

European History Quiz

1. According to Machiavelli, what should be the primary focus of study for a prince?
 - a) Philosophy
 - b) Warfare
 - c) Economics
 - d) Architecture

2. Why does Machiavelli warn against excessive liberality?
 - a) It leads to poverty
 - b) It causes hatred
 - c) It invites foreign invasion
 - d) Both A and B

3. What controversial advice does Machiavelli give regarding morality?
 - a) A prince should always adhere to Christian ethics
 - b) A prince should do good deeds whenever possible
 - c) A prince must be willing to act immorally when necessary
 - d) A prince should avoid any question of morality in decisions

4. According to Machiavelli, reputation for which trait can help a prince maintain power?
 - a) Compassion
 - b) Generosity
 - c) Piety
 - d) Stinginess

5. What is Machiavelli's view regarding a prince undertaking conquests?
 - a) Conquest should be avoided due to the suffering it causes
 - b) Conquest is justified to gain wealth and power
 - c) Conquests should only target enemies of the faith
 - d) Conquest should avoid harming civilians

6. What event is considered the start of the Protestant Reformation?
 - a) Luther's excommunication
 - b) Luther's refusal to recant at the Diet of Worms
 - c) Luther's translation of the Bible into German
 - d) Luther's publication of the 95 Theses

7. What practice of the Catholic Church was Luther protesting against in the 95 Theses?

- a) Clerical marriage
- b) Indulgences
- c) Mass in Latin
- d) Papal infallibility

8. Why did Luther translate the Bible and Mass into German?

- a) To weaken the Church's authority
- b) To make them more accessible to the laity
- c) To spread his theological beliefs
- d) All of the above

9. What historic European conflict did the Treaty of Westphalia officially end in 1648?

- a) The Hundred Years' War
- b) The Thirty Years' War
- c) The Seven Years' War
- d) The Napoleonic Wars

10. Which principle of Cardinal Mazarin's economic plan aimed to help rebuild German states following the Thirty Years' War?

- a) Establishing a common currency
- b) Developing trade routes along major rivers
- c) Imposing tariffs on foreign imports
- d) Privatizing state-owned industries

11. Jean-Baptiste Colbert created which French national institution to promote scientific advancement?

- a) The Ministry of Finance
- b) The Royal Academy of Sciences
- c) The Bank of France
- d) The Council of State

12. Which core idea of the Treaty of Westphalia promoted peaceful coexistence between European nation-states?

- a) Territorial expansion
- b) Military alliance
- c) Forgiving past hostility
- d) Religious conformity

