

Key Dates, Names, and Numbers in European History

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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