



History Picture Quiz

7th and 8th 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. Which English queen, pictured here, reigned from 1558 to 1603 and was the daughter of Henry VIII?

- A. Victoria
- B. Elizabeth I
- C. Anne
- D. Charlotte

2. This 16th century engraving shows Hannibal crossing what European mountain range in 218 BCE just before the Battle of Trebia?

- A. Alps
- B. Caucasus
- C. Apennines
- D. Atlas

3. Francisco 'Pancho' Villa was a key figure in the early 20th century revolution in what nation?

- A. Canada
- B. the Philippines
- C. France
- D. Mexico

4. Ulysses Grant, pictured here, led the US Army during which of these major conflicts?

- A. World War II
- B. World War I
- C. the Spanish-American War
- D. the Civil War

5. This image shows Carlos Salinas, George H.W. Bush, and Brian Mulroney standing at the 1992 ceremony where a major trade agreement among which set of nations was signed?

- A. the US, Mexico, and Canada
- B. the US, the UK, and China
- C. the US, France, and Germany
- D. the US, Brazil, and Japan

6. What was the main purpose of the Silk Road?

- A. to spread religion
- B. to invade Europe
- C. to trade goods between Asia and other regions
- D. to mark national borders

7. The colossal statue shown here is most associated with what major religion?

- A. Islam
- B. Buddhism
- C. Hinduism
- D. Christianity

8. Which of the following is shown in this image?

- A. early numbers
- B. a musical score
- C. ancient Egyptian writing
- D. Greek poetry

9. Why is Mesopotamia considered a "Cradle of Civilization"?

- A. It was shaped like a rocking chair
- B. It was where the first universities began
- C. It had some of the first cities and writing in the world
- D. It had the only stone for building in the region

10. What was the main purpose of castles in medieval Europe?

- A. They were vacation homes
- B. They provided protection and defense
- C. They were shopping centers
- D. They were built to honor gods

11. What man, pictured here, led Great Britain through World War II as Prime Minister?

- A. John Major
- B. Anthony Eden
- C. Winston Churchill
- D. Charles III

12. This image shows a 'doctor' who treated victims of a 17th century outbreak of what pandemic?

- A. Covid-19
- B. Bubonic Plague
- C. Measles
- D. Chicken Pox

13. The pyramid seen here, part of the city of Chichen Itza, is a major artifact of what civilization?

- A. Egyptian
- B. Navajo
- C. Roman
- D. Maya

14. Lee Harvey Oswald, seen here in a famous photograph, was charged with assassinating which of these world leaders in 1963?

- A. John F. Kennedy
- B. Nikita Khrushchev
- C. Francisco Franco
- D. Mao Zedong

15. The Treaty of Tordesillas was signed in 1494 to divide discoveries in the 'New World' between Portugal and what other major colonial power?

- A. Sweden
- B. Denmark
- C. Finland
- D. Spain

16. What was the original purpose of the Great Wall of China?

- A. to keep invaders out
- B. to connect cities
- C. to irrigate crops
- D. to serve as a trade route

17. What was the role of samurai like the one seen here in Japanese history?

- A. Religious leaders
- B. Warriors
- C. Artists
- D. Farmers

18. Mansa Musa ruled which powerful African empire in the 13th century CE?

- A. Egypt
- B. Mali
- C. Khmer
- D. Lesotho

19. The mask shown here was found in the tomb of what ancient Egyptian leader?

- A. Cleopatra
- B. Ptolemy
- C. Tutankhamun
- D. Mark Antony

20. This image shows the execution of what French monarch in 1793 during the French Revolution?

- A. Lafayette
- B. Henry VIII
- C. George III
- D. Louis XVI

21. Vladimir Lenin helped lead a revolution in Russia in the 1910s that saw the creation of the Soviet Union under what type of government?

- A. monarchy
- B. democracy
- C. theocracy
- D. communism

22. This drone shot shows the theater of what ancient Roman city that was destroyed in 79 CE by an eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, which is seen in the background?

- A. Pompeii
- B. Londinium
- C. Constantinople
- D. Syracuse

23. This image shows a 1937 disaster in which an airship named for what German military and political leader exploded in New Jersey?

