European Historical Milestones

European History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Which treaty, signed in 1648, ended the Thirty Years' War in the Holy Roman Empire?

A) Treaty of Versailles
B) Peace of Westphalia
C) Treaty of Tordesillas
D) Congress of Vienna

2. Who was the monarch of England during the defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588?

A) Elizabeth I
B) Henry VIII
C) Mary I
D) Victoria

3. The storming of which fortress on July 14, 1789, is considered the start of the French Revolution?

A) Versailles
B) The Louvre
C) Bastille
D) Tuileries

4. Which European explorer is credited with being the first to sail from Europe to India?

A) Christopher Columbus
B) Ferdinand Magellan
C) Vasco da Gama
D) Bartolomeu Dias

5. Which Italian city-state was the birthplace of the Renaissance in the 14th century?

A) Rome
B) Venice
C) Milan
D) Florence

6. What was the primary language of the Roman Empire in the West?

A) Greek
B) Latin
C) Gaulish
D) Punic

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7. The 'Glorious Revolution' of 1688 resulted in the ascension of which monarchs to the English throne?

A) Charles I and Henrietta Maria
B) William III and Mary II
C) George I and Sophia Dorothea
D) James II and Anne

8. Which battle in 1815 marked the final defeat of Napoleon Bonaparte?

A) Battle of Austerlitz
B) Battle of Leipzig
C) Battle of Waterloo
D) Battle of Jena

9. The Magna Carta, signed in 1215, limited the power of which English king?

A) Richard I
B) John
C) Henry II
D) Edward I

10. Which empire was ruled by the Habsburg dynasty for several centuries?

A) Ottoman Empire
B) Holy Roman Empire
C) Byzantine Empire
D) Russian Empire

11. The 'Black Death' pandemic arrived in Europe in which decade of the 14th century?

A) 1310s
B) 1330s
C) 1340s
D) 1360s

12. Who was the leader of the Soviet Union during the Yalta Conference in 1945?

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

13. Which ancient civilization built the Colosseum in Rome?

A) Greeks
B) Etruscans
C) Romans
D) Phoenicians

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14. The 'Defenestration of Prague' in 1618 is considered a catalyst for which conflict?

A) The Hundred Years' War
B) The Napoleonic Wars
C) The Thirty Years' War
D) The Seven Years' War

15. Which Enlightenment philosopher wrote 'The Social Contract' in 1762?

A) John Locke
B) Jean-Jacques Rousseau
C) Voltaire
D) Montesquieu

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