

World History Quiz

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ROUND 1

Ancient Civilizations

1. Which ancient wonder, built as a tomb for Pharaoh Khufu, is the only Wonder of the Ancient World still largely intact?
 2. Which Babylonian king created one of the earliest known written legal codes, famous for 'an eye for an eye' style justice?
 3. Which Chinese emperor was buried with thousands of life-sized clay soldiers meant to protect him in the afterlife?
 4. Which trilingual inscribed stone allowed scholars to finally decode ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs?
 5. Which ancient Egyptian city was home to a legendary library said to have held the largest collection of scrolls in the ancient world?
 6. Which massive amphitheater in Rome hosted gladiator contests and could hold tens of thousands of spectators?
 7. Which stone-walled ancient city in southern Africa gave its name to the modern nation built near its ruins?
 8. Which ancient civilization, centered on cities like Mohenjo-daro and Harappa, thrived along a major South Asian river system?
 9. Which mysterious circular arrangement of massive standing stones sits on Salisbury Plain in England?
 10. Which ancient Mesopotamian epic, one of the oldest known works of literature, follows a Sumerian king's quest for immortality?
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The World Wars

11. Whose assassination in Sarajevo in June 1914 triggered the chain of events leading to World War I?



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12. Which 1916 battle on the Western Front is infamous for causing over 57,000 British casualties on its first day alone?
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13. Which 1919 treaty formally ended World War I and imposed harsh reparations on Germany?
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14. Which German cipher device, cracked by Allied codebreakers at Bletchley Park, gave the Allies vital intelligence in World War II?
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15. Which British Prime Minister rallied the nation with speeches like 'We shall fight on the beaches' during World War II?
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16. What is the common name for the massive Allied invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944?
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17. Which brutal 1942-43 battle marked a major turning point on the Eastern Front, resulting in a catastrophic German defeat?
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18. Which young Jewish diarist hid with her family in an Amsterdam annex before being captured and later dying in a concentration camp?
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19. Which Japanese city became the first target of an atomic bomb, dropped by the United States in August 1945?
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20. Which 1940 air campaign saw the RAF successfully defend the United Kingdom against a sustained bombing offensive by the Luftwaffe?
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Revolutions and Empires

21. Which Parisian fortress-prison was stormed by revolutionaries on 14 July 1789, becoming the symbol of the French Revolution?

22. Which formerly enslaved general led the Haitian Revolution before being captured by the French and dying in a Jura mountain prison in 1803?

23. Which decisive 1815 battle in present-day Belgium ended Napoleon's rule for good?

24. Which Bolshevik leader returned to Russia in a sealed train and led the October 1917 revolution?

25. Which future U.S. president led the Continental Army to victory over the British and became the nation's first president?

26. Which 13th-century conqueror united the Mongol tribes and built the largest contiguous land empire in history?

27. Which Chinese Communist leader proclaimed the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949 from Tiananmen Square?

28. Which Argentine-born guerrilla fighter helped Fidel Castro overthrow Batista before being executed in Bolivia in 1967?

29. Which Roman general and statesman crossed the Rubicon in 49 BC, triggering civil war and paving the way for empire?

20th Century Milestones

30. Which two American brothers achieved the first powered airplane flight at Kitty Hawk in 1903?



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31. Which 'unsinkable' ocean liner struck an iceberg and sank on its maiden voyage in 1912?
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32. Which stock market crash in October 1929 triggered the Great Depression?
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33. Which international organization was founded in San Francisco in 1945 to promote peace between nations?
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34. In 1947, which South Asian country gained independence from Britain under the leadership of figures like Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru?
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35. Which Cold War barrier dividing a European capital fell in 1989, symbolizing the end of communist rule in Eastern Europe?
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36. Which 1969 NASA mission first landed humans on the Moon, with Neil Armstrong taking the famous first steps?
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37. Which South African leader walked free from prison in 1990 after 27 years, later becoming president and ending apartheid?
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38. Which 1986 nuclear power plant disaster in Soviet Ukraine became the worst of its kind in history?
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39. Which 1962 standoff brought the US and Soviet Union to the brink of nuclear war over missiles stationed 90 miles from Florida?
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