

Middle School World History Basics

World History · Practice Test · 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