

Art History Explorations

Art History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. What ancient Egyptian pharaoh is famous for his tomb, discovered almost intact, filled with treasures and art from over 3,000 years ago?

- A) Ramses II
- B) Akhenaten
- C) Tutankhamun**
- D) Hatshepsut

2. Which Renaissance artist is renowned for painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel and sculpting the statue of David?

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

3. What art movement, prominent in the late 19th century, focused on capturing fleeting moments and the effects of light, as seen in works like Claude Monet's 'Impression, Sunrise'?

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

4. The 'Mona Lisa,' one of the most famous paintings in the world, was created by which Italian Renaissance master?

- A) Botticelli
- B) Titian
- C) Leonardo da Vinci**
- D) Caravaggio

5. What Greek sculptor is credited with creating the 'Venus de Milo,' a famous marble statue of the goddess Aphrodite?

- A) Phidias
- B) Praxiteles**
- C) Myron
- D) Lysippos

6. Which art style, characterized by dramatic lighting, intense emotion, and grandeur, flourished in Europe from the early 17th to mid-18th century, exemplified by artists like Caravaggio and Bernini?

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

7. What Mexican artist is celebrated for her deeply personal and often surreal self-portraits, using vibrant colors and incorporating elements of Mexican folk art?

- A) Diego Rivera
- B) Frida Kahlo**
- C) Remedios Varo
- D) Leonora Carrington

8. The 'Great Sphinx of Giza' is a monumental sculpture located in which country?

- A) Greece
- B) Italy
- C) Egypt**
- D) Turkey

9. Which Dutch Post-Impressionist painter is known for his bold colors, dramatic brushwork, and iconic works like 'Starry Night' and 'Sunflowers'?

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

10. What ancient civilization created the intricate 'Terracotta Army,' thousands of life-sized clay soldiers discovered in burial pits?

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

11. The art movement of Cubism, pioneered by artists like Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque, is characterized by breaking down objects into geometric shapes and showing them from multiple viewpoints. Which of these is a famous Cubist artwork?

- A) The Persistence of Memory
- B) Guernica**
- C) The Starry Night
- D) The Birth of Venus

12. Which artist, a key figure of the High Renaissance, painted 'The School of Athens,' a fresco depicting famous philosophers and scientists?

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

13. What famous sculpted masterpiece from ancient Greece depicts the winged goddess of victory, Nike, and is believed to have been created around the 2nd century BCE?

- A) The Discobolus
- B) The Winged Victory of Samothrace**
- C) The Laocoön Group
- D) The Dying Gaul

14. The art of the 'Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood' in Victorian England sought to revive the style and spirit of what artistic period?

- A) Classical Greek
- B) Roman Empire
- C) Italian Renaissance (before Raphael)**
- D) Impressionism

15. Which art movement, emerging in the early 20th century, explored the subconscious mind and dreams, often featuring bizarre and unsettling imagery, as seen in the works of Salvador Dalí?

- A) Fauvism
- B) Expressionism
- C) Surrealism**
- D) Abstract Expressionism