

World History Foundations

History · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization is credited with the invention of the earliest known system of writing called cuneiform?

A) Sumerians

B) Egyptians

C) Phoenicians

D) Greeks

2. What was the primary purpose of the Great Wall of China during its initial construction under the Qin Dynasty?

A) Trade regulation

B) Religious pilgrimage

C) Defense against invasions

D) Water irrigation

3. The Magna Carta, signed in 1215, established the principle that everyone, including the king, is subject to the law. In which country was it signed?

A) France

B) England

C) Germany

D) Spain

4. Which explorer led the first expedition to circumnavigate the globe, although he died during the journey?

A) Christopher Columbus

B) Vasco da Gama

C) Ferdinand Magellan

D) James Cook

5. The Industrial Revolution began in the 18th century in which country?

A) United States

B) Germany

C) Great Britain

D) Japan

6. Who was the primary author of the United States Declaration of Independence?

A) George Washington

B) Benjamin Franklin

C) Thomas Jefferson

D) John Adams

7. Which ancient empire was responsible for the construction of the Colosseum in Rome?

- A) Greek Empire
- B) Roman Empire**
- C) Byzantine Empire
- D) Ottoman Empire

8. What major event is widely considered the start of the French Revolution in 1789?

- A) The Battle of Waterloo
- B) The storming of the Bastille**
- C) The execution of Louis XVI
- D) The Tennis Court Oath

9. Which ancient Egyptian structure is the only surviving wonder of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World?

- A) The Great Sphinx
- B) The Library of Alexandria
- C) The Lighthouse of Alexandria
- D) The Great Pyramid of Giza**

10. Who is known for developing the printing press, which revolutionized the spread of information in Europe?

- A) Johannes Gutenberg**
- B) Leonardo da Vinci
- C) Isaac Newton
- D) Galileo Galilei

11. The Pax Romana refers to a long period of relative peace and stability within which historical empire?

- A) Persian Empire
- B) Roman Empire**
- C) Mongol Empire
- D) Inca Empire

12. What was the name of the ship that transported the Pilgrims to North America in 1620?

- A) Santa Maria
- B) Golden Hind
- C) Mayflower**
- D) Beagle