

High School European History Essentials

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1. Which document was signed by King John of England in 1215, limiting the power of the monarchy?

- A) The Magna Carta
- B) The Bill of Rights
- C) The Treaty of Versailles
- D) The Edict of Nantes

2. Who is credited with starting the Protestant Reformation by posting his 95 Theses in 1517?

- A) John Calvin
- B) Martin Luther
- C) Henry VIII
- D) Erasmus

3. Which period in European history is characterized by a 'rebirth' of art, culture, and science?

- A) The Middle Ages
- B) The Industrial Revolution
- C) The Renaissance
- D) The Cold War

4. The French Revolution began in 1789 with the storming of which prison?

- A) The Tower of London
- B) The Bastille
- C) The Conciergerie
- D) Spandau Prison

5. Which European leader rose to power following the French Revolution and eventually became Emperor?

- A) Louis XVI
- B) Maximilian Robespierre
- C) Napoleon Bonaparte
- D) Charles de Gaulle

6. What was the primary goal of the Industrial Revolution?

- A) To expand religious influence
- B) To increase agricultural output manually
- C) To mechanize production and manufacturing
- D) To colonize new continents

7. Which country was the first to industrialize in the 18th century?

- A) France
- B) Germany
- C) Great Britain
- D) Italy

8. What was the name of the alliance between Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Italy before World War I?

- A) The Triple Entente
- B) The Triple Alliance
- C) The Axis Powers
- D) The Allied Powers

9. Which treaty officially ended World War I in 1919?

- A) Treaty of Paris
- B) Treaty of Versailles
- C) Treaty of Westphalia
- D) Treaty of Utrecht

10. Who was the leader of the Soviet Union during the early years of the Cold War?

- A) Vladimir Lenin
- B) Joseph Stalin
- C) Leon Trotsky
- D) Nikita Khrushchev

11. The Berlin Wall, a symbol of the Cold War, was built in which year?

- A) 1945
- B) 1952
- C) 1961
- D) 1989

12. Which ancient civilization provided the foundation for Western political and democratic concepts?

- A) Ancient Greece
- B) Ancient Egypt
- C) The Hittites
- D) The Phoenicians

13. What is the name of the major philosophical movement in the 18th century that emphasized reason and individualism?

- A) Romanticism
- B) The Enlightenment
- C) Existentialism
- D) Humanism

14. Which queen of England reigned for 45 years during a period known as the 'Golden Age'?

- A) Mary I
- B) Victoria
- C) Elizabeth I
- D) Anne

15. What event in 1914 is considered the immediate trigger for World War I?

- A) The invasion of Poland
- B) The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand
- C) The sinking of the Lusitania
- D) The Russian Revolution

16. Which city served as the capital of the Byzantine Empire?

- A) Rome
- B) Athens
- C) Constantinople
- D) Alexandria

17. What economic and political system dominated Europe during the Middle Ages?

- A) Capitalism
- B) Feudalism
- C) Socialism
- D) Communism

18. The 'Scramble for Africa' in the late 19th century was driven by which European ambition?

- A) Imperialism
- B) Isolationism
- C) Democracy
- D) Technological exchange

19. Which major conflict (1939-1945) involved the Axis and Allied powers?

- A) World War I
- B) World War II
- C) The Napoleonic Wars
- D) The Thirty Years' War

20. What was the main purpose of the Marshall Plan after World War II?

- A) To punish Germany
- B) To rebuild Western European economies
- C) To spread communism
- D) To organize the United Nations

21. Which explorer's 1492 voyage opened European contact with the Americas?

- A) Vasco da Gama
- B) Ferdinand Magellan
- C) Christopher Columbus
- D) Amerigo Vespucci

22. The Russian Revolution of 1917 resulted in the end of which imperial dynasty?

- A) The Hohenzollerns
- B) The Romanovs
- C) The Habsburgs
- D) The Tudors

23. What was the primary language of the Roman Catholic Church for centuries in Europe?

- A) Greek
- B) English
- C) Latin
- D) French

24. Which European country experienced the 'Reign of Terror' during its revolution?

- A) France
- B) Spain
- C) Russia
- D) Prussia

25. What political entity was formed in 1993 to promote economic and political integration in Europe?

- A) The League of Nations
- B) The European Union
- C) The Warsaw Pact
- D) The North Atlantic Treaty Organization