

Global Art & Design: A Geographical Deep Dive

Art & Design Basics · Answer Key · 21 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization, located primarily in modern-day Iraq, developed the earliest known forms of cuneiform writing, a system that influenced early artistic and architectural record-keeping?

- A) Ancient Egyptians
- B) Minoans
- C) Sumerians**
- D) Indus Valley Civilization

2. The iconic silhouette of Mount Fuji, a frequent subject in Japanese art, is most prominently visible from which major Japanese city?

- A) Osaka
- B) Kyoto
- C) Nagoya
- D) Tokyo**

3. The design principles of Bauhaus, though originating in Germany, had a significant impact on architectural and design education in the United States after its founder, Walter Gropius, emigrated to which American city?

- A) New York
- B) Chicago
- C) Boston**
- D) Philadelphia

4. The indigenous Australian art form of dot painting is traditionally associated with which specific region of the continent?

- A) Tasmania
- B) The Kimberley
- C) The Western Desert**
- D) The Great Barrier Reef

5. The intricate tilework (azulejos) found in Portuguese architecture has roots in the decorative traditions of which historical cultural influence?

- A) Byzantine Empire
- B) Moorish Spain**
- C) Ottoman Empire
- D) Viking Age Scandinavia

6. The distinctive Brutalist architectural style, characterized by exposed concrete, found prominent expression in the post-war reconstruction of which European capital city?

- A) Rome
- B) Berlin
- C) London**
- D) Paris

7. The vibrant textile patterns of the Navajo people, a significant contribution to American Indigenous art, are most closely associated with which Southwestern state?

- A) California
- B) Texas
- C) Arizona**
- D) Colorado

8. The ancient city of Petra, renowned for its rock-cut architecture and often featured in cinematic art, is located in which Middle Eastern country?

- A) Syria
- B) Jordan**
- C) Lebanon
- D) Israel

9. The development of Art Nouveau, with its organic forms and flowing lines, was particularly influential in which European city, often associated with architect Antoni Gaudí?

- A) Vienna
- B) Brussels
- C) Barcelona**
- D) Prague

10. The traditional masks and sculptures of the Dogon people, renowned for their geometric abstraction and spiritual significance, originate from which West African nation?

- A) Ghana
- B) Nigeria
- C) Mali**
- D) Senegal

11. The Sanchi Stupa, a significant Buddhist monument featuring intricate carvings that narrate Jataka tales, is located in which state of India?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Madhya Pradesh**
- D) Bihar

12. The iconic 'Christ the Redeemer' statue, overlooking Rio de Janeiro, is situated atop which mountain?

- A) Sugarloaf Mountain
- B) Corcovado Mountain**
- C) Pão de Açúcar
- D) Morro da Urca

13. The vibrant folk art of 'pysanky' (decorated Easter eggs) is a deeply ingrained cultural practice in which Eastern European country?

- A) Poland
- B) Hungary
- C) Ukraine**
- D) Romania

14. The ancient city of Machu Picchu, a masterpiece of Inca engineering and design, is situated in the Andes Mountains of which South American country?

- A) Ecuador
- B) Bolivia
- C) Peru**
- D) Chile

15. The traditional 'ikats' (tie-dye resist) textile technique, known for its blurred patterns, is particularly prominent in the weaving traditions of which Southeast Asian country?

- A) Thailand
- B) Vietnam
- C) Indonesia**
- D) Malaysia

16. The monumental moai statues, monolithic human figures carved by the Rapa Nui people, are a defining feature of which remote Polynesian island?

- A) Fiji
- B) Samoa
- C) Easter Island (Rapa Nui)**
- D) Tahiti

17. The design and construction of the Acropolis in Athens, Greece, represent a pinnacle of which classical architectural order?

- A) Doric**
- B) Ionic
- C) Corinthian
- D) Composite

18. The vibrant, geometric mosaics of the Hagia Sophia, a former church, mosque, and museum, are a testament to the artistic heritage of which historical empire centered in Constantinople (modern-day Istanbul)?

- A) Roman Empire
- B) Sasanian Empire
- C) Byzantine Empire**
- D) Achaemenid Empire

19. The minimalist aesthetic and emphasis on functional design in Scandinavian design are strongly associated with the post-war revival of which Nordic capital city?

- A) Stockholm
- B) Oslo
- C) Copenhagen**
- D) Helsinki

20. The intricate wood carvings and totem poles of the Pacific Northwest Indigenous peoples are primarily found in which geographical region of North America?

- A) Great Plains
- B) Rocky Mountains
- C) Coastal Pacific Northwest**
- D) Southwestern Deserts

21. The unique architectural style of the 'kasbahs' (fortified cities), characterized by adobe construction and defensive towers, is a defining feature of the traditional architecture in which North African country?

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