

HISTORY TRIVIA QUESTIONS XVI



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1> In 1610, what explorer was marooned by his crew in a bay that now bears his name?

- a. Bobby Joe Biscayne
- b. Martin Frobisher
- c. Henry Hudson
- d. Vitus Bering

2> Once best known for protesting tea prices, what Founding Father had a beer brewery that folded in 1764?

- a. Sam Adams
- b. Paul Revere
- c. Patrick Henry
- d. Adolph Coors

3> Although Hammurabi founded Babylonia, he is best known for something he supposedly received in the 18th century BC from the sun-god Shamash. What is it?

- a. The secret of fire
- b. A code of laws
- c. Pandora's Box
- d. The Ten Commandments

4> In the capital of Ashgabat, a 12-meter statue of Saparmurat Niyazov, aka Turmenbashi, was built to rotate to constantly face the sun. What country was this?

- a. Latvia
- b. Turkmenistan
- c. Lithuania

d. Estonia

5> In Laramie, there is a sculpture of Louisa Swain, the first woman to vote in the first state to give women the vote. What state was this?

- a. Wyoming
- b. Montana
- c. Idaho
- d. Iowa

6> Deposed for good in 1955, Bao Dai was which country's last emperor?

- a. China
- b. Japan
- c. Vietnam
- d. Thailand

7> Katharine Gun, an English-Mandarin translator for British intelligence, blew the whistle on an illegal US plan to do something. What?

- a. Falsify records of WMD production in Iraq
- b. Bug the UN offices of six swing-vote nations on the UN Security Council
- c. Plant false stories about Iraq in the world media
- d. Jam the frequencies used by Al-Jazeera

8> In 1986, nuclear technician Mordechai Vanunu converted to Christianity and told the world about which country's secret nuclear program?

- a. Pakistan
- b. India
- c. Israel
- d. Iraq

9> The Philippines was named for Philip, who was king of what country in the 1500s?

- a. Spain
- b. France
- c. Naples
- d. Persia

10> Gregor Strasser was a socialist rather than a nationalist. Who arranged for Strasser to be killed in 1934, as part of the Night of the Long Knives?

- a. Josef Stalin
- b. Francisco Franco
- c. Adolf Hitler
- d. Harry Potter

11> In 1942, several of my companies were seized by federal government under the Trading with the Enemy Act. Even though I had dealings with Nazis, my grandson still became president. Who am I?

- a. Joe Kennedy
- b. Prescott Bush
- c. Walker Bush
- d. John Kennedy, Sr.

12> On October 21, 1805, Horatio Nelson destroyed a French fleet off Cape Trafalgar. Where is this cape?

- a. France
- b. Spain
- c. Wales
- d. Italy

13> This future president played center at the University of Michigan, where he was named MVP. After graduating in 1935, he turned down the Detroit Lions and the Green Bay Packers to study law at Yale. Who?

- a. Dwight Eisenhower
- b. George HW Bush
- c. Gerald Ford
- d. John F Kennedy

14> Named for the Fianna, a band of Irish warriors of the 2nd and 3rd centuries, the Fenians were trying to free what country in the 19th century?

- a. Texas
- b. California
- c. Ireland
- d. Scotland

15> Which country's 1701 Act of Settlement restricts the monarchy to the "Protestant heirs" of the Electress Sophia of Hanover?

- a. Netherlands
- b. Great Britain
- c. Sweden
- d. Belgium

16> In 1822, Sir Walter Scott organized this monarch's visit to Scotland, the first such visit since 1650, and in the process rekindled interest in tartan kilts. Who was the monarch?

- a. Edward VII
- b. Victoria
- c. George IV
- d. William IV

17> After Pius VII had me excommunicated in 1809, I had him arrested. Who am I?

- a. Augustus
- b. Machiavelli
- c. Napoleon
- d. Mussolini

18> Fred Grandy was elected to Congress in 1986 as an Iowa Republican. What did he do from 1977 to 1986?

- a. Played Gopher on "The Love Boat"
- b. Served time in Folsom Prison
- c. Was governor of Wisconsin
- d. Ran a shrimp farm

19> After an April 19, 1861 riot in this state's largest city, the Union declared martial law and arrested the state's pro-Confederacy governor and legislature. What state is this?

- a. Tennessee
- b. Kentucky
- c. Maryland

d. Missouri

20> Napoleon I, Tsar Alexander I of Russia and Emperor Francis II of the Holy Roman Empire personally led troops in the Battle of the Three Emperors at Austerlitz, now called Slavkov in what present-day European country?

- a. Czech Republic
- b. Slovakia
- c. Poland
- d. Austria

21> On September 2, 1945, this man declared his country's independence, while standing beside US spies and while flying an American flag. Who was he?

- a. Shah of Iran
- b. Ferdinand Marcos
- c. Ho Chi Minh
- d. PW Botha

Answers:

- 1> Henry Hudson - In 1609, Hudson was commissioned by the Dutch East India Company to find an easterly passage to Asia.
- 2> Sam Adams - Sam had a leading role in the events that led up to the famous Boston Tea Party of December 16, 1773.
- 3> A code of laws - Hammurabi was the sixth king of Babylon from 1792 BC to 1750 BC.
- 4> Turkmenistan - Turkmenistan is a Turkic state in Central Asia.
- 5> Wyoming - She was 69 years old at the time.
- 6> Vietnam - He was ousted in a fraudulent referendum vote.
- 7> Bug the UN offices of six swing-vote nations on the UN Security Council - On 13 November 2003, Gun was charged only later to have the charges dropped.
- 8> Israel - Vanunu received an eighteen-year sentence at Shikma Prison where he spent more than eleven years of it in solitary confinement.
- 9> Spain - The Philippines is a sovereign state in Southeast Asia in the western Pacific Ocean.
- 10> Adolf Hitler - Strasser was arrested and killed, on Hitler's orders, by the Gestapo.
- 11> Prescott Bush - He was the father of George H. W. Bush.
- 12> Spain - Horatio was shot and killed during the battle.
- 13> Gerald Ford - As of 2012, Ford lived longer than any other U.S. president, living to be 93 years old.
- 14> Ireland - The term Fenian is still used today where its meaning has widened to include all supporters of Irish nationalism.
- 15> Great Britain - The act played a seminal role in the formation of the Kingdom of Great Britain.
- 16> George IV - Tartan is a pattern that consists of criss-crossed horizontal and vertical bands in multiple colours.
- 17> Napoleon - Pius VII reigned as Pope from 14 March 1800 to 20 August 1823.
- 18> Played Gopher on "The Love Boat" - Grandy also played a recurring character on the 1970s sitcom Maude.
- 19> Maryland - In 1864, Maryland held a constitutional convention that resulted in the passage of a new state constitution.
- 20> Czech Republic - Slavkov is historically known as Austerlitz.
- 21> Ho Chi Minh - Ho Chi Minh was a Vietnamese Communist leader who was prime minister and president of North Vietnam.