

Modern History Essentials

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1. Which invention by Alexander Graham Bell transformed the way people communicated over long distances?

- A) The lightbulb
- B) The telephone**
- C) The radio
- D) The steam engine

2. In which year did the Apollo 11 mission successfully land the first humans on the Moon?

- A) 1959
- B) 1965
- C) 1969**
- D) 1972

3. Which famous ocean liner sank in the North Atlantic in 1912 after hitting an iceberg?

- A) RMS Titanic**
- B) RMS Lusitania
- C) HMHS Britannic
- D) SS United States

4. Who was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean?

- A) Bessie Coleman
- B) Harriet Quimby
- C) Amelia Earhart**
- D) Valentina Tereshkova

5. What major global conflict took place between 1914 and 1918?

- A) World War II
- B) The Cold War
- C) The French Revolution
- D) World War I**

6. Which Australian leader was the first woman to serve as Prime Minister of Australia?

- A) Julie Bishop
- B) Julia Gillard**
- C) Penny Wong
- D) Anna Bligh

7. The Berlin Wall, which divided a major city for decades, was finally torn down in which year?

- A) 1979
- B) 1985
- C) 1989**
- D) 1991

8. Which South African leader spent 27 years in prison before becoming the country's first Black president?

- A) Desmond Tutu
- B) Nelson Mandela**
- C) Kofi Annan
- D) Steve Biko

9. What was the name of the first artificial satellite launched into Earth's orbit by the Soviet Union in 1957?

- A) Sputnik 1**
- B) Explorer 1
- C) Vostok 1
- D) Voyager 1

10. Which movement was led by Mahatma Gandhi to achieve independence for India from British rule?

- A) Armed Rebellion
- B) Non-violent civil disobedience**
- C) Diplomatic negotiation
- D) Industrial strike

11. The United Nations was established in 1945 primarily to promote what?

- A) Global trade
- B) International peace and cooperation**
- C) Scientific research
- D) Colonial expansion

12. Which country did the Wright brothers carry out the first successful powered airplane flight in 1903?

- A) France
- B) Germany
- C) United Kingdom
- D) United States**