

European Historical Milestones

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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

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

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