

European Historical Geography

History · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which river served as the traditional frontier between the Roman Empire and the Germanic tribes for several centuries?

A) The Rhine

B) The Tagus

C) The Ebro

D) The Po

2. The Treaty of Tordesillas, which divided newly discovered lands between Spain and Portugal, was signed in which modern-day European country?

A) Italy

B) Spain

C) France

D) Portugal

3. The historic city of Constantinople, which fell to the Ottoman Turks in 1453, sits on the strait that connects the Black Sea to the Sea of Marmara. What is the name of this strait?

A) Strait of Gibraltar

B) Bosphorus

C) Strait of Messina

D) Dardanelles

4. Which mountain range historically served as a natural barrier between the Iberian Peninsula and the rest of Western Europe?

A) The Alps

B) The Carpathians

C) The Pyrenees

D) The Apennines

5. In 1815, the Congress of Vienna redrew the map of Europe. Where is this city located?

A) Austria

B) Germany

C) Switzerland

D) Hungary

6. Which European capital city is located on the banks of the River Thames?

- A) Paris
- B) Brussels
- C) London**
- D) Amsterdam

7. The Hanseatic League was a medieval commercial and defensive confederation of merchant guilds and market towns primarily located in which region?

- A) The Mediterranean coast
- B) The Baltic and North Sea coasts**
- C) The Iberian Peninsula
- D) The Balkan interior

8. Which island in the Mediterranean Sea was the birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte?

- A) Sardinia
- B) Sicily
- C) Malta
- D) Corsica**

9. The Battle of Waterloo, where Napoleon was finally defeated in 1815, took place in which modern-day country?

- A) France
- B) Belgium**
- C) Netherlands
- D) Germany

10. Which European sea was historically known as the 'Mare Nostrum' (Our Sea) by the Roman Empire?

- A) The Black Sea
- B) The Adriatic Sea
- C) The Mediterranean Sea**
- D) The Aegean Sea

11. The historic region of Alsace-Lorraine, which has been disputed between France and Germany, is located along which river?

- A) The Rhine**
- B) The Danube
- C) The Seine
- D) The Elbe

12. Which city served as the capital of the Byzantine Empire for over a millennium?

- A) Athens
- B) Rome
- C) Constantinople**
- D) Ravenna

13. The Viking expansion in the 9th century saw explorers settle in Iceland, which is located in which ocean?

- A) Arctic Ocean
- B) Pacific Ocean
- C) Indian Ocean
- D) Atlantic Ocean**

14. Which peninsula in Southern Europe was the site of the ancient Greek civilization?

- A) The Balkan Peninsula**
- B) The Italian Peninsula
- C) The Iberian Peninsula
- D) The Scandinavian Peninsula

15. Which river flows through the heart of Vienna, Bratislava, and Budapest, serving as a historic trade artery for Central Europe?

- A) The Rhine
- B) The Danube**
- C) The Vistula
- D) The Oder

16. The Kingdom of Prussia, a major power in 18th-century Europe, was centered around which modern-day capital city?

- A) Berlin**
- B) Warsaw
- C) Munich
- D) Prague

17. The Magna Carta was signed in 1215 at Runnymede, located near which English city?

- A) Oxford
- B) Cambridge
- C) London**
- D) York

18. Which mountain range separates the European continent from the Asian continent in Russia?

A) The Caucasus Mountains

B) The Ural Mountains

C) The Alps

D) The Altai Mountains