

Maritime Technology History

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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