- A. Angela Merkel
- B. Willy Brandt
- C. Boris Yeltsin
- D. Paul von Hindenburg

24. This photograph shows what US president, who led the country through much of the Great Depression and World War II, signing the Social Security Act in 1935?

- A. Lyndon B. Johnson
- B. Franklin D. Roosevelt
- C. James Buchanan
- D. Ronald Reagan

25. Both Justin Trudeau, pictured here, and his father Pierre were Prime Ministers of what nation?

- A. Canada
- B. France
- C. the Netherlands
- D. Belgium

26. his style of art is most closely associated with which of these countries?

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

27. Which leader, shown here, created the largest land empire in history?

- A. Qin Shi Huang
- B. Tokugawa Ieyasu
- C. Genghis Khan
- D. Akbar

28. Why is Nelson Mandela important in African history?
- He led a revolution against French rule
 - He was a British general
 - He fought against apartheid in South Africa
 - He invented a new religion
29. The Suez Canal, shown here, is important for which of these reasons?
- It separates India from China
 - It connects the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea for trade
 - It is used extensively for irrigation
 - It blocks travel by sea
30. This map shows African nations, like Angola and Mozambique, that were formerly colonies of which European power?
- Russia
 - Ireland
 - Poland
 - Portugal
31. This painting shows a famous 1581 incident in which what Russian leader killed his son in a fit of anger?
- Ivan the Terrible
 - Nicholas II
 - Mikhail Gorbachev
 - Mikhail Romanov
32. This illustration shows Holy Roman Emperor Frederick Barbarossa, who drowned in 1190 while taking part in what military campaign?
- the Wars of the Roses
 - the Hundred Years' War
 - the Thirty Years' War
 - the Third Crusade
33. This image has been used by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing since 1929 as the official portrait of what president who appears on the \$20 bill?
- George Washington
 - Andrew Jackson
 - John Adams
 - James Monroe
34. Actress Louise Brooks, seen here, was a fashion icon of what decade in which fashionable young women dressed in the 'flapper' style?
- 1820s
 - 1850s
 - 1920s
 - 1970s
35. In 1854, the US bought the Gadsden Purchase, shown in yellow on the map, from what other nation?
- Russia
 - the UK
 - France
 - Mexico
36. What does this image suggest about the ancient Indus Valley civilization?
- They lived in caves
 - They lacked organization
 - They had advanced city planning
 - They were nomadic
37. This image of Mahatma Gandhi is most closely associated with which of these movements?
- resistance to World War II
 - Indian independence
 - Japanese expansion
 - Chinese Cultural Revolution
38. Which of these normally happened at the Colosseum in ancient times?
- Senate meetings
 - Gladiator battles and public events
 - Religious services
 - University classes
39. During World War I, soldiers often fought each other from what type of fortified position shown here?
- campgrounds
 - caves
 - trenches
 - sniper nests
40. The barrier shown here divided what European city for several decades during the Cold War?
- Paris
 - Warsaw
 - Moscow
 - Berlin
41. This map shows the area of the Louisiana Purchase, which was concluded in 1803 between the US and France under what two leaders?
- John Adams and Louis XVI
 - George Washington and Louis XV
 - Abraham Lincoln and Louis Napoleon
 - Thomas Jefferson and Napoleon
42. This mosaic depicts what Macedonian leader at the 333 BCE Battle of Issus?
- Darius
 - Xerxes
 - Alexander the Great
 - Leonidas
43. This image shows the 'Tom Thumb' in 1831, which is the first of which of these built in the United States?
- harvester
 - railroad locomotive
 - car
 - battleship

44. This image shows a one penny stamp that would have been used by the British to tax which of these in the American colonies in the 1760s?

- A. sugar and molasses under the Sugar Act
- B. tea under the Tea Act
- C. newspapers and other printed material under the Stamp Act
- D. lead and paint under the Townshend Acts

45. During what war did US forces capture the prosthetic leg belonging to General Santa Ana seen here?

- A. the Mexican-American War
- B. the Aroostook War
- C. the French and Indian War
- D. the Pastry War

46. This image shows a 1967 military parade in Red Square, an iconic location in what city?

- A. London
- B. Moscow
- C. Beijing
- D. Paris

47. What does this image show about warfare during the Mughal Empire?

- A. It used no weapons
- B. It was peaceful
- C. It used advanced technology and large armies
- D. Only animals were used

48. This image, from the Bayeux Tapestry, shows a scene from the 1066 conquest of which of these by William the Conqueror?

