

Tattoo History Basics

Tattoo History · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. Which famous mummy, discovered in the Alps, is the oldest known human to have tattoos?

- A) King Tut
- B) Otzi the Iceman**
- C) Ramses I
- D) Lindow Man

2. What is the primary method used to create traditional hand-poked tattoos?

- A) Laser removal
- B) A needle and ink**
- C) A printing press
- D) Spray paint

3. The word 'tattoo' is believed to originate from the Polynesian word 'tatau', which means what?

- A) To mark**
- B) To paint
- C) To hide
- D) To burn

4. In many ancient cultures, tattoos were often used to signify what?

- A) Favorite food
- B) Social status or tribal affiliation**
- C) The current weather
- D) A person's height

5. During the 18th century, which explorer was responsible for introducing the word 'tattoo' to the English language after his voyages to the South Pacific?

- A) Christopher Columbus
- B) Captain James Cook**
- C) Marco Polo
- D) Ferdinand Magellan

6. Which invention in 1891 revolutionized tattooing by making the process faster and more precise?

- A) Electric tattoo machine**
- B) Digital printer
- C) Automated brush
- D) Ink quill

7. Historically, sailors often got tattoos of what to signify they had crossed the equator?

A) A palm tree

B) A golden dragon

C) A shark

D) An anchor

8. Which of these tools was commonly used for traditional tattooing in ancient Japan?

A) Wooden sticks

B) Bone or metal needles

C) Quill pens

D) Steel stamps