

Masterpieces of Sculpture

Sculpture · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which material did Michelangelo predominantly use for his 'David', completed in 1504?

- A) Carrara marble**
- B) Travertine
- C) Basalt
- D) Bronze

2. The 'Winged Victory of Samothrace' is a Hellenistic masterpiece currently housed in which museum?

- A) The British Museum
- B) The Louvre**
- C) The Uffizi Gallery
- D) The Prado

3. Which ancient sculptural technique involves removing material from a solid block to create a form?

- A) Casting
- B) Modeling
- C) Subtractive**
- D) Assemblage

4. What is the specific name for a sculpture that is attached to a background surface but is still partially three-dimensional?

- A) In-the-round
- B) High relief**
- C) Kinetic
- D) Mobile

5. The 'Great Sphinx of Giza' was carved from what type of stone?

- A) Limestone**
- B) Granite
- C) Sandstone
- D) Quartzite

6. Which sculptor is credited with the creation of the 19th-century bronze work 'The Thinker'?

- A) Antonio Canova
- B) Auguste Rodin**
- C) Alberto Giacometti
- D) Constantin Brâncusi

7. What substance is traditionally used in the 'lost-wax' casting method to form the initial mold?

- A) Plaster
- B) Clay
- C) Wax**
- D) Polymer

8. The 'Terracotta Army' was created to accompany which historical leader in his tomb?

- A) Genghis Khan
- B) Qin Shi Huang**
- C) Alexander the Great
- D) Ashoka the Great

9. Which sculptural medium is characterized by its malleability and is often used as a base before firing or casting?

- A) Marble
- B) Bronze
- C) Clay**
- D) Alabaster

10. What distinguishes a 'mobile' sculpture, popularized by Alexander Calder, from traditional static sculptures?

- A) It is made of glass
- B) It uses kinetic energy**
- C) It is purely two-dimensional
- D) It must be viewed in darkness

11. Donatello's bronze 'David' was the first free-standing nude statue produced since which historical period?

- A) Ancient Rome**
- B) The Renaissance
- C) The Middle Ages
- D) The Baroque era

12. The 'Bust of Nefertiti' is made primarily of limestone covered with a layer of what material?

- A) Gold leaf
- B) Stucco**
- C) Enamel
- D) Wax

13. What is the technical term for a sculpture that has been created by joining various objects together?

- A) Modeling
- B) Casting
- C) Assemblage**
- D) Chasing

14. Which 20th-century sculptor is famous for his highly elongated, thin bronze figures?

- A) Henry Moore
- B) Alberto Giacometti**
- C) Barbara Hepworth
- D) Jean Arp

15. The 'Laocoön and His Sons' sculpture group belongs to which artistic era?

- A) Classical Greek
- B) Hellenistic**
- C) Romanesque
- D) Gothic

16. What is the purpose of an armature in sculpture?

- A) To add color to the surface
- B) To act as a structural support framework**
- C) To protect the piece from moisture
- D) To polish the finished metal

17. Bernini's 'Ecstasy of Saint Teresa' is a prime example of which sculptural style?

- A) Neoclassical
- B) Baroque**
- C) Minimalist
- D) Impressionist

18. Which sculptor created the massive 'Cloud Gate' in Chicago's Millennium Park, often referred to as 'The Bean'?

A) Anish Kapoor

B) Jeff Koons

C) Richard Serra

D) Damien Hirst