

World History General Knowledge

History · Practice Test · 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