule Egypt with the full power of a king, famously wearing a false beard as a symbol of authority?

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