

The Story of the World
TEST BOOK AND ANSWER KEY

Volume 2: The Middle Ages



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Chapter 1 Test: The Glory That Was Rome

A. Fill in the blanks.

1. _____ was the most important city in the Roman Empire.
2. The _____ meant that all parts of the Roman Empire had to obey Roman laws.
3. The _____ lived in Britain and rebelled against the Romans.
4. The Romans called the wandering tribes who invaded them _____ because they didn't live like the Romans lived.
5. The emperor _____ decided to divide the Roman Empire into two parts so that it would be easier to rule and to protect.

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

6. The center of the Roman Empire was located near the _____ Sea.
 - a. Mediterranean
 - b. Caspian
 - c. North
 - d. Caribbean
7. Which countries were part of the Roman Empire?
 - a. Britain, Spain, Greece, and China
 - b. Gaul, Spain, Africa, and India
 - c. Spain, Russia, Greece, and Egypt
 - d. Gaul, Britain, Spain, and Egypt
8. What would you definitely not see if you visited the Coliseum?
 - a. gladiator fights
 - b. musical plays
 - c. chariot races
 - d. fights between soldiers and wild animals

9. What was one major problem in the Roman Empire?
- a. There were no good roads so it was hard to travel.
 - b. There was not enough land for all of the people.
 - c. The Empire was so large that the army couldn't protect its borders.
 - d. There were no large cities or ports where ships could trade their goods.
10. After the Roman Empire was divided into two parts, what happened to the Western Roman Empire?
- a. It became stronger and well-protected.
 - b. It lasted for 500 more years.
 - c. It was destroyed and all of its treasures were taken.
 - d. It was soon divided into 3 smaller parts.
11. Which of these tribes did not invade Rome?
- a. the Huns
 - b. the Aryans
 - c. the Visigoths
 - d. the Vandals

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

- _____ 12. The Roman Empire was ruled by an emperor.
- _____ 13. Traveling on roads in the Roman Empire was often dangerous because of bandits and robbers.
- _____ 14. The people who invaded Rome lived in houses and always cooked their food.
- _____ 15. Most of the men who ruled Rome were strong leaders who made wise decisions.

D. Answer the following question using complete sentences.

16. Describe what you might see if you visited the ancient city of Rome.

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Chapter 2 Test: The Early Days of Britain

A. Fill in the blanks.

1. The Celts had specially trained singers called _____ who told stories about chieftains and battle heroes of long ago.
2. One of the Celts' stories told of the warrior, _____, who with his three companions defeated a giant named Giant Fovor of the Mighty Blows.
3. _____ was a Celtic king who asked two barbarian tribes to come help him fight his enemies.
4. The Anglo-Saxons told a story about a great warrior named _____.

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

5. The Celts finally drove the last Roman soldiers out of their country when _____.
 - a. the Eastern Roman Empire fell
 - b. the Western Roman Empire fell
 - c. the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain
 - d. the Anglo-Saxons left Britain
6. The Celts praised men who were _____.
 - a. kind and compassionate
 - b. strong and courageous fighters
 - c. intelligent and wise
 - d. funny and entertaining
7. Celtic storytellers would memorize their stories because _____.
 - a. they didn't write anything down
 - b. they didn't want to carry books with them
 - c. they wanted to show off the large amount of material they could memorize
 - d. they didn't want the Romans to find copies of their stories

8. What were the names of the two tribes who came to help one Celtic king fight his enemies?
 - a. the Celts and the Scots
 - b. the Scots and the Angles
 - c. the Saxons and the Welsh
 - d. the Angles and the Saxons
9. Why did these two tribes first agree to come and fight?
 - a. The king promised to pay them in gold.
 - b. They wanted to live with their relatives who were already there.
 - c. The king promised to give them land in Britain on which to live.
 - d. They had heard stories about how nice the Celts were.
10. What happened after these two tribes helped the king fight his enemies?
 - a. They went back to their own land.
 - b. They stayed and settled down and invited their friends to come as well.
 - c. They killed the king and stole his land.
 - d. They joined with the Romans to defeat the Celts.
11. Where did these two tribes settle?
 - a. England
 - b. Scotland
 - c. Wales
 - d. Ireland
12. What happened to the Celts?
 - a. They were destroyed by the Romans.
 - b. They were destroyed by the two tribes.
 - c. They moved to Scotland, Ireland, and Wales.
 - d. They drove the two tribes out so that they could have Britain for themselves.

C. True or False. Write “true” or “false.”

- _____ 13. The Romans eventually conquered all of Britain.
- _____ 14. The Celts who lived in Britain all belonged to the same kingdom.
- _____ 15. The two new tribes in Britain came from across the North Sea.
- _____ 16. The people of Britain did not keep written records.

D. Answer the following question using complete sentences.

17. Why is this time in England known as the Dark Ages?

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ANSWER KEY

Chapter 1 Test

1. Rome
2. Pax Romana
3. Celts
4. barbarians
5. Diocletian
6. a
7. d
8. b
9. c
10. c
11. b
12. true
13. false
14. false
15. false
16. If you visited ancient Rome, you might see people wearing togas walking along paved streets. You would see the Coliseum where gladiators fight and chariot races take place, and you might see marble columns with the statues of great Roman generals and emperors on top of them.

Chapter 2 Test

1. bards
2. Craith
3. Vortigern
4. Beowulf
5. b
6. b
7. a
8. d
9. c
10. b
11. a
12. c
13. false
14. false
15. true
16. true
17. This time period in England is known as the Dark Ages because the Angles and the Saxons didn't write down any history or records so we know very little about them.

Chapter 3 Test

1. pope
2. Augustine
3. Ethelbert
4. monasteries
5. a
6. c
7. a
8. d
9. b
10. a
11. b
12. b
13. true
14. true
15. false
16. false
17. true
18. false
19. Books were expensive during the Middle Ages because they were copied by hand and took months to make.

Chapter 4 Test

1. Constantinople
2. Byzantine Empire
3. Eastern Orthodox
4. patriarchs
5. a
6. d
7. b
8. c
9. c
10. a
11. d
12. b
13. false
14. true
15. true
16. false
17. true
18. Some of the laws from the Code of Justinian were everyone could go to the beach or the river; if you found treasure washed up by the river, you could keep it; you could own slaves; thieves must repay the owner of the stolen object; you must warn people below if you are trimming a tree near a road; preachers must be loud enough for everyone to hear.

Chapter 5 Test

1. c
2. d
3. b
4. e
5. a
6. b
7. d
8. a
9. d
10. d
11. a
12. b
13. c
14. false
15. true
16. false
17. true
18. The monks in India decorated their palaces by carving sculptures out of stone and painting frescoes on the walls.