

The Story of the World
TEST BOOK AND ANSWER KEY

Volume 1: Ancient Times



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These Tests and their accompanying Answer Key are designed to go along with Volume 1 of Susan Wise Bauer's *The Story of the World: History for the Classical Child*. These tests are designed for those teachers and parents who want to evaluate their students' understanding of the major ideas and dates found within the *Story of the World* text. After your student reads each chapter of the book, he should be given time to review the reading before taking that chapter's test. If you are using the *Story of the World Volume 1 Activity Book*, you should go through the chapter's Review Questions, Narration Exercises, Map Activities, and other complementary projects and readings. These will reinforce and expand your student's knowledge of the material. For more information on the *Volume 1 Activity Book*, please visit www.welltrainedmind.com. We recommend reading one chapter of the text each week and taking the appropriate test at the end of the week.

Although *The Story of the World* is intended for students between grades 1 and 6, we recommend that these tests be used with students in grade 3 and up. They can be used with younger students, but you might find that the Review Questions in the Activity Book are sufficient for evaluating your student's comprehension. For more ideas, support, and suggestions, visit the *Well-Trained Mind* message boards, at www.welltrainedmind.com/forums.

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Chapter 2 Test: Egyptians Lived on the Nile River

A. Fill in the blanks.

1. The Nile River is on the continent of _____.
2. Every year the Nile River would _____.
3. The people who lived in the Nile delta were called the _____.
4. The people who lived along the straight part of the Nile River were called the _____.
5. The king of Egypt became known as the _____.

B. Multiple Choice. Circle the letter of the best choice.

6. What is the Nile Delta?
 - a. the area at the top of the river where it splits into several different little rivers
 - b. the name of the mountain range near the Nile River
 - c. the part of the river that dried up each year
7. Why did the Egyptian farmers like to see the river flood?
 - a. It would give them more drinking water.
 - b. It would make the air cooler.
 - c. It would bring up rich dirt that was good for the plants.
 - d. It would make it easier to fish.
8. How many tribes lived along the Nile during Egypt's early history?
 - a. one
 - b. two
 - c. three
 - d. four

9. When the Egyptians were united, what did the king wear to show that he ruled the entire country?
- a. a red crown
 - b. a shepherd's crook
 - c. a double crown with a white spike at the center and a red band on the outside
 - d. a gold crown
10. According to one Egyptian myth, Set tricked his brother, Osiris, into lying down in a _____.
- a. river
 - b. field
 - c. bed
 - d. coffin
11. What happened to Osiris after he lay down?
- a. Set threw him into the river.
 - b. Ra helped him climb out.
 - c. He was buried.
 - d. He cried until he had no tears left.
12. What happened after Osiris came back to life?
- a. Isis wrapped him in linen so that he became the first mummy.
 - b. The Nile filled back up and overflowed.
 - c. Set built a beautiful coffin for him.
 - d. The Nile wept over his death and ran dry.

C. True or False. Write the word "true" or "false."

- _____ 13. When the White Crown King and the Red Crown King fought for control of Egypt, the White Crown King won.
- _____ 14. The Egyptians worshipped many gods.
- _____ 15. Osiris was the god of the sun and the chief god.
- _____ 16. The Egyptian pharaoh was worshipped as a god.
- _____ 17. Egyptian farmers would build their houses very close to the river.
- _____ 18. Egyptian stories about the gods often tried to explain why the Nile overflowed each year.

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Chapter 41 Test: The Attacking Barbarians

A. Fill in the blanks.

1. The Huns were a group of barbarians from Central Asia who attacked Rome on strong, fast _____.
2. _____ was a brave Roman fighter whose father was a barbarian.
3. The _____ were a group of barbarians who destroyed the city of Rome.

