

A Journey Through Toy History

Toy History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization is credited with creating some of the earliest known board games, such as the Royal Game of Ur?

- A) Ancient Egypt
- B) Mesopotamia**
- C) Ancient Greece
- D) Indus Valley Civilization

2. What material was commonly used to create dolls in ancient Rome and Greece, often given to children as offerings to deities?

- A) Wood
- B) Clay
- C) Ivory
- D) Terracotta**

3. The Jack-in-the-box toy, a classic of children's entertainment, is believed to have originated in which century?

- A) 16th century
- B) 17th century
- C) 18th century**
- D) 19th century

4. Who is credited with inventing the first commercially successful rocking horse in the mid-19th century?

- A) Johann Christoph Friedrich GutsMuths
- B) Friedrich Fröbel
- C) Philip Hainsworth**
- D) R. Bliss & Co.

5. Which iconic children's book character, first appearing in 1926, was inspired by a teddy bear that belonged to the author's son?

- A) Winnie-the-Pooh**
- B) Peter Rabbit
- C) Paddington Bear
- D) Babar the Elephant

6. The Rubik's Cube, a popular puzzle toy, was invented by a Hungarian architect in the early 1970s. What was his name?

- A) László Bíró
- B) Erno Rubik**
- C) János Neumann
- D) Albert Szent-Györgyi

7. What type of toy car, first mass-produced in the 1950s, became incredibly popular and known for its detailed realism?

- A) Matchbox cars
- B) Hot Wheels cars
- C) Dinky toys**
- D) Tonka trucks

8. Which toy company, founded in 1932, is renowned for its construction toys that allow children to build models?

- A) Hasbro
- B) Mattel
- C) LEGO
- D) Meccano**

9. The 'yo-yo' toy has a long history, with origins believed to be in which region of the world?

- A) East Asia
- B) Ancient Greece
- C) The Philippines**
- D) The Americas

10. What was the primary material used for early versions of the popular 'Slinky' toy, invented in the 1940s?

- A) Plastic
- B) Aluminum
- C) Steel**
- D) Brass

11. Which popular board game, designed by Alfred Mosher Butts in 1938, involves forming words from lettered tiles?

- A) Monopoly
- B) Clue
- C) Scrabble**
- D) Sorry!

12. The concept of the 'teddy bear' is often attributed to a story involving which U.S. President and a bear hunt?

- A) Abraham Lincoln
- B) Theodore Roosevelt**
- C) George Washington
- D) Thomas Jefferson

13. What significant technological advancement in the late 19th century led to the mass production and popularity of tin toys?

- A) The invention of plastic
- B) The development of die-casting**
- C) The improvement of steam engines
- D) The invention of the electric motor

14. Which type of toy, featuring a spring mechanism, allows for a variety of tricks and stunts and was popularized in the early 20th century?

- A) Diabolo**
- B) Jacks
- C) Kite
- D) Kite

15. The board game 'Monopoly' has its roots in an earlier game called 'The Landlord's Game,' created by whom in 1903?

- A) Charles Darrow
- B) Elizabeth Magie**
- C) Parker Brothers
- D) George S. Parker