



History Picture Quiz

5th and 6th Grade Division

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Instructions – Mark your answers on the scantron provided. Correct answers are worth 2 points. Incorrect answers are worth –1 point. Questions left blank are worth 0 points. Write the answer to your tiebreaker question in the box at the top of your scantron.

1. What Khmer temple shown here was commissioned by Suryavarman II in 1113 CE?

- A. Angkor Wat
- B. Wat Rong Khun
- C. Borobudur
- D. Paro Taktsang

2. What waterway historically important for silk and spice trade is now the world's most significant chokepoint for crude oil?

- A. Strait of Gibraltar
- B. Suez Canal
- C. Erie Canal
- D. Strait of Hormuz

3. The Commonwealth of England was ruled from 1653 to 1658 by what Lord Protector shown here?

- A. John Calvin
- B. Oliver Cromwell
- C. Owen Tudor
- D. Robert Walpole

4. The movement of enslaved Africans, raw materials, and manufactured goods shown on the map was called which of the following?

- A. Indian Ocean Trade
- B. Mediterranean Trade
- C. Silk Road
- D. Triangular Trade

5. What pre-revolution skirmish is most famously depicted in a biased engraving by Paul Revere?

- A. Constitutional Convention
- B. Stamp Act Congress
- C. Boston Massacre
- D. Edenton Tea Party

6. The Gates of Peace were donated to what city in 2005 to mark the 60th anniversary of the atomic bombing?

- A. Hiroshima
- B. Normandy
- C. El Alamein
- D. Honolulu

7. This map depicts the movement of what peoples across thousands of years in sub-Saharan Africa?

- A. Bantu
- B. Aramaeans
- C. Roma
- D. Berbers

8. The Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen was written during what conflict?

- A. Napoleonic Wars
- B. Great Northern War
- C. Hundred Years' War
- D. French Revolution

9. This Adolphe Yvon painting depicts Julius Caesar crossing what "point of no return" river?

- A. Thames
- B. Seine
- C. Rubicon
- D. Volga

10. Percy Green and Richard Daly climbed atop what unfinished landmark in 1964 to protest the exclusion of black workers?

- A. Empire State Building
- B. Painted Rock
- C. Gateway Arch
- D. Space Needle

11. This Caravaggio depicts the crucifixion of what apostle and first bishop of Rome?

- A. Lebbaeus
- B. Joseph
- C. Peter
- D. Thomas

12. What Austrian archduchess and last queen of France married Louis XVI in 1774?

- A. Caroline
- B. Marie Antoinette
- C. Maria Theresa
- D. Charlotte

13. Mughal emperor Shah Jahan commissioned what ivory mausoleum in 1631?

- A. Golden Temple
- B. Red Fort
- C. Qutub Minar
- D. Taj Mahal

14. The citadel Machu Picchu was likely constructed in the 15th century by what people?

- A. Taino
- B. Inca
- C. Maya
- D. Ciboney

15. The 1820 Missouri Compromise depicted here outlawed what practice north of the 36°30' line?

- A. enslavement
- B. deforestation
- C. slash and burn farming
- D. subsistence agriculture

16. Before the 2001 terrorist attacks, the Twin Towers were a staple of what city's skyline?

- A. Chicago
- B. Los Angeles
- C. New York City
- D. Houston

17. This map shows the height of what largest contiguous land based empire in history?

- A. Spanish Empire
- B. Roman Empire
- C. Holy Roman Empire
- D. Mongol Empire

18. What Argentine Marxist shown here was instrumental in the Cuban Revolution?

- A. Fulgencio Batista
- B. Juan Peron
- C. Che Guevara
- D. Jacobo Arbenz

19. This 1524 map depicts what Mexica capital built on Lake Texcoco?

- A. Tenochtitlan
- B. Cusco
- C. Palenque
- D. Tikal

20. Hapi was the Egyptian god of the annual flooding of what vital river?

- A. Tigris
- B. Nile
- C. Orange
- D. Jordan

21. What United Farm Workers leader organized secondary boycotts across the US during the Delano grape strike?

- A. Ella Baker
- B. Rachel Carson
- C. Rosa Parks
- D. Dolores Huerta

22. The longest artificial waterway in the world, the Grand Canal, is located in what nation?

- A. India
- B. Russia
- C. China
- D. Japan

23. Symbols like these were used in what writing system developed to record the Sumerian language?

- A. oracle bone script
- B. devanagari
- C. quipu
- D. cuneiform

24. The nations highlighted on the map were formed after the 'Velvet Divorce' dissolved what nation?

- A. Czechoslovakia
- B. Ottoman Empire
- C. Prussia
- D. Yugoslavia

25. Which of the following dominated the trade on the trans-Saharan routes shown on the map?

- A. porcelain and gunpowder
- B. gold and salt
- C. wheat and turquoise
- D. spices and coffee

26. Liberty Enlightening the World was gifted to the US by what ally in 1886?

- A. Portugal
- B. Germany
- C. France
- D. Switzerland

27. Street artist Banksy created this piece amid the rubble of what nation that was invaded by Russia in 2022?

- A. Belarus
- B. Lithuania
- C. Slovenia
- D. Ukraine

28. Claudia Sheinbaum is the first woman and first Jewish person to serve as president of what nation?

- A. Brazil
- B. Dominican Republic
- C. Mexico
- D. Ecuador

29. Which of these was used by Gutenberg to create his namesake 42-line Bible in the 1450s?

- A. heliograph
- B. telegraph
- C. printing press
- D. daguerreotype

30. The Dutch colonized Indonesian islands to control trade of which of the following?

- A. spices
- B. cotton
- C. paper
- D. steel

31. What governing document of the Plymouth Colony was signed aboard its namesake ship?

- A. Fundamental Orders
- B. Mayflower Compact
- C. Declaration of Sentiments
- D. Magna Carta

32. Portuguese and Spanish explorers rigged what sailing ships with lateen sails during the Age of Exploration?

- A. knarrs
- B. canoes
- C. freighters
- D. caravels

33. What 1831 revolt by enslaved Virginians is considered one of the deadliest in US history?

- A. Chumash Revolt
- B. Leisler's Rebellion
- C. Belem Revolt
- D. Nat Turner's Rebellion

34. What nation led by the President and Prime Minister shown here currently has a majority of women in top government leadership roles?

