

Historical Geography Challenge

World History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

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

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

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

- A) The Americas
- B) The Mediterranean**
- C) Sub-Saharan Africa
- D) Australia

3. Which explorer led the first expedition to circumnavigate the globe, though he died in the Philippines during the journey?

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

4. The ancient city of Carthage, a major rival to the Roman Republic, was located in the present-day country of:

- A) Libya
- B) Egypt
- C) Tunisia**
- D) Morocco

5. Which river valley is known as the cradle of the ancient Mesopotamian civilization?

- A) Indus and Ganges
- B) Tigris and Euphrates**
- C) Nile and Niger
- D) Yellow and Yangtze

6. The Forbidden City, the imperial palace complex from the Ming Dynasty to the end of the Qing Dynasty, is located in:

- A) Shanghai
- B) Xi'an
- C) Beijing**
- D) Nanjing

7. Which mountain range served as the northern natural barrier for the ancient Indian civilizations?

- A) The Alps
- B) The Andes
- C) The Himalayas**
- D) The Caucasus

8. The historical region of Mesopotamia is primarily located in which modern-day country?

- A) Iraq**
- B) Iran
- C) Saudi Arabia
- D) Turkey

9. What is the name of the narrow strait that separates the Iberian Peninsula from Africa, named after a Muslim commander?

- A) Strait of Hormuz
- B) Strait of Gibraltar**
- C) Bosphorus Strait
- D) Dardanelles

10. Which island nation was the heart of the Minoan civilization, considered the first advanced civilization in Europe?

- A) Cyprus
- B) Sicily
- C) Crete**
- D) Malta

11. The ancient city of Timbuktu, famous for its history as a center of trade and Islamic learning, is located in:

- A) Mali**
- B) Nigeria
- C) Chad
- D) Ethiopia

12. The Great Zimbabwe ruins, a medieval stone city, are located in which modern-day country?

A) South Africa

B) Zimbabwe

C) Kenya

D) Botswana

13. Which ancient empire, at its height, controlled the entire coastline of the Mediterranean Sea?

A) Mongol Empire

B) Roman Empire

C) Persian Empire

D) Byzantine Empire

14. Tenochtitlan, the capital city of the Aztec Empire, was built on an island in the middle of which lake?

A) Lake Titicaca

B) Lake Texcoco

C) Lake Victoria

D) Lake Superior

15. The Angkor Wat temple complex, the largest religious monument in the world, was built by which historical empire?

A) Khmer Empire

B) Majapahit Empire

C) Srivijaya Empire

D) Champa Kingdom