

AUSTRALIA HISTORY TRIVIA QUESTIONS



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- 1> Who was the first Prime Minister of Australia?
- 2> Who claimed the east coast of Australia for Britain in 1770?
- 3> This Dutch navigator is credited with the first legitimate European landing in Australia in 1606. Name him.
- 4> From 1788 to 1868 approximately 161,000 people were transported from England to the Australian colonies of New South Wales, Van Diemen's land and Western Australia. Who were they?
- 5> The British colony of New South Wales was established in 1788 with the arrival of the First Fleet. Who commanded the fleet?
- 6> In 1798, who set out from Sydney in a boat and circled Tasmania, proving it was an island?
- 7> Prospector Edward Hargraves' gold discovery started the first gold rush in Australia in what year?
- 8> Jack Donahue is well-known for being an Australian?
- 9> The Commonwealth of Australia took shape when the Federal Constitution was proclaimed by Lord Hopetoun on what date?
- 10> Who was Australia's Prime Minister at the outbreak of World War I?
- 11> Who became Prime Minister when members of the Nationalist Party Government voted to remove W.M. Hughes in 1923?
- 12> Who was the first woman elected to Australian Parliament?

- 13> Independent Sovereign Nation status was achieved by Australia after World War I, under the Statute of?
- 14> Australia suffered from a great depression in what decade?
- 15> In May of 1942, what sank an accommodation vessel in Sydney Harbour?
- 16> Who was Australia's longest-serving Prime Minister?
- 17> What Australian historic event is often called the "Pearl Harbor of Australia"?

Answers:

- 1> Edmund Barton - From 1901 to 1903
- 2> James Cook - James mapped many lands including New Zealand and Hawaii.
- 3> Willem Janszoon - Willem served as governor in the Netherlands East Indies for several periods.
- 4> Convicts - A British penal colony was set up at Port Jackson.
- 5> Captain Arthur Phillip - Arthur Phillip was the first Governor of New South Wales.
- 6> George Bass and Matthew Flinders - In 1801-02, Matthew Flinders lead the first circumnavigation of Australia.
- 7> 1851 - Edward claimed he discovered gold near Bathurst, New South Wales.
- 8> Bushranger - He had numerous ballads written about him during the early 1800s.
- 9> January 1, 1901 - The first Federal elections in Australia were held in March of 1901.
- 10> Andrew Fisher - Andrew served as the fifth Prime Minister of Australia.
- 11> Stanley Bruce - Stanley Bruce was the eighth Prime Minister of Australia.
- 12> Edith Cowan - In 1921.
- 13> Westminster - Australia did not confirm the Statute of Westminster until 1942.
- 14> 1930s - Recovery began as early as 1932.
- 15> Japanese Midget Submarines - Two Japanese submarines briefly shelled Sydney's eastern suburbs in June of the same year.
- 16> Robert Menzies - In office from 19 December 1949 to 26 January 1966.
- 17> Bombing of Darwin - It was the first and the largest single attack mounted by a foreign power against Australia.

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