- A. Italy
- B. United Kingdom
- C. Iceland
- D. Croatia

35. This holiest site of Islam and target of the hajj is in what Saudi Arabian city?

- A. Mecca
- B. Jerusalem
- C. Karbala
- D. Medina

36. Native populations of Mexico were decimated by what disease introduced by Spanish conquistadors in the 15th century?

- A. yellow fever
- B. smallpox
- C. pneumonia
- D. bubonic plague

37. This is the official flag of what multisport event first held in Rome in 1960?

- A. FIFA World Cup
- B. CapTex
- C. Rugby World Cup
- D. Paralympic Games

38. This photograph was taken by Dorothea Lange in 1936 to document the effects of what event?

- A. Panic of 1893
- B. Second Great Awakening
- C. Great Depression
- D. Reconstruction

39. What anti-Qing uprising led by Hong Xiuquan hoped to establish a "Heavenly Kingdom"?

- A. Taiping Rebellion
- B. Dazexiang Uprising
- C. An Shi Rebellion
- D. Boxer Rebellion

40. What US president pictured here called for Gorbachev to "tear down this wall" in 1987?

- A. Richard Nixon
- B. Harry Truman
- C. John F. Kennedy
- D. Ronald Reagan

41. What crop depicted in this Song dynasty scroll originated in a namesake Vietnamese kingdom?

- A. champa rice
- B. cassava
- C. tomatoes
- D. cacao

42. A 25-meter Stalin statue was toppled in what capital city during the 1956 Hungarian revolution?

- A. Sofia
- B. Budapest
- C. Tallinn
- D. Warsaw

43. What first female prime minister shown here was elected in Sri Lanka in 1960?

- A. Khertek Anchimaa-Toka
- B. Vigdis Finnbogadottir
- C. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
- D. Sirimavo Bandaranaike

44. Which of the following was the official religion of this empire centered in Constantinople?

- A. Christianity
- B. Buddhism
- C. Shinto
- D. Tengriism

45. What Memphite Necropolis sculpture shown here was sculpted from limestone?

- A. Luxor Temple
- B. Pompey's Pillar
- C. Great Sphinx of Giza
- D. Pyramid of Djoser

46. "Wait for Me, Daddy" was taken in 1940 as troops gathered in British Columbia to deploy for what conflict?

- A. South African War
- B. World War II
- C. War in Afghanistan
- D. North-West Rebellion

47. "Tank Man" halted four tanks during a 1989 protest in what nation's Tiananmen Square?

- A. Vietnam
- B. Soviet Union
- C. China
- D. Iraq

48. This map depicts a partition that eventually led to the development of all of the following except?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Pakistan
- C. India
- D. Brunei

49. What New 7 Wonders of the World finalist was named a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2007?

- A. Sydney Opera House
- B. Cristo Redentor
- C. Hagia Sophia
- D. Alhambra

50. Theodore Roosevelt oversaw the construction of what waterway in Central America?

- A. Strait of Malacca
- B. Panama Canal
- C. Bering Strait
- D. Corinth Canal

51. Starting in 1899, corporations like Standard Fruit and Chiquita bought land in Honduras to cultivate which of the following?

- A. carrots
- B. corn
- C. bananas
- D. oranges

52. Which of the following bodies was symbolized by the emblem shown here?

- A. Roman senate
- B. House of Burgesses
- C. House of Saud
- D. Pan-African parliament

53. According to legend, kamikaze waves saved what island nation twice from Mongol invaders?

- A. Taiwan
- B. Comoros
- C. Tuvalu
- D. Japan

54. What commander is depicted here crossing the Delaware River during the American Revolution?

- A. Ulysses S. Grant
- B. George Washington
- C. Zachary Taylor
- D. Dwight D. Eisenhower

55. The industrial city of Pripjat was abandoned in April 1986 due to what event?

- A. Lake Nyos gas disaster
- B. Winisk River Flood
- C. Chernobyl nuclear disaster
- D. Napa River Flood

56. The Amazons were the all-female military regiment of what west African kingdom?

- A. Kush
- B. Songhai
- C. Zimbabwe
- D. Dahomey

57. What first emperor of Russia required an annual beard tax for Boyars who would not shave?

- A. Peter I
- B. Boris
- C. Feodor II
- D. Ivan IV

58. Persepolis was the ceremonial capital of what empire founded by Cyrus the Great?

- A. Umayyad dynasty
- B. Achaemenid Empire
- C. Qin Dynasty
- D. Zapotec civilization

59. This 1943 brainstorm by Franklin D. Roosevelt was referenced in the creation of what global intergovernmental organization after World War II?

- A. European Union
- B. Arab League
- C. United Nations
- D. World Bank

60. This building is the meeting place of what legislative body?

- A. National Assembly of Nigeria
- B. Parliament of the United Kingdom
- C. Federal Assembly of Russia
- D. Congress of the Union of Mexico

Tiebreaker

This question will only be scored if there is a tie for placement on the exam. **This is a required question, but there is no penalty for a wrong answer to this question.**

Write your answer legibly in the space provided on your scantron.

How large in acres is the temple complex from question 1?