

# ANCIENT GREECE TRIVIA QUIZ



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1> Often referred to as the "Father of Geometry," who wrote the famous mathematical work "Elements"?

- a. Socrates
- b. Plato
- c. Euclid
- d. Pythagoras

2> Who was the Greek Goddess of love, pleasure and procreation?

- a. Aphrodite
- b. Demeter
- c. Hymen
- d. Irene

3> Widely considered the founder of trigonometry, which Greek ruler was assassinated in 514?

- a. Draco
- b. Hippias
- c. Hipparchus
- d. Solon

4> Sometimes credited as the first economist, what kind of works were written by Hesiod?

- a. Speeches

- b. Poetry
- c. Romances
- d. Plays

5> Who, from Ancient Greece, is known as the "Father of Medicine"?

- a. Hippocrates
- b. Plato
- c. Pythagoras
- d. Tales

6> One of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, which sculptor sculpted the "Statue of Zeus at Olympia"?

- a. Phidias
- b. Phillippes
- c. Pheidippides
- d. Philos

7> Which Greek figure invented the principle that a body weighed less when immersed in water?

- a. Socrates
- b. Plato
- c. Aristotle
- d. Archimedes

8> Daughter of Zeus, Athena was the Greek Goddess of what?

- a. Wisdom
- b. Love
- c. Marriage
- d. Birth

9> Which of the following was NOT a Greek order of architecture?

- a. Doric
- b. Ionic
- c. Corinthian
- d. Tuscan

10> Reshaping the ancient Greek world, whom did the Greeks fight in the Peloponnesian war?

- a. France
- b. Crete
- c. Sparta
- d. Rome

11> Son of Zeus and Leto, Apollo was the Greek God of what?

- a. Love and Life
- b. Life and Death
- c. Home and Hearth
- d. Music and Poetry

12> Covering a few weeks in the final year of the Trojan War, who wrote "The Iliad"?

- a. Plato
- b. Cicero
- c. Euripides
- d. Homer

13> Who was the Greek equivalent of the Roman God Vesta?

- a. Hephaestus
- b. Hestia
- c. Amphitrite
- d. Eos

14> In what year (BC) were the first Olympic Games held?

- a. 276
- b. 1776
- c. 1276
- d. 776

15> Plato was a pupil of which other leading Greek figure?

- a. Socrates
- b. Aristotle
- c. Thespis
- d. Aeschylus

16> Often identified as the "Father of Tragedy," which Greek playwright wrote the "Oresteia" trilogy?

- a. Thespis
- b. Euripides
- c. Sophocles
- d. Aeschylus

17> Who is often recorded as the founder of Greek Philosophy?

- a. Plato
- b. Aristotle
- c. Pythagoras
- d. Thales

18> What is the Ancient Greek legal term used to describe the city and surrounding area?

- a. Polis

- b. Trollies
- c. Collis
- d. Mollies

19> What was the name of the first Greek civilization?

- a. Achaeans
- b. Tuscans
- c. Mycenaean
- d. Dorian's

20> Who was the Greek God of Witchcraft and magic?

- a. Pan
- b. Hebe
- c. Ea
- d. Hecate

## Answers:

- 1> Euclid - Very few details are known about Euclid's life including when he was born, or when he died.
- 2> Aphrodite - Aphrodite's Roman equivalent is the goddess Venus.
- 3> Hipparchus - Hipparchus was probably the first person to develop a reliable method to predict solar eclipses.
- 4> Poetry - Hesiod was active between 750 and 650 BC.
- 5> Hippocrates - Still used today, Hippocrates is credited with coining the Hippocratic Oath.
- 6> Phidias - The Statue of Zeus at Olympia was a giant seated figure that stood about 42 ft tall.
- 7> Archimedes - Archimedes was killed by a Roman soldier during the Siege of Syracuse.
- 8> Wisdom - Athena's Roman equivalent is Minerva.
- 9> Tuscan - Tuscan is a primitive Italic architectural form.
- 10> Sparta - The Peloponnesian War marked an end to the golden age of Greece.
- 11> Music and Poetry - Apollo had a twin sister named Artemis.
- 12> Homer - The Iliad contains 15,693 lines.
- 13> Hestia - Hestia was a virgin goddess of the hearth and architecture.
- 14> 776 - The Ancient Olympic Games were held every four years in Olympia, Greece.
- 15> Socrates - Plato is credited with creating the first institution of higher learning in the Western world.
- 16> Aeschylus - Oresteia is a trilogy of Greek tragedies.
- 17> Thales - Thales is also been heralded as the first true mathematician.
- 18> Polis - Polis literally means city in Greek.
- 19> Mycenaean - The Mycenaean civilization expired with the collapse of the Bronze-Age civilization in the eastern Mediterranean.
- 20> Hecate - Hecate is most often shown holding two torches or a key.

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