

Middle School World History Basics

World History · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. What ancient writing system, consisting of wedge-shaped marks on clay tablets, was developed in Mesopotamia?

- A) Hieroglyphics
- B) Cuneiform**
- C) Alphabet
- D) Calligraphy

2. Which major river was essential to the survival and agriculture of Ancient Egypt?

- A) Nile River**
- B) Amazon River
- C) Danube River
- D) Yangtze River

3. Which ancient Greek city-state is best known for developing an early form of democracy?

- A) Sparta
- B) Troy
- C) Athens**
- D) Corinth

4. What large amphitheatre in ancient Rome was famous for hosting gladiatorial contests?

- A) Parthenon
- B) Colosseum**
- C) Pantheon
- D) Hagia Sophia

5. What was the primary purpose of the ancient trade route known as the Silk Road?

- A) Connecting Asia and Europe for trade**
- B) Linking South America to Africa
- C) Connecting North and South America
- D) Establishing naval trade across the Pacific

6. Which document signed by King John of England in 1215 limited the power of the monarch?

- A) The Declaration of Independence
- B) The Magna Carta**
- C) The Bill of Rights
- D) The Treaty of Versailles

7. Which Renaissance artist and inventor painted the famous portrait known as the Mona Lisa?

A) Michelangelo

B) Raphael

C) Leonardo da Vinci

D) Donatello

8. Which explorer's expedition completed the first successful circumnavigation of the Earth in 1522?

A) Christopher Columbus

B) Ferdinand Magellan

C) Vasco da Gama

D) James Cook