

Maritime Technology History

Maritime Technology · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization is credited with inventing the trireme, a warship with three banks of oars?

- A) The Romans
- B) The Ancient Greeks**
- C) The Egyptians
- D) The Vikings

2. What device did early mariners use to determine their latitude by measuring the angle between the horizon and a celestial body?

- A) Compass
- B) Astrolabe**
- C) Radar
- D) Sonar

3. Which material was primarily used to construct the hulls of large ships before the introduction of iron and steel in the 19th century?

- A) Bamboo
- B) Plastic
- C) Wood**
- D) Aluminum

4. The first practical steamship to be commercially successful was built by Robert Fulton in 1807. What was its name?

- A) The Titanic
- B) The Clermont**
- C) The Mayflower
- D) The Santa Maria

5. What is the primary function of a rudder on a ship?

- A) To provide propulsion
- B) To store cargo
- C) To steer the vessel**
- D) To anchor the ship

6. During the Age of Discovery, what did European sailors use to find direction when the sun or stars were hidden by clouds?

A) Magnetic compass

B) GPS

C) Radio waves

D) Digital maps

7. Which invention allowed ships to communicate over long distances using light flashes or radio waves in the 20th century?

A) Wireless telegraphy

B) Printing press

C) Steam engine

D) Oars

8. What was the purpose of the 'scuttle' in historical naval architecture?

A) To store cannonballs

B) To allow water to drain from the deck

C) To provide a sleeping area

D) To navigate through ice