World History Foundations

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1. Which Mesopotamian ruler is credited with creating one of the earliest known comprehensive legal codes?

A) Hammurabi
B) Nebuchadnezzar II
C) Sargon the Great
D) Ashurbanipal

2. During the feudal system of the Middle Ages, what was the name of the land grant given by a lord to a vassal?

A) Serfdom
B) Manor
C) Fief
D) Tithes

3. Which dynasty in ancient China is historically recognized for the construction of the earliest sections of the Great Wall and the terracotta army?

A) Han Dynasty
B) Qin Dynasty
C) Zhou Dynasty
D) Ming Dynasty

4. What was the primary language of scholarship, administration, and the Church throughout Western Europe during the Middle Ages?

A) Old English
B) Greek
C) Latin
D) French

5. The Magna Carta, signed in 1215, was a foundational document that limited the absolute power of which English monarch?

A) Henry VIII
B) Richard the Lionheart
C) King John
D) Edward I

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6. Which architectural style, prevalent in the 12th to 16th centuries, is characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses?

A) Romanesque
B) Gothic
C) Byzantine
D) Baroque

7. The 14th-century outbreak known as the Black Death was primarily caused by which bacterium?

A) Yersinia pestis
B) Bacillus anthracis
C) Vibrio cholerae
D) Salmonella typhi

8. Which explorer led the first expedition to successfully circumnavigate the globe, though he died in the Philippines during the voyage?

A) Vasco da Gama
B) Christopher Columbus
C) Ferdinand Magellan
D) Amerigo Vespucci

9. What was the name of the legislative assembly formed in France in 1789 that signaled the beginning of the French Revolution?

A) The Directory
B) The National Assembly
C) The Estates-General
D) The Convention

10. In the context of the Industrial Revolution, who is credited with significantly improving the steam engine design in 1765?

A) Eli Whitney
B) James Watt
C) Thomas Newcomen
D) George Stephenson

11. Which civilization, located in modern-day Peru, was known for its sophisticated road system and the city of Machu Picchu?

A) Aztec
B) Maya
C) Inca
D) Olmec

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12. The 'Pax Romana' refers to a period of relative peace and stability in which empire?

A) Greek Empire
B) Persian Empire
C) Roman Empire
D) Mongol Empire

13. Which treaty officially ended the Thirty Years' War in 1648 and established the concept of state sovereignty?

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

14. What was the primary purpose of the 'Domesday Book' commissioned by William the Conqueror in 1086?

A) To record religious texts
B) To track tax obligations and land ownership
C) To list the knights of the realm
D) To document the history of the Anglo-Saxons

15. Which ancient Greek philosopher was sentenced to death by drinking hemlock for 'corrupting the youth' of Athens?

A) Plato
B) Aristotle
C) Socrates
D) Pythagoras

16. What was the main economic system of the 17th and 18th centuries that encouraged nations to accumulate gold and maintain a favorable balance of trade?

A) Mercantilism
B) Capitalism
C) Socialism
D) Feudalism

17. The 'Reconquista' was a centuries-long series of wars to reclaim the Iberian Peninsula from which group?

A) The Vikings
B) The Moors
C) The Mongols
D) The Ottomans

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18. Which document, ratified in 1787, serves as the supreme law of the United States?

A) The Declaration of Independence
B) The Articles of Confederation
C) The Bill of Rights
D) The U.S. Constitution

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