

Nature and Animals in Tattoo History

Tattoo History · Practice Test · 25 Questions

1. Which animal is traditionally associated with the strength and protection tattoos of the Maori people of New Zealand?

- A) Shark
- B) Tiger
- C) Eagle
- D) Snake

2. In ancient Egyptian tattooing, which desert creature was often depicted to symbolize protection and transformation?

- A) Scorpion
- B) Camel
- C) Gazelle
- D) Ostrich

3. Polynesian tattoo patterns often include the 'niho mano', which represents the teeth of which sea creature?

- A) Whale
- B) Shark
- C) Dolphin
- D) Seal

4. The traditional Japanese 'irezumi' style frequently features the Koi fish, which symbolizes which trait?

- A) Laziness
- B) Perseverance
- C) Speed
- D) Fear

5. In many indigenous cultures of the Pacific Northwest, tattoos often depict which bird, known as a cultural symbol of transformation?

- A) Raven
- B) Penguin
- C) Parrot
- D) Ostrich

6. Which flower is one of the most iconic natural motifs in traditional Japanese tattooing, often paired with Koi fish?

- A) Sunflower
- B) Lotus
- C) Cherry Blossom
- D) Cactus

7. In ancient Scythian culture, mummies have been found with tattoos of which type of animal, highlighting their nomadic lifestyle?

- A) Deer
- B) Lion
- C) Elephant
- D) Kangaroo

8. Which forest animal is a common motif in traditional Nordic-style tattoos, representing the wild and untamed nature of the region?

- A) Bear
- B) Koala
- C) Zebra
- D) Giraffe

9. Traditional hand-tapped tattoos in the Philippines often used geometric patterns to mimic the scales of which animal?

- A) Snake
- B) Fish
- C) Lizard
- D) Bird

10. What celestial natural feature is a common element in ancient tattoos found on the frozen remains of the 'Ice Man' Ötzi?

- A) Sun
- B) Moon
- C) Stars
- D) None of the above

11. In ancient Greece, tattoos were sometimes used to mark individuals as 'barbarians', but nature-inspired motifs like which plant were sometimes used for decoration?

- A) Ivy
- B) Pine tree
- C) Oak leaf
- D) Rose

12. The Haida people of the Pacific Northwest famously tattoo images of which marine mammal, often representing family lineage?

- A) Killer Whale
- B) Walrus
- C) Manatee
- D) Sea Otter

13. In many cultures, the butterfly is a tattoo motif historically used to symbolize which natural process?

- A) Metamorphosis
- B) Hibernation
- C) Migration
- D) Photosynthesis

14. Which desert plant is occasionally depicted in modern interpretations of Southwestern American tattoo history?

- A) Saguaro Cactus
- B) Bamboo
- C) Maple
- D) Fern

15. The traditional 'Sak Yant' tattoos of Southeast Asia often include depictions of which big cat for spiritual power?

- A) Tiger
- B) Lion
- C) Leopard
- D) Cheetah

16. In ancient Celtic art and tattoos, which tree was considered sacred and often depicted to represent wisdom?

- A) Oak
- B) Palm
- C) Pine
- D) Coconut

17. Which bird of prey is a common historical symbol in tattoos representing military power and freedom?

- A) Eagle
- B) Hummingbird
- C) Penguin
- D) Pigeon

18. The turtle is a common motif in Pacific Island tattooing, representing what natural concept?

- A) Longevity
- B) Flight
- C) Speed
- D) Fire

19. Historically, what insect was sometimes used as a tattoo motif to represent industry and community?

- A) Bee
- B) Fly
- C) Mosquito
- D) Grasshopper

20. In various cultures, the spider is a tattoo motif historically linked to which natural skill?

- A) Web-weaving
- B) Hunting
- C) Camouflage
- D) Digging

21. Which aquatic creature, known for its ability to change color, has appeared in traditional seafaring tattoo art?

- A) Octopus
- B) Clam
- C) Starfish
- D) Crab

22. The dragon, while mythical, is traditionally associated with which element in Eastern tattooing history?

- A) Water
- B) Earth
- C) Air
- D) Metal

23. In some Amazonian tribes, plant-based dyes were used to create tattoos depicting the skin patterns of which jungle animal?

- A) Jaguar
- B) Monkey
- C) Sloth
- D) Toucan

24. Which fruit has been used as a decorative motif in traditional Western 'old school' style tattoos?

- A) Cherry
- B) Banana
- C) Watermelon
- D) Orange

25. In ancient history, the sun was frequently tattooed as a natural icon to represent what?

- A) Light and life
- B) Rain
- C) Darkness
- D) Cold