

European Innovations and Milestones

European History · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Who is credited with inventing the movable type printing press in Europe around 1440?

- A) Johannes Gutenberg**
- B) Leonardo da Vinci
- C) Nicolaus Copernicus
- D) Galileo Galilei

2. Which European country was the first to industrialize, beginning in the late 18th century?

- A) France
- B) Germany
- C) Great Britain**
- D) Belgium

3. In 1609, which scientist was the first to use a telescope to make systematic observations of the heavens?

- A) Johannes Kepler
- B) Galileo Galilei**
- C) Isaac Newton
- D) Tycho Brahe

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

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

5. The first practical steam engine, the 'Atmospheric Engine,' was invented in 1712 by whom?

- A) James Watt
- B) Thomas Newcomen**
- C) George Stephenson
- D) Richard Trevithick

6. Which European nation established the first public central bank, the Bank of Sweden, in 1668?

- A) The Netherlands
- B) England
- C) Sweden**
- D) France

7. In 1895, who became the first person to receive a Nobel Prize in Physics for the discovery of X-rays?

- A) Wilhelm Röntgen**
- B) Marie Curie
- C) Henri Becquerel
- D) Max Planck

8. What was the first written legal code in ancient Greece, established in 621 BCE, known for its extreme severity?

- A) The Justinian Code
- B) The Draconian Constitution**
- C) The Twelve Tables
- D) The Magna Carta

9. The first successful vaccine, developed in 1796 to prevent smallpox, was created by which European physician?

- A) Louis Pasteur
- B) Robert Koch
- C) Edward Jenner**
- D) Joseph Lister

10. Which European architect designed the dome of the Florence Cathedral, completed in 1436, representing a major engineering first of the Renaissance?

- A) Donatello
- B) Filippo Brunelleschi**
- C) Michelangelo
- D) Lorenzo Ghiberti