

Historical Geography Challenge

World History · Practice Test · 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