

World History Essentials

World History · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization developed the cuneiform script in Mesopotamia?

A) Sumerians

B) Egyptians

C) Phoenicians

D) Greeks

2. Who was the first emperor to unite China and begin construction on the Great Wall?

A) Liu Bang

B) Qin Shi Huang

C) Kublai Khan

D) Sun Yat-sen

3. In which modern-day country would you find the ancient ruins of Machu Picchu?

A) Mexico

B) Peru

C) Chile

D) Colombia

4. The Magna Carta was signed in 1215 by King John of which country?

A) France

B) Spain

C) England

D) Germany

5. Which explorer led the first expedition to successfully circumnavigate the globe?

A) Ferdinand Magellan

B) Christopher Columbus

C) Vasco da Gama

D) James Cook

6. The Rosetta Stone was essential for modern historians to decipher which ancient writing system?

A) Sanskrit

B) Hieroglyphs

C) Linear B

D) Cuneiform

7. Which empire was led by Mansa Musa, known for his immense wealth and pilgrimage to Mecca?

- A) Songhai Empire
- B) Mali Empire**
- C) Ghana Empire
- D) Aksumite Empire

8. The ancient city of Carthage was located in which modern-day North African nation?

- A) Egypt
- B) Libya
- C) Tunisia**
- D) Morocco

9. Who was the primary author of the United States Declaration of Independence in 1776?

- A) George Washington
- B) Benjamin Franklin
- C) Thomas Jefferson**
- D) John Adams

10. The Peloponnesian War was fought between which two major ancient Greek city-states?

- A) Athens and Sparta**
- B) Thebes and Corinth
- C) Athens and Troy
- D) Sparta and Macedonia

11. Which technological invention by Johannes Gutenberg in the 15th century revolutionized the spread of information?

- A) Steam engine
- B) Compass
- C) Printing press**
- D) Telescope

12. Which river valley is considered the cradle of the ancient Indus Valley Civilization?

- A) Nile
- B) Tigris
- C) Indus**
- D) Ganges