

FEBRUARY HISTORIC EVENTS QUIZ



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1> Which US state entered into the union on the 14th of February 1912?

- a. Arizona
- b. Alaska
- c. Hawaii
- d. Washington

2> In February of 1959, whose plane crashed?

- a. Buddy Holly
- b. Carole Lombardi
- c. Rocky Marciano
- d. Glenn Miller

3> Which famous celebrity succumbed to anorexia on the fourth of February 1983?

- a. Karen Carpenter
- b. Lena Zavaroni
- c. Isabelle Caro
- d. Renee Vivien

4> Which band was featured on the Ed Sullivan show on the ninth of February, 1964?

- a. The Rolling Stones
- b. The Who
- c. The Beatles
- d. Elvis Presley

5> Who won the first Medal of Honor for their actions on the thirteenth of

February, 1861?

- a. Tasker Bliss
- b. Colonel J. D. Irwin
- c. William Sherman
- d. Peyton March

6> Which famous explorer was killed in Hawaii on the fourteenth of February, 1779?

- a. Charles Darwin
- b. Captain Cook
- c. Francis Drake
- d. John Cabot

7> What solar body did Astronomer Clyde W. Tombaugh discover on the eighteenth of February, 1930?

- a. Saturn
- b. Pluto
- c. Uranus
- d. Callisto

8> Whose Manifesto was published on the twenty-first of February, 1848?

- a. Mao Tse-Tung
- b. Adolph Hitler
- c. Karl Marx
- d. Benito Mussolini

9> Which vaccination was first given to school children on the twenty-third of February, 1954?

- a. Scarlet Fever
- b. Small Pox
- c. Polio
- d. Measles

10> Which Olympian made history by becoming the first person to win five individual medals in February, 1980?

- a. Eric Heiden
- b. Mark Spitz
- c. Michael Phelps
- d. Dorothy Hamil

11> Which formula One Driver was kidnapped in February 1958?

- a. Bob Anderson
- b. Juan Manuel Fangio
- c. Red Amick
- d. Skip Barber

12> What disaster occurred in February 1887 on the Mediterranean resulting in the death of 2, 000 people?

- a. An earthquake
- b. A tsunami
- c. A hurricane
- d. A volcano eruption

13> Which country had a subway crash in February 1975 resulting in the death of forty-three people?

- a. New York
- b. London
- c. Tokyo
- d. France

14> In February 1953, what famous scientific/medical breakthrough occurred?

- a. DNA structure discovered
- b. First heart transplant
- c. X-ray machine developed
- d. The iron lung was first used

15> Which famous building was the site of a bombing on the twenty-sixth of February, 1993?

- a. Karl Marx's grave
- b. Oklahoma City
- c. World Trade Center

d. Buckingham Palace

16> Which famous person was the target of an assassination on the twenty first of February 1965?

- a. Malcolm X
- b. J. F Kennedy
- c. Abraham Lincoln
- d. Martin Luther King

17> Which famous sporting association was founded in February of 1948?

- a. NBA
- b. NASCAR
- c. NHL
- d. AFL

18> In February of 1965, what natural disaster in British Columbia resulted in the deaths of twenty-six people?

- a. A tornado
- b. An avalanche
- c. A Tsunami
- d. A blizzard

19> Which ship overturned in February 1993 killing 900 people?

- a. MS Herald of Free Enterprise
- b. The Neptune
- c. RMS Quetta
- d. MS Express Samina

20> What happened on February 16, 1923 in Egypt?

- a. The tomb of King Tut is opened
- b. The Suez Canal is completed
- c. Egypt gains its independence
- d. The source of the Nile is discovered

Answers:

- 1> Arizona - It was the forty-eighth state.
- 2> Buddy Holly - Buddy Holly was on board a plane with Ritchie Valens and J. P. Richardson aka The Big Bopper.
- 3> Karen Carpenter - Karen was thirty-two when she died.
- 4> The Beatles - The first song that The Beatles played was All My Lovin.
- 5> Colonel J. D. Irwin - Colonel Irwin and a group of men went to the rescue of the U. S. Seventh Infantry, who were trapped by the Apaches.
- 6> Captain Cook - In a series of three voyages, Captain Cook sailed thousands of miles across largely uncharted areas of the globe.
- 7> Pluto - Pluto is now being called a dwarf planet.
- 8> Karl Marx - This paper was published by the Communist League.
- 9> Polio - The children attended a school located in Pittsburgh.
- 10> Eric Heiden - Eric won his fifth event in speed skating on the twenty-third of February 1980.
- 11> Juan Manuel Fangio - Juan was from Argentina.
- 12> An earthquake - The Earthquake is believed to have been about a 6 on the Richter scale.
- 13> London - The crash occurred on the twenty-eighth of February 1975.
- 14> DNA structure discovered - Watson and Crick made the discovery on the twenty-eighth of February.
- 15> World Trade Center - The bomb left a crater more than sixty feet wide.
- 16> Malcolm X - Malcolm X was a human rights activist.
- 17> NASCAR - On the twenty-first of February, the National Association for Stock Car Racing was founded.
- 18> An avalanche - The victims were miners in the town of Stewart.
- 19> The Neptune - The Neptune was sailing out of Haiti.
- 20> The tomb of King Tut is opened - The tomb was opened by Howard Carter.