

World History General Knowledge

History · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which civilization is credited with the development of the first known writing system, cuneiform?

- A) Ancient Egyptians
- B) Sumerians**
- C) Indus Valley Civilization
- D) Phoenicians

2. The Treaty of Versailles, which formally ended World War I, was signed in which year?

- A) 1914
- B) 1917
- C) 1919**
- D) 1921

3. Who was the primary leader of the Mongol Empire during its greatest territorial expansion?

- A) Kublai Khan
- B) Genghis Khan**
- C) Ogedei Khan
- D) Timur

4. Which dynasty ruled China for nearly 300 years and is famous for the construction of the Forbidden City?

- A) Ming Dynasty**
- B) Han Dynasty
- C) Qing Dynasty
- D) Tang Dynasty

5. In 1517, Martin Luther initiated the Protestant Reformation by posting his 95 Theses in which country?

- A) France
- B) Italy
- C) Germany**
- D) England

6. The fall of the Western Roman Empire is traditionally dated to which year?

A) 476 AD

B) 395 AD

C) 527 AD

D) 410 AD

7. Which explorer led the first expedition to successfully circumnavigate the globe?

A) Christopher Columbus

B) Vasco da Gama

C) Ferdinand Magellan

D) James Cook

8. The Meiji Restoration, which led to the rapid modernization of Japan, began in what year?

A) 1854

B) 1868

C) 1889

D) 1905

9. Which ancient empire was ruled by Cyrus the Great and eventually conquered by Alexander the Great?

A) Assyrian Empire

B) Babylonian Empire

C) Achaemenid Empire

D) Hittite Empire

10. The French Revolution began in 1789 with the storming of which notorious prison?

A) The Conciergerie

B) The Château d'If

C) The Bastille

D) The Vincennes