

World History Essentials for Teens

World History · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization developed the system of writing known as cuneiform?

- A) Ancient Egypt
- B) Mesopotamia**
- C) Indus Valley
- D) Ancient Greece

2. What was the primary purpose of the Great Wall of China during the Ming Dynasty?

- A) To act as a trade route
- B) To prevent invasions from northern nomadic groups**
- C) To mark the southern border of the empire
- D) To connect major river systems

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

- A) Christopher Columbus
- B) Vasco da Gama
- C) Ferdinand Magellan**
- D) James Cook

4. The Magna Carta, signed in 1215, was a document that primarily limited the power of which figure?

- A) The Pope
- B) The Parliament
- C) The King of England**
- D) The Holy Roman Emperor

5. What was the main cause of the start of the French Revolution in 1789?

- A) A war with the United States
- B) Widespread famine and economic hardship**
- C) The death of the King
- D) The discovery of new continents

6. Which empire was centered in the city of Tenochtitlan?

- A) Inca Empire
- B) Aztec Empire**
- C) Maya Civilization
- D) Olmec Civilization

7. During the Industrial Revolution, which invention significantly improved the efficiency of textile manufacturing?

- A) The steam locomotive
- B) The telegraph
- C) The spinning jenny**
- D) The telephone

8. Who was the leader of the Mongol Empire that unified the Mongol tribes and began a series of conquests?

- A) Kublai Khan
- B) Genghis Khan**
- C) Attila the Hun
- D) Tamerlane

9. What was the 'Silk Road' primarily used for?

- A) Mass migration of populations
- B) The spread of democracy
- C) Trade of goods and cultural exchange between East and West**
- D) Military communication during wartime

10. Which period in European history is characterized by a 'rebirth' of interest in classical art, literature, and learning?

- A) The Middle Ages
- B) The Renaissance**
- C) The Enlightenment
- D) The Reformation