

World History Essentials

World History · Practice Test · 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