

Ancient Civilizations

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Circle the correct answer for each question about ancient civilizations.

1. Which African empire was famous for its gold and the city of Timbuktu?
(A) the Roman Empire
(B) the Inca Empire
(C) the Persian Empire
(D) the Mali Empire
2. What was Hadrian's Wall?
(A) part of the Great Wall of China
(B) a wall around Athens
(C) a wall built by the Romans in Britain
(D) a wall around the pyramids
3. Which ancient civilization made one of the first calendars with 365 days?
(A) the Egyptians
(B) the Vikings
(C) the Romans
(D) the Aztecs
4. What was the main writing material of ancient Mesopotamia?
(A) papyrus
(B) clay tablets
(C) paper
(D) silk
5. What did the Maya use to write?
(A) the Roman alphabet
(B) braille
(C) cuneiform
(D) glyphs
6. Which ancient trade route carried silk from China to the West?
(A) the Silk Road
(B) the Nile Road
(C) the Spice Sea
(D) the Roman Road
7. Which ancient civilization built the city of Chichen Itza?
(A) the Inca
(B) the Maya
(C) the Egyptians
(D) the Romans
8. What was the Circus Maximus in ancient Rome?
(A) a temple of Jupiter
(B) a bridge over the Tiber
(C) an arena for chariot races
(D) a Roman library
9. Which ancient civilization grew crops on floating gardens on a lake?
(A) the Aztecs
(B) the Vikings
(C) the Egyptians
(D) the Greeks
10. Who first worked out how to read hieroglyphics using the Rosetta Stone?
(A) Julius Caesar
(B) Howard Carter
(C) Marco Polo
(D) Jean-François Champollion
11. Who was the Roman god of the sea?
(A) Zeus
(B) Poseidon
(C) Neptune
(D) Ra
12. Which student of Plato later taught Alexander the Great?
(A) Pericles
(B) Aristotle
(C) Socrates
(D) Archimedes

13. Who was the first emperor to unite China?

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| (A) Confucius | (B) Kublai Khan |
| (C) Qin Shi Huang | (D) Sun Yat-sen |

14. Which ancient civilization built Petra, a city carved into rock?

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| (A) the Nabataeans | (B) the Chinese |
| (C) the Maya | (D) the Vikings |

15. What did the Aztecs call their floating gardens?

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| (A) ziggurats | (B) chinampas |
| (C) pyramids | (D) aqueducts |

16. Which ancient civilization invented paper?

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| (A) the Romans | (B) the Egyptians |
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17. Who was the ancient Egyptian god of the Sun?

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| (A) Thor | (B) Neptune |
| (C) Ra | (D) Zeus |

18. Which ancient Greek city-state was famous for its tough soldiers?

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| (A) Athens | (B) Rome |
| (C) Troy | (D) Sparta |

19. Which ancient people were famous sailors and traders who spread their alphabet?

- (A) the Phoenicians
- (B) the Vikings
- (C) the Inca
- (D) the Aztecs

20. Which famous library of the ancient world was in Egypt?

- (A) the Library of Rome
- (B) the Library of Alexandria
- (C) the Library of Babylon
- (D) the Library of Athens

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