

AMERICAN HISTORY TRIVIA QUESTIONS III



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1> In his acceptance speech as the Democratic presidential nominee, who said, "We stand at the edge of a New Frontier ... the frontier of unfulfilled hopes and dreams"?

- a. George McGovern
- b. Lyndon Johnson
- c. John Kennedy
- d. Jimmy Carter

2> In 1968, a president's grandson married another president's daughter. Who were the two presidents?

- a. Eisenhower and Nixon
- b. Truman and Kennedy
- c. Johnson and Kennedy
- d. Roosevelt and Truman

3> What embarrassing details were in the Pentagon Papers that Rand Corporation analyst Daniel Ellsberg leaked to the New York Times?

- a. Information about 9/11
- b. Nixon's links to Watergate
- c. A history of US lies about Vietnam
- d. American plans for assassinating Castro

4> What president used his farewell address to warn America of "unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex"?

- a. Franklin Roosevelt
- b. Dwight Eisenhower
- c. Woodrow Wilson
- d. George Washington

5> Hanged in New York City by the British as a spy, whose last words were probably, "It is the duty of every good officer to obey any order given him by his commander-in-chief," not "I regret that I have but one life to give for my country"?

- a. Ethan Allan
- b. Nathan Hale
- c. Thomas Paine
- d. Patrick Henry

6> What US war ended with a treaty signed in Ghent, Belgium, that pretty much left everything exactly as it had been before the war began?

- a. World War I
- b. War of 1812
- c. World War II
- d. Vietnam War

7> Found opposite his bust on the nickel, what was the name of the 35-room house that Thomas Jefferson designed for himself?

- a. Mount Vernon
- b. Hermitage
- c. Monticello
- d. Hyde Park

8> In 1948, "Landslide Lyndon" Johnson won a Senate race in what state by a mere 87 votes, most of which he probably stole?

- a. Arkansas
- b. Texas
- c. Florida
- d. Georgia

9> In accepting his party's 1964 presidential nomination, who said, "Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice" and "Moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue"?

- a. Barry Goldwater
- b. Bob Dole

- c. Ronald Reagan
- d. Richard Nixon

10> Vowing to "end to poverty and racial injustice," Lyndon Johnson launched an expansive liberal agenda. What was that agenda called?

- a. Great Society
- b. New Deal
- c. New Frontier
- d. Square Deal

11> What future president won a medal for his "courage, endurance and excellent leadership" after PT 109 was sunk by the Amigiri, a Japanese destroyer in the Solomon Islands?

- a. John Kennedy
- b. Lyndon Johnson
- c. George HW Bush
- d. Jimmy Carter

12> John Connally, who was riding with JFK when he was killed, was also shot in the back. Who was he at the time?

- a. A security guard
- b. The governor of Texas
- c. The driver
- d. The mayor of Dallas

13> Elected in Illinois, what future US ambassador was the first black woman elected to the Senate?

- a. Carol Moseley-Braun
- b. Shirley Chisholm
- c. Barbara Jordan
- d. Maxine Waters

14> Treasure hunters like digging up Gardiners Island, at the eastern end of Long Island, looking for which pirate's treasure?

- a. Long John Silver
- b. Blackbeard

- c. Captain Kidd
- d. Captain Hook

15> Who crushed Barry Goldwater and set a record by winning 61 percent of the votes cast in a presidential election?

- a. Lyndon Johnson
- b. John Kennedy
- c. Richard Nixon
- d. Jimmy Carter

Answers:

- 1> John Kennedy - John Kennedy graduated from Harvard College with a Bachelors of Science in 1940.
- 2> Eisenhower and Nixon - Julie Nixon married David Eisenhower in 1968.
- 3> A history of US lies about Vietnam - Daniel was awarded the Right Livelihood Award in 2006.
- 4> Dwight Eisenhower - Dwight was a five-star general in the United States Army during World War II.
- 5> Nathan Hale - Nathan Hale appeared on US postage stamps issued from 1925 and 1929.
- 6> War of 1812 - The War of 1812 was a 32-month military conflict between the United States and the British Empire fought between June 18, 1812 and February 18, 1815.
- 7> Monticello - Monticello is located just outside Charlottesville, Virginia in the Piedmont region.
- 8> Texas - Johnson was the 36th President of the United States from 1963 to 1969.
- 9> Barry Goldwater - Goldwater was a five-term United States Senator from Arizona.
- 10> Great Society - Thanks, in part, to the program federal Aid to the poor rose from \$9.9 billion in 1960 to \$30 billion in 1968.
- 11> John Kennedy - Kennedy was a commander of the Motor Torpedo Boats PT-109 and PT-59 during World War II.
- 12> The governor of Texas - Connally questioned the single bullet theory of the assassination for the remainder of his life.
- 13> Carol Moseley-Braun - Moseley Braun was investigated by Federal Elections Commission investigation over \$249,000 in unaccounted-for campaign funds in 1993.
- 14> Captain Kidd - William Kidd buried treasure on the island in June 1699.
- 15> Lyndon Johnson - During his presidency, Johnson issued 1187 pardons and commutations.