

Foundational Art History Quiz

Art History · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which Italian Renaissance artist painted the Mona Lisa?

- A) Michelangelo
- B) Leonardo da Vinci**
- C) Raphael
- D) Donatello

2. What famous sculpture is attributed to Michelangelo and depicts a biblical hero?

- A) The Thinker
- B) David**
- C) Venus de Milo
- D) The Winged Victory of Samothrace

3. Which art movement is characterized by bold colors, distorted forms, and emotional expression, exemplified by artists like Edvard Munch?

- A) Impressionism
- B) Cubism
- C) Expressionism**
- D) Surrealism

4. What ancient civilization created the Great Pyramids of Giza?

- A) Roman
- B) Greek
- C) Egyptian**
- D) Mesopotamian

5. Which Dutch artist is famous for his vibrant self-portraits and paintings of sunflowers?

- A) Rembrandt
- B) Vincent van Gogh**
- C) Johannes Vermeer
- D) Hieronymus Bosch

6. The Sistine Chapel ceiling was famously painted by which artist?

- A) Botticelli
- B) Leonardo da Vinci
- C) Raphael
- D) Michelangelo**

7. What art movement, pioneered by artists like Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque, breaks down objects into geometric forms?

- A) Fauvism
- B) Impressionism
- C) Cubism**
- D) Dadaism

8. Which Spanish artist is renowned for his surrealist works, including 'The Persistence of Memory'?

- A) Joan Miró
- B) Salvador Dalí**
- C) Francisco Goya
- D) El Greco

9. The 'Venus de Milo' is a famous ancient Greek sculpture. What is it believed to represent?

- A) A warrior
- B) A goddess**
- C) A philosopher
- D) A mythical creature

10. Which art movement, emerging in the late 19th century, aimed to capture the fleeting impression of a moment, often using visible brushstrokes?

- A) Post-Impressionism
- B) Impressionism**
- C) Realism
- D) Baroque

11. The 'Last Supper' is a famous mural painted by which Italian artist?

- A) Leonardo da Vinci**
- B) Michelangelo
- C) Raphael
- D) Titian

12. What iconic painting by Leonardo da Vinci is known for its enigmatic smile?

- A) The Last Supper
- B) Vitruvian Man
- C) Mona Lisa**
- D) Lady with an Ermine

13. Which classical civilization is known for its sophisticated pottery, temples, and advancements in philosophy and democracy?

- A) Roman
- B) Egyptian
- C) Greek**
- D) Persian

14. The 'Starry Night' is a famous painting by which post-impressionist artist?

- A) Paul Cézanne
- B) Paul Gauguin
- C) Vincent van Gogh**
- D) Georges Seurat

15. What architectural style is characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, common in Gothic cathedrals?

- A) Romanesque
- B) Baroque
- C) Gothic**
- D) Renaissance

16. Which artist is considered a pioneer of Pop Art, known for his depictions of Campbell's Soup Cans and Marilyn Monroe?

- A) Roy Lichtenstein
- B) Jasper Johns
- C) Andy Warhol**
- D) Keith Haring

17. The 'Birth of Venus' is a famous Renaissance painting by which Italian artist?

- A) Leonardo da Vinci
- B) Michelangelo
- C) Raphael
- D) Sandro Botticelli**

18. What period in art history is known for its grandeur, drama, and elaborate ornamentation, often associated with monarchs and the Catholic Church?

- A) Renaissance
- B) Baroque**
- C) Neoclassicism
- D) Romanticism