

# EUROPEAN HISTORY TRIVIA QUESTIONS



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1> In what year did "William the Conqueror" invade England?

- a. 1055
- b. 1002
- c. 1060
- d. 1066

2> Prince Philip, the husband of Queen Elizabeth, had which title at birth?

- a. Prince Philip of Greece
- b. Prinz von Battenburg
- c. Prinz von Hohenstauffen
- d. Prinz von Metternich

3> The British House of Commons was established by which 1258 document?

- a. Provisions of Oxford
- b. Magna Carta
- c. Act of Settlement
- d. Bill of Rights

4> Who became British Prime Minister in 1970?

- a. Harold MacMillan
- b. Harold Wilson
- c. Margaret Thatcher
- d. Edward Heath

5> Which of these countries is not a member of the European Union?

- a. Greece

- b. Finland
- c. Ireland
- d. Norway

6> Pope John Paul II, born in Poland, was known by which original name?

- a. Karol Wojtyla
- b. Julius Poniatoski
- c. Zygmund Fraytag
- d. Jerzy Kostakowski

7> When Lady Jane Grey, who claimed the throne of England, was executed for treason on February 12 1554, how long had she ruled?

- a. One year and one day
- b. Nine days
- c. One month and two days
- d. One day

8> In exile, where did Napoleon Bonaparte die on May 5, 1821?

- a. Paris
- b. Sardinia
- c. St. Helena
- d. Corsica

9> Who was Queen Elizabeth I's mother?

- a. Katherine of Aragon
- b. Princess Charlotte of Mecklenburg
- c. Jane Seymour
- d. Anne Boleyn

10> Why did Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei travel to Rome on February 13, 1633?

- a. For his trial before the Inquisition
- b. To be knighted
- c. To meet with the Pope
- d. To demonstrate a telescope

11> When was the Communist Republic of East Germany formed?

- a. October 7, 1947
- b. October 7, 1949
- c. October 7, 1948
- d. October 7, 1946

12> Scottish hero "Robert the Bruce" defeated the English at which battle?

- a. Bannockburn
- b. Stirling Bridge
- c. Hastings
- d. Angincourt

13> Which son of Pope Alexander VI was the model for Macchiavelli's book "Prince"?

- a. Lodovico Sforza
- b. Bartolomeo Colleoni
- c. Cesare Lombrogio
- d. Cesare Borgia

14> During World War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp of Bergen-Belsen. Where was it located?

- a. Belgium
- b. Germany
- c. The Netherlands
- d. Poland

15> What happened to Maximilien de Robespierre, a leading figure of the French Revolution, on July 28, 1794?

- a. He was shot to death by his own guards
- b. He was deported to Corsica
- c. He was sent to the guillotine
- d. He was made Senator

## Answers:

- 1> 1066 - He defeated King Harold II at the Battle of Hastings.
- 2> Prince Philip of Greece - Prince Philip is the oldest spouse ever of a reigning British monarch.
- 3> Provisions of Oxford - The Provisions of Oxford had a significant effect upon the development of the English Common Law system.
- 4> Edward Heath - Heath was Prime Minister from 19 June 1970 to 4 March 1974.
- 5> Norway - Norway has a population of about 5 million people.
- 6> Karol Wojtyła - Pope John Paul II canonised 483 saints.
- 7> Jane Grey - During her short reign, Jane resided in the Tower of London as a virtual prisoner. She was 16 or 17 years of age when executed.
- 8> St. Helena - He was 51 years of age.
- 9> Anne Boleyn - The second wife of Henry VIII, Anne Boleyn was executed for high treason on 19 May 1536.
- 10> For his trial before the Inquisition - The middle finger from Galileo's right hand is currently on exhibition at the Museo Galileo in Florence, Italy.
- 11> October 7, 1949 - The state ended on 3 October 1990 with German reunification.
- 12> Bannockburn - The English army was led by Edward II who was trying to relieve the siege of Stirling Castle.
- 13> Cesare Borgia - Machiavelli was at Borgia's court from 7 October 1502 through 18 January 1503.
- 14> Germany - From 1941 to 1945 almost 20,000 Russian prisoners of war and a further 50,000 inmates died there.
- 15> He was sent to the guillotine - He was 51 years of age at the time of his execution.