World History Milestones

World History · Answer Key · 25 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization is credited with the invention of the wheel around 3500 BCE?

A) Mesopotamians
B) Egyptians
C) Romans
D) Greeks

2. Who is credited with inventing the printing press in the 15th century?

A) Leonardo da Vinci
B) Johannes Gutenberg
C) Isaac Newton
D) Galileo Galilei

3. Which metal was the first to be widely used by humans, starting the Bronze Age?

A) Iron
B) Gold
C) Copper mixed with tin
D) Aluminum

4. In which country was paper first invented?

A) China
B) Egypt
C) India
D) Greece

5. What was the first written legal code in history, established in ancient Mesopotamia?

A) The Twelve Tables
B) The Code of Hammurabi
C) The Magna Carta
D) The Justinian Code

6. Which invention by Eli Whitney in 1793 revolutionized the processing of cotton?

A) Cotton Gin
B) Spinning Jenny
C) Steam Engine
D) Power Loom

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7. Who is known for the first successful powered airplane flight in 1903?

A) Amelia Earhart
B) The Wright Brothers
C) Charles Lindbergh
D) Neil Armstrong

8. Which civilization is credited with creating the first alphabet?

A) The Phoenicians
B) The Romans
C) The Egyptians
D) The Mayans

9. What did Alexander Graham Bell invent in 1876 that changed communication forever?

A) Radio
B) Telegraph
C) Telephone
D) Television

10. Who was the first human to travel into outer space in 1961?

A) John Glenn
B) Yuri Gagarin
C) Neil Armstrong
D) Buzz Aldrin

11. Which structure is considered the first monumental stone building in ancient Egypt?

A) Great Pyramid of Giza
B) Step Pyramid of Djoser
C) Sphinx
D) Temple of Karnak

12. What navigation tool was first developed by the Chinese for finding direction?

A) Sextant
B) Astrolabe
C) Compass
D) GPS

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13. Which invention allowed for the mass production of electricity in the late 19th century?

A) Light bulb
B) Electric generator
C) Battery
D) Steam turbine

14. What was the first major crop to be domesticated in the Fertile Crescent?

A) Wheat
B) Corn
C) Rice
D) Potatoes

15. Which ancient people are credited with being the first to use coins as money?

A) The Persians
B) The Lydians
C) The Romans
D) The Spartans

16. What scientific instrument, first used by Galileo in 1609, changed our understanding of the stars?

A) Microscope
B) Telescope
C) Compass
D) Thermometer

17. Who is credited with discovering penicillin, the world's first antibiotic?

A) Louis Pasteur
B) Alexander Fleming
C) Marie Curie
D) Robert Koch

18. What was the first mechanical device used for calculation, originating in Mesopotamia?

A) Slide rule
B) Abacus
C) Pascaline
D) Antikythera mechanism

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19. In which region were the first cave paintings discovered?

A) North America
B) Southern France
C) Australia
D) South America

20. Which invention in the mid-19th century allowed for the recording of images?

A) Film projector
B) Camera obscura
C) Daguerreotype
D) X-ray

21. What was the first metal humans used for tool-making?

A) Iron
B) Bronze
C) Copper
D) Steel

22. The first Olympics in recorded history were held in which city?

A) Rome
B) Athens
C) Olympia
D) Sparta

23. Which invention by James Watt improved the efficiency of steam engines?

A) Separate condenser
B) Piston engine
C) Water wheel
D) Turbine

24. What did Johannes Kepler first discover regarding planetary motion?

A) Planets move in circles
B) Planets move in ellipses
C) The earth is the center
D) Gravity is a force

25. Which ancient culture invented the first water clock?

A) Egyptian
B) Chinese
C) Greek
D) Mayan