

# AMERICAN HISTORY TRIVIA QUESTIONS II



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1> What president was fond of quoting the Russian proverb "Doveray, no proveryay," meaning "Trust, but verify"?

- a. Bill Clinton
- b. Ronald Reagan
- c. Franklin Roosevelt
- d. Richard Nixon

2> What state booted Sam Houston from the governor's office when he refused to swear allegiance to the Confederacy?

- a. Texas
- b. Louisiana
- c. Florida
- d. Kansas

3> Oliver was the hero of the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812. His brother Matthew opened Japan to trade in 1854. What was their last name?

- a. Dewey
- b. Perry
- c. Farragut
- d. Nimitz

4> What war was a military training ground for a bevy of Civil War leaders, including Ulysses Grant, William Sherman, George McClellan, George Meade, Robert E Lee, Stonewall Jackson and Jefferson Davis?

- a. Spanish-American War
- b. Mexican War
- c. War of 1812
- d. World War I

5> While rampaging through Washington, what country burned down the US Capitol and the White House and forced the US president to flee for the countryside?

- a. France
- b. Mexico
- c. Great Britain
- d. Russia

6> Lee Harvey Oswald probably killed two people on November 22, 1963. One was JFK. The other was JD Tippit. Who was Tippit?

- a. His neighbor
- b. A police officer
- c. A movie theater usher
- d. A nightclub owner

7> In 1958, what future president said, "I am a free man, an American, a United States Senator, and a Democrat, in that order"?

- a. Lyndon Johnson
- b. John Kennedy
- c. Jimmy Carter
- d. Bill Clinton

8> In 1960, I became the first person outside the Ford family to become that company's president. Five weeks later, I became JFK's secretary of defense. Who am I?

- a. Robert McNamara
- b. Sargent Shriver
- c. Dean Rusk
- d. John Foster Dulles

9> In-mut-too-yah-lat-lat means "thunder coming up from the water over the land". How do we know this Nez Perce chief?

- a. Chief Joseph
- b. Geronimo
- c. Sitting Bill

d. Crazy Hors

10> I made Thomas Eagleton my vice-presidential running mate, but dumped him when it came out that he'd been hospitalized three times for depression and had undergone electroshock therapy. Sergeant Shriver and I were massacred at the polls anyway. Who am I?

- a. Bob Dole
- b. George McGovern
- c. Walter Mondale
- d. Barry Goldwater

11> Born in Orange, Ohio, who was the last president born in a log cabin?

- a. Andrew Jackson
- b. James Garfield
- c. Ulysses Grant
- d. Abraham Lincoln

12> Which future president beat Tecumseh's Indian confederacy in Indiana at the Battle of Tippecanoe?

- a. William Henry Harrison
- b. Zachary Taylor
- c. John Tyler
- d. Andrew Jackson

13> What was Rutherford B Hayes's middle name?

- a. Bysshe
- b. Birchard
- c. Blount
- d. Brownell

14> Called "Queen Victoria in breeches" for his puritan ways, which president had a teetotaling wife known as Lemonade Lucy, who happened to introduce the White House Easter egg roll?

- a. Franklin Pierce
- b. Jimmy Carter
- c. Rutherford Hayes

d. Andrew Johnson

15> Surprisingly, on what day in July 1776 did the Continental Congress actually declare independence?

- a. On July 16
- b. On July 11
- c. On July 2
- d. On July 31

## Answers:

- 1> Ronald Reagan - Reagan died of pneumonia, reported to be brought on by Alzheimer's disease on June 5, 2004.
- 2> Texas - Sam Houston had a leading role in bringing Texas into the United States.
- 3> Perry - Oliver earned the title 'Hero of Lake Erie' for leading American forces in a decisive naval victory at the Battle of Lake Erie.
- 4> Mexican War - The Mexican War was an armed conflict between the United States of America and Mexico from 1846 to 1848.
- 5> Great Britain - After defeating the Americans at the Battle of Bladensburg, a British force occupied Washington, D.C. and set fire to many public buildings.
- 6> A police officer - According to numerous government investigations, Oswald is the sniper who assassinated John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963.
- 7> Lyndon Johnson - Lyndon Johnson was the 36th President of the United States from 1963 to 1969.
- 8> Robert McNamara - McNamara is the longest serving Secretary of Defense, serving from 1961 to 1968.
- 9> Chief Joseph - A 1870s war shirt that belonged to Chief Joseph recently sold for \$877,500.
- 10> George McGovern - George was a Democratic Party presidential nominee in the 1972 presidential election.
- 11> James Garfield - Garfield's presidency lasted just 200 days from March 4, 1881, until September 19, 1881 when he was assassinated.
- 12> William Henry Harrison - As a general, Harrison's most notable contribution was a victory at the Battle of the Thames in 1813.
- 13> Birchard - During the Civil War, Hayes joined the Union Army. Wounded five times, he earned a reputation for bravery in combat.
- 14> Rutherford Hayes - Hayes was the 19th President of the United States from 1877 to 1881.
- 15> On July 2 - During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776.