B. Multiple Choice. Circle the letter of the best choice.

4. The leader of the Huns was _____.
 - a. Honoria
 - b. Attila
 - c. Alaric
 - d. Stilicho
5. The Roman emperor's sister sent a letter to the leader of the Huns offering to _____.
 - a. surrender to him
 - b. give him thousands of pounds of gold
 - c. introduce him to her brother
 - d. marry him
6. Why did the Huns leave Italy after a successful invasion?
 - a. The emperor paid them a large amount of money.
 - b. The emperor gave their leader his sister in marriage.
 - c. The Roman army drove them back out.
 - d. The did not like living in Rome.
7. What happened to the Huns' leader before he could marry the emperor's sister?
 - a. A Roman soldier killed him.
 - b. His own men killed him.
 - c. He died of a nosebleed.
 - d. Another group of barbarians captured him.

8. How did Stilicho get the Visigoths to leave Rome?
- a. He gave them four thousand pounds of gold.
 - b. He defeated them after many battles.
 - c. He married the daughter of their leader.
 - d. He killed their leader.
9. When the emperor heard that the Visigoths were again planning to invade Rome, he _____.
- a. killed himself
 - b. gathered together a small army to defend the city
 - c. fled to a small city in the middle of a swamp
 - d. sent them a letter begging them to leave.
10. Why didn't the Eastern Roman Empire send help?
- a. They did not like the Western Roman Empire.
 - b. The emperor was afraid that the barbarians would attack his own city.
 - c. They had become allies with the Visigoths.
 - d. They did send help, but it arrived too late.
11. When the Visigoths invaded the city of Rome, they _____.
- a. ripped down golden statues and stole coins and jewelry
 - b. took the people of Rome as hostages
 - c. destroyed Rome's churches
 - d. did not harm anything in the city

C. True or False. Write the word "true" or "false."

- _____ 12. The Huns taught their babies to ride horseback even before they could walk.
- _____ 13. The Huns built a huge monument over the grave of their great leader.
- _____ 14. Some barbarians grew to like the Roman way of life and sometimes switched sides.
- _____ 15. Many Romans felt bad after they executed Stilicho.
- _____ 16. When the Eastern Roman Empire heard that Rome had been invaded, they rejoiced.

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ANSWER KEY

Chapter 1 Test

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|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1. nomad | 2. tents | 3. caves | 4. the Fertile Crescent | 5. canals |
| 6. b | 7. c | 8. d | 9. a | 10. c |
| 11. b | 12. b | 13. true | 14. false | 15. true |
| 16. false | 17. false | 18. true | | |

Chapter 2 Test

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|-----------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 1. Africa | 2. flood | 3. Lower Egyptians | 4. Upper Egyptians | 5. pharaoh |
| 6. a | 7. c | 8. b | 9. c | 10. d |
| 11. a | 12. b | 13. true | 14. true | 15. false |
| 16. true | 17. false | 18. true | | |

Chapter 3 Test

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|--------------|------------------|----------|---------------|----------|
| 1. Egyptians | 2. hieroglyphics | 3. Sumer | 4. cuneiforms | 5. a |
| 6. c | 7. b | 8. d | 9. a | 10. c |
| 11. false | 12. false | 13. true | 14. true | 15. true |

Chapter 4 Test

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|------------|------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| 1. mummies | 2. priests | 3. heart | 4. three | 5. pyramids |
| 6. b | 7. a | 8. d | 9. b | 10. a |
| 11. b | 12. true | 13. true | 14. true | 15. false |
| 16. false | | | | |

Chapter 5 Test

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|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| 1. Mesopotamia | 2. Sumerians | 3. city-states | 4. Sargon | 5. Kish |
| 6. d | 7. b | 8. a | 9. c | 10. c |
| 11. true | 12. true | 13. false | 14. false | 15. true |

Chapter 6 Test

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|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 1. Ur | 2. Genesis | 3. Canaan | 4. twelve | 5. Egypt |
| 6. a | 7. c | 8. d | 9. a | 10. b |
| 11. d | 12. c | 13. true | 14. false | 15. true |
| 16. true | 17. false | 18. false | | |

Chapter 7 Test

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|--------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1. Babylonia | 2. The Code of Hammurabi | 3. one year | 4. twelve |
| 5. a | 6. d | 7. c | 8. d |
| 10. b | 11. true | 12. false | 13. true |
| 15. false | | | 14. true |