

The Ancient World - Quiz Questions and Answers

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1. Which were the Classical civilizations?
2. State who were the:
 - a. Ancient rulers of Mexico
 - b. The rulers of Peru and Chile before the Spanish conquest
3. Which two rulers of the ancient world abandoned warfare for religious reasons?
4. Who was the first to excavate Troy and Mycenae?
5. When was the Bronze Age, before or after the Iron Age?
6. What is the "land between the two rivers", the Tigris and the Euphrates, which is considered to be the birthplace of civilization?
7. Who united Babylon and issued a legal code?
8. Which prehistoric animal has been preserved in Siberia so well that people have eaten it?
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 - a. Which civilization invented the arch?
 - b. From which ancient alphabet do all the modern European alphabets derive?
10. What is the name of the oldest surviving printed book in China?
11. Which ancient Greeks are remembered for their austere life-styles?
12. What are the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World?
13. Commoners in Ancient Rome were called "Plebeians". What name was given to the Aristocrats?
14. Name two ancient cities in the Indus Valley discovered by excavation.
15. Who were the three great ancient Greek philosophers?
16. Where and what is Stonehenge?
17. Which Roman Emperor had his permanent capital at Byzantium?
18. Who was the founder of Persia?
19. According to Virgil, which Trojan hero founded the Roman nation?
20. What was the name given by foreigners to the Emperor of Japan?

Answers

1. Greek and Roman
2. (a) the Aztecs (b) the Incas
3. Asoka, Emperor of India, and Akhenaton, Pharaohs of Egypt.
4. Schliemann
5. Before the Iron Age.
6. The area settled by the Sumerians was known to the Greeks as Mesopotamia.
7. Hammurabi
8. The Mammoth
9. (a) The Roman (b) The Phoenician alphabet
10. The oldest surviving printed book that can be reliably dated is a Buddhist text, "The Diamond Sutra" made in China in A.D. 868.
11. The Spartans
12.
 1. The Pyramids of Egypt
 2. The Hanging Gardens of Babylon
 3. The Statue of Zeus at Olympia

4. The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus
5. The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus
6. The Colossus of Rhodes
7. The Pharos (Lighthouse) of Alexandria
13. Patrician
14. Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro
15. Socrates, Plato and Aristotle
16. A pre-historic monument associated with the Druids, built on Salisbury, England, between 1800-1400 B.C.
17. Constantine, the Great
18. Cyrus the Great (between 500-400 B.C.)
19. Aeneas
20. The Mikado