- A. America
- B. France
- C. Germany
- D. England

49. Wampum belts like this would have been used by Native Americans for which of these?

- A. cooking
- B. warfare
- C. communication and trade
- D. hunting

50. What was the purpose of this document?

- A. to declare independence from Britain
- B. to end slavery
- C. to start World War I
- D. to buy land from France

51. The Parthenon, seen here, was originally a temple dedicated to what Greek deity?

- A. Hera
- B. Zeus
- C. Apollo
- D. Athena

52. This late 1980s campaign poster was used by the Solidarity movement in what Eastern European nation's first democratic elections since World War II?

- A. Poland
- B. Austria
- C. Czechoslovakia
- D. Greece

53. This image shows employees at the Homestead Works, a major factory owned by Andrew Carnegie who was a pioneer in what industry in America?

- A. agriculture
- B. banking
- C. steel
- D. steamboats

54. What famous New York City landmark, completed during the Great Depression, is seen in this image?

- A. the Empire State Building
- B. Central Park
- C. St. Patrick's Cathedral
- D. Columbia University

55. In 1888, Princess Isabel of Brazil signed the Golden Law which did of the following?

- A. declared war on Portugal
- B. declared Brazilian neutrality in World War I
- C. freed all slaves in Brazil
- D. made an agreement with the US to buy Cuba

56. Why is the Ganges River important in Indian culture?

- A. It is used extensively for trade
- B. It is considered sacred in Hinduism
- C. It is the cleanest river in India
- D. It is used only for fishing

57. What sport, seen here, became popular in nations like India and Australia, as well as in the Caribbean, due to British colonization?

- A. cricket
- B. field hockey
- C. baseball
- D. lacrosse

58. Pioneers in the 19th century used wagons like this to do which of the following?

- A. cross the Atlantic to settle in America
- B. to move to the West over routes like the Oregon Trail
- C. as weapons to fight Native Americans
- D. to float crops down the Mississippi River

59. What effect did the cotton gin have on the US economy?

- A. It ended farming
- B. It ended slavery
- C. It increased cotton production and slavery
- D. It ended the Industrial Revolution

60. This photograph illustrates which of these problems during the early 20th century in America?

- A. Child labor during industrialization
- B. School education
- C. Free time for kids
- D. Crime and theft by children

61. The Louvre, seen here with its iconic pyramid that was constructed in the 1980s, is now the largest and most visited of which of these types of structures in the world?

- A. airport
- B. government building
- C. art museum
- D. shopping mall

62. This map shows the greatest territorial extent of what empire ruled by Charlemagne?

- A. Carolingian
- B. Portuguese
- C. Prussian
- D. Viking

63. Tanks like the one seen here were used in combat for the first time in which conflict?

- A. the American Civil War
- B. the Spanish-American War
- C. World War I
- D. the Vietnam War

64. Inmates like Al Capone were held at Alcatraz, a former federal prison located in the bay of what California city?

- A. Los Angeles
- B. San Francisco
- C. Sacramento
- D. Hollywood

65. Which of these was NOT a country led to independence by Simon Bolivar in the early 19th century?

- A. Colombia
- B. Ecuador
- C. Bolivia
- D. Cuba

66. Which of the following does this image represent?

- A. Industrialization in Russia
- B. The spread of democracy in Africa
- C. Religious freedom in the US
- D. Imperialism and colonization in China

67. What was the goal of the women in this protest outside of the White House?

- A. To join the army
- B. To run for president
- C. To gain the right to vote
- D. To stop working

68. This image shows soldiers about to land on the beaches of Normandy in what conflict?

- A. World War I
- B. The Civil War
- C. World War II
- D. The Korean War

69. This image shows the leaders of what two nations at a 1986 summit meeting?

- A. the US and USSR
- B. France and the UK
- C. the UK and Ireland
- D. Egypt and Israel

70. Hydrogen bomb explosions like the one seen here were a feature of which of these parts of the Cold War?

- A. the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan
- B. the arms race
- C. the Vietnam War
- D. the Korean War

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.

According to estimates by modern historians, what was the population of the Roman Empire in 164 CE?