

European History Quiz - Answer Key

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

