

# HISTORIC AMERICAN EVENTS QUIZ III



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1> Where did America's first Labor Day parade take place on September 5, 1882?

- a. Philadelphia
- b. Chicago
- c. Boston
- d. New York City

2> Which important American city did British forces evacuate during the Revolutionary War on March 17, 1776?

- a. Boston
- b. Philadelphia
- c. Williamsburg
- d. New York

3> What did President Harry S. Truman approve to have developed on January 31, 1950?

- a. The first Intercontinental Ballistic Missile
- b. The hydrogen bomb
- c. The first nuclear submarine
- d. The atomic bomb

4> What important articles did the Continental Congress adopt on March 1, 1781?

- a. Articles of Immigration
- b. Articles of Isolation

- c. Articles of Federation
- d. Articles of Confederation

5> Which man was the first officer in the US Navy to receive the ranks of rear admiral, vice admiral and admiral?

- a. Oliver Hazard Perry
- b. Raphael Semmes
- c. George Dewey
- d. David Farragut

6> On September 15, 1789, the US Department of State was renamed from what previous name?

- a. Department of Foreign Interests
- b. Department of Outside Affairs
- c. Foreign and Outside Affairs
- d. Department of Foreign Affairs

7> Following in the footsteps of Elisha Collier, which American inventor from Connecticut invented the revolver in 1836?

- a. Benjamin Tyler Henry
- b. Samuel Colt
- c. Samuel Gardiner
- d. John Moses Browning

8> Which US president died after being in office for only one month in 1841?

- a. John Tyler
- b. William Henry Harrison
- c. Andrew Jackson
- d. Martin Van Buren

9> According to the narrative, William H. Bonney a.k.a. Billy the Kid killed 21 men before he was shot dead at the age of 21. Who is credited with his death?

- a. "Wild Bill" Hickok
- b. Pat Garrett
- c. Bat Masterson
- d. Wyatt Earp

10> Which US president was assassinated by Leon Czolgosz in Buffalo, New York on September 14, 1901?

- a. Theodore Roosevelt
- b. William McKinley
- c. Benjamin Harrison
- d. Grover Cleveland

11> Directed by Tex Avery and released in July of 1940, "A Wild Hare" is vastly considered to be the first official cartoon to introduce which of the following sketch characters?

- a. Peter Rabbit
- b. The Easter Bunny
- c. Bugs Bunny
- d. Rabbit (from Winnie the Pooh)

12> Which well-known San Francisco landmark made its debut in 1937?

- a. Dutch Windmill
- b. Golden Gate Bridge
- c. South San Francisco Opera House
- d. Orpheum Theatre

13> In July of 1946, which country regained independence from the United States?

- a. Haiti

- b. Korea
- c. Puerto Rico
- d. Philippines

14> The first U.S. satellite was launched into space on January 31, 1958. What was the satellite's name?

- a. Echo 1
- b. Explorer 1
- c. Sputnik 1
- d. Telstar 1

15> In November of 1963, the "Warren Commission" was established by President Johnson to investigate which event?

- a. Specifics of the Cuban missile crisis
- b. Need for Troops in Vietnam
- c. Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- d. Assassination of President Kennedy

Answers:

1> New York City - In the United States, Labor Day is celebrated on the first Monday of September.

2> Boston - The British evacuation ended an eleven-month siege.

3> The hydrogen bomb - On November 1, 1952, the United States successfully erupted 'Mike', the world's first hydrogen bomb.

4> Articles of Confederation - The Articles of Confederation was an agreement between the 13 founding states that established the United States of America as a confederation of sovereign states.

5> David Farragut - Surprisingly, David's naval career began as a midshipman when he was just nine years old.

6> Department of Foreign Affairs - The US Department of State is responsible for international relations.

7> Samuel Colt - Upon his death in 1862, Colt had an estimated net worth of \$15 million.

8> William Henry Harrison - William served the shortest term of any American president and was the first president to die while in office.

9> Pat Garrett - After his demise, assorted biographies were written that depicted the Kid in varying lights.

10> William McKinley - McKinley was shot twice in the abdomen and died eight days later.

11> Bugs Bunny - Bugs catch phrase is 'Eh... What's up, doc?'

12> Golden Gate Bridge - According to 'The Frommers Travel Guide', the Golden Gate Bridge is the most photographed bridge in the world.

13> Philippines - The islands were originally granted by Spain to the United States for \$20 million in the 1898 Treaty of Paris.

14> Explorer 1 - Explorer 1 was the first spacecraft to detect the Van Allen radiation belt.

15> Assassination of President Kennedy - Although controversial, the commission concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing President Kennedy.

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