

Ancient Civilizations

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Circle the correct answer for each question about ancient civilizations.

1. Which Greek philosopher was the teacher of Plato?
(A) Socrates (B) Confucius
(C) Homer (D) Aristotle
2. Which ancient civilization invented the magnetic compass?
(A) the Greeks
(B) the Chinese
(C) the Inca
(D) the Babylonians
3. What did the ancient Greeks call a story that explained the world with gods and heroes?
(A) a law (B) a map
(C) a recipe (D) a myth
4. What was the Roman Forum?
(A) a Roman warship
(B) a mountain near Rome
(C) the center of public life in Rome
(D) a kind of Roman coin
5. What did the Inca build to cross deep mountain valleys?
(A) wooden ships (B) stone tunnels
(C) rope bridges (D) iron railways
6. What was the capital of the Inca Empire?
(A) Lima (B) Cusco
(C) Athens (D) Tenochtitlan
7. Which ancient Greek city was the birthplace of democracy?
(A) Alexandria (B) Sparta
(C) Rome (D) Athens
8. What did the Rosetta Stone help scholars do?
(A) read hieroglyphics
(B) build pyramids
(C) make paper
(D) sail to America
9. Which ancient wonder was a giant statue in the harbor of Rhodes?
(A) the Parthenon
(B) the Sphinx
(C) the Hanging Gardens
(D) the Colossus of Rhodes
10. How did the Inca keep records without writing?
(A) with clay tablets
(B) with knotted strings called quipu
(C) with paper books
(D) with cave paintings
11. What was buried with the first emperor of China?
(A) a fleet of ships
(B) a golden pyramid
(C) the terracotta army
(D) the Great Wall
12. Which ancient civilization built the city of Mohenjo-daro?
(A) the Indus Valley civilization
(B) the Maya
(C) the Greeks
(D) the Vikings

13. Which ancient civilization built the city of Tenochtitlan in what is now Mexico?

- (A) the Inca
- (B) the Aztecs
- (C) the Maya
- (D) the Egyptians

14. Which people built the stepped temples called ziggurats?

- (A) the Greeks
- (B) the Romans
- (C) the Mesopotamians
- (D) the Vikings

15. Which ancient Greek poet is said to have written the Iliad and the Odyssey?

- (A) Homer
- (B) Socrates
- (C) Aristotle
- (D) Plato

16. Which ancient people developed cuneiform, one of the first writing systems?

- (A) the Maya
- (B) the Romans
- (C) the Vikings
- (D) the Sumerians

17. Which ancient empire was ruled by Cyrus and Darius?

- (A) the Inca Empire
- (B) the Mali Empire
- (C) the Persian Empire
- (D) the Roman Empire

18. In which modern country was the Inca Empire centered?

- (A) Mexico
- (B) Greece
- (C) Egypt
- (D) Peru

19. Who was the ancient Greek god of the sea?

- (A) Poseidon
- (B) Ra
- (C) Neptune
- (D) Apollo

20. Who was the king of the gods in ancient Greek stories?

- (A) Jupiter
- (B) Zeus
- (C) Ra
- (D) Odin

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