

Key Dates, Names, and Numbers in European History

European History · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. In what year did the Battle of Hastings, a pivotal event in English history, take place?

- A) 1066**
- B) 1071
- C) 1088
- D) 1099

2. Who was the primary author of the Edict of Nantes, signed in 1598, granting religious toleration to Huguenots in France?

- A) Louis XIII
- B) Henry IV**
- C) Cardinal Richelieu
- D) Napoleon Bonaparte

3. The Peace of Westphalia, which ended the Thirty Years' War, was signed in which year?

- A) 1618
- B) 1648**
- C) 1688
- D) 1715

4. Approximately how many years did the Hundred Years' War between England and France last?

- A) 75
- B) 100
- C) 116**
- D) 130

5. Which prominent Enlightenment philosopher, born in 1689, championed the separation of powers in his work 'The Spirit of the Laws'?

- A) Jean-Jacques Rousseau
- B) Voltaire
- C) Montesquieu**
- D) Denis Diderot

6. The storming of the Bastille, a key event of the French Revolution, occurred on which date?

- A) July 4, 1789
- B) July 14, 1789**
- C) August 10, 1789
- D) September 21, 1792

7. How many years did Napoleon Bonaparte reign as Emperor of the French?

- A) 10
- B) 15
- C) 11**
- D) 5

8. The Congress of Vienna, convened after the Napoleonic Wars, took place primarily in which years?

- A) 1812-1814
- B) 1814-1815**
- C) 1815-1816
- D) 1820-1821

9. In what year was the unification of Germany proclaimed, with Wilhelm I as Emperor?

- A) 1866
- B) 1870
- C) 1871**
- D) 1888

10. World War I officially began in which year?

- A) 1912
- B) 1914**
- C) 1916
- D) 1918

11. Which treaty officially ended World War I, signed in 1919?

- A) Treaty of Brest-Litovsk
- B) Treaty of Versailles**
- C) Treaty of Trianon
- D) Treaty of Lausanne

12. The Russian Revolution, which led to the establishment of the Soviet Union, took place in which year?

A) 1905

B) 1917

C) 1922

D) 1924

13. World War II began in Europe with the German invasion of Poland on September 1, 1939. In what year did the war end in Europe?

A) 1944

B) 1945

C) 1946

D) 1947

14. The formation of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), a precursor to the EU, occurred in which year?

A) 1949

B) 1951

C) 1957

D) 1967

15. The Berlin Wall, a symbol of the Cold War, was erected in which year?

A) 1959

B) 1961

C) 1963

D) 1965

16. The fall of the Berlin Wall, marking a significant step towards German reunification, happened in which year?

A) 1987

B) 1989

C) 1990

D) 1991

17. The Maastricht Treaty, which established the European Union, was signed in which year?

A) 1990

B) 1991

C) 1992

D) 1993

18. Who was the first Holy Roman Emperor, crowned by Pope Leo III on December 25, 800 AD?

- A) Charlemagne**
- B) Otto I
- C) Louis the Pious
- D) Henry II

19. The Great Schism, which divided Christianity into the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox branches, is generally dated to which century?

- A) 9th century
- B) 10th century
- C) 11th century**
- D) 12th century

20. The printing press, a revolutionary invention attributed to Johannes Gutenberg, became widely available in Europe around what period?

- A) 1350-1400
- B) 1400-1450
- C) 1450-1500**
- D) 1500-1550