

World History Foundations

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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