

WU3A Classical History Christmas Quiz

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- ▶ No guaranteed archaeological date

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Rome's enemy in the Punic Wars?

- ▶ Carthage

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- ▶ Blame Pliny the Elder for this!

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- ▶ Shakespeare: Et tu, Brute? (no evidence for this)

Region of Greece which contained the city of Athens?

- ▶ Attica

Whose face is said to have launched a thousand ships?

- ▶ Helen of Troy

Who wrote the Natural History (Naturalis Historia)?

- ▶ Pliny the Elder

How many labours did Hercules have?

- ▶ Twelve

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- ▶ Well done if you can name them all!

Who should you beware of bearing gifts?

- ▶ Greeks

At what age did Alexander the Great die?

▶ 32

Cicero's full name?

- ▶ Marcus Tullius Cicero

Members of the first triumvirate?

- ▶ Pompey

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- ▶ Lepidus

What was the tetrarchy?

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- ▶ Roman Empire split into East/West, each with an Augustus + Caesar

Two walls marked the boundary of Roman Britain?

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- ▶ Antonine Wall

Other name for the Eastern Roman Empire?

- ▶ Byzantine Empire

Where in Greece would you find the most famous Oracle?

- ▶ Delphi

What did the Romans call France and Spain?

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- ▶ Iberia (Spain)

Who was the king of the Greek gods?

▶ Zeus

Which general crossed the Alps with elephants?

- ▶ Hannibal

How many hills were in Rome?

- ▶ Seven

Which emperor 'fiddled while Rome burned'?

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- ▶ Most likely propaganda from later authors (Suetonius, Cassius Dio)

Who gave Pompey the title 'The Great'?

- ▶ Sulla

Who composed the Iliad and Odyssey?

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- ▶ Multiple authors (argued)

Who wrote a series of Parallel Lives?

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Which Thracian gladiator led a revolt against Rome?

- ▶ Spartacus