

History of Magic and Illusions

History Of Magic · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Who is often called the 'Father of Modern Magic' for moving performances from streets to theaters?

- A) Harry Houdini
- B) Jean-Eugène Robert-Houdin**
- C) David Copperfield
- D) Penn Jillette

2. Which famous magician was best known for his daring escape acts?

- A) Harry Houdini**
- B) Dante the Magician
- C) Chung Ling Soo
- D) Ricky Jay

3. What is the name of the classic illusion where a magician appears to divide a person in two?

- A) The Vanishing Elephant
- B) The Sawing a Woman in Half**
- C) The Floating Lady
- D) The Sword Box

4. In which century did modern stage magic become a popular form of professional entertainment?

- A) 15th Century
- B) 17th Century
- C) 19th Century**
- D) 21st Century

5. What is the term for a sleight-of-hand trick that uses playing cards?

- A) Cardistry
- B) Card Manipulation**
- C) Card Counting
- D) Card Sculpting

6. Which famous inventor was also an amateur magician who helped design magic props?

- A) Thomas Edison**
- B) Nikola Tesla
- C) Alexander Graham Bell
- D) Benjamin Franklin

7. What is the 'Magician's Code' rule regarding tricks?

- A) Never perform on Sundays
- B) Never reveal the secret of a trick**
- C) Always use real animals
- D) Never perform for free

8. What did magicians traditionally use to hide objects in their hands during a trick?

- A) A magnet
- B) A trapdoor
- C) Sleight of hand**
- D) A hidden camera

9. Which magical prop is most commonly associated with a rabbit appearing?

- A) A magic wand
- B) A top hat**
- C) A velvet cape
- D) A wooden table

10. What is the primary purpose of a magician's wand in a performance?

- A) To conduct electricity
- B) To focus the audience's attention**
- C) To cast real spells
- D) To measure the stage

11. Where did the 'cups and balls' trick, one of the oldest known magic tricks, originate?

- A) Ancient Egypt**
- B) Ancient Rome
- C) Ancient China
- D) Ancient Greece

12. Which famous illusionist is known for making the Statue of Liberty disappear on television?

- A) David Copperfield**
- B) Criss Angel
- C) Penn Jillette
- D) Teller

13. What is the name for the thin, invisible thread often used by magicians to make objects appear to float?

A) Fishing line

B) Invisible thread

C) Nylon string

D) Steel wire

14. Before theaters, where did many early magicians perform their tricks?

A) Public marketplaces

B) Inside royal palaces

C) On top of mountains

D) In movie studios

15. Which type of magic involves performing tricks using only small objects like coins and cards?

A) Stage magic

B) Close-up magic

C) Illusionism

D) Grand illusion