World History Essentials

World History · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization built the Great Pyramid of Giza?

A) Romans
B) Egyptians
C) Greeks
D) Mayans

2. Who was the first emperor of a unified China?

A) Qin Shi Huang
B) Confucius
C) Sun Yat-sen
D) Mao Zedong

3. In which country did the Industrial Revolution begin?

A) France
B) Germany
C) United States
D) Great Britain

4. Who was the famous queen of Ancient Egypt known for her association with Julius Caesar and Mark Antony?

A) Nefertiti
B) Cleopatra
C) Hatshepsut
D) Ramses

5. The Magna Carta was signed in which country?

A) France
B) Spain
C) England
D) Italy

6. Which explorer is credited with reaching the Americas in 1492?

A) Marco Polo
B) Ferdinand Magellan
C) Vasco da Gama
D) Christopher Columbus

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7. What was the primary language of the Roman Empire?

A) Greek
B) Latin
C) French
D) Spanish

8. Which French military leader declared himself Emperor in 1804?

A) Louis XIV
B) Napoleon Bonaparte
C) Charles de Gaulle
D) Robespierre

9. The Berlin Wall fell in which year?

A) 1989
B) 1945
C) 1961
D) 2000

10. Which ancient city was destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD?

A) Athens
B) Sparta
C) Pompeii
D) Troy

11. Who was the leader of the Soviet Union during World War II?

A) Vladimir Lenin
B) Joseph Stalin
C) Nikita Khrushchev
D) Mikhail Gorbachev

12. Which ocean did Ferdinand Magellan cross during his circumnavigation of the globe?

A) Atlantic
B) Indian
C) Pacific
D) Arctic

13. What was the name of the ship that transported the Pilgrims to America in 1620?

A) Santa Maria
B) Golden Hind
C) Mayflower
D) Beagle

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14. Which invention by Johannes Gutenberg revolutionized the spread of information in Europe?

A) Steam engine
B) Printing press
C) Telegraph
D) Compass

15. The Taj Mahal is located in which modern-day country?

A) Pakistan
B) India
C) Bangladesh
D) Afghanistan

16. Which conflict lasted from 1914 to 1918?

A) World War II
B) The Cold War
C) World War I
D) The Seven Years' War

17. What ancient civilization is credited with the invention of the wheel?

A) Sumerians
B) Incas
C) Aztecs
D) Persians

18. Who was the primary author of the American Declaration of Independence?

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

19. Which Japanese city was the first to be targeted by an atomic bomb in 1945?

A) Tokyo
B) Kyoto
C) Hiroshima
D) Nagasaki

20. Which empire was led by Genghis Khan?

A) Ottoman Empire
B) Mongol Empire
C) British Empire
D) Roman Empire

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