

# HISTORIC AMERICAN EVENTS TRIVIA QUIZ



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1> Who is often credited with making the first American flag in Philadelphia?

- a. Beatrice Potter
- b. Betsy Ross
- c. Martha Washington
- d. Dolly Madison

2> Rationing went into effect during WW II on February 7, 1943, limiting the number of shoes allowed to be purchased, per person, per year. How many?

- a. Four pairs
- b. Two pairs
- c. One pair
- d. Three pairs

3> Which amendment to the Constitution, declared on December 18, 1865, abolished slavery?

- a. The 3rd
- b. The 11th
- c. The 13th
- d. The 10th

4> On January 28 1986, a space shuttle exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, killing all seven crewmembers. What was its name?

- a. Enterprise
- b. Challenger
- c. Explorer
- d. Columbia

5> When did Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon claim present-day Florida for Spain?

- a. April 8, 1493
- b. April 8, 1503
- c. April 8, 1513
- d. April 8, 1483

6> What did Canadian militiamen do to the U.S. steamboat "Caroline" on December 29, 1837 in New York harbor?

- a. They towed it to Canada
- b. They christened it
- c. They captured it
- d. They destroyed and sank it

7> Which Founder's first-of-its-kind Religious Freedom Act abolished religious tests in Virginia in 1785?

- a. Thomas Jefferson
- b. Samuel Adams
- c. Alexander Hamilton
- d. James Madison

8> Who was assassinated on April 15th, 1865?

- a. Abraham Lincoln
- b. General Lee
- c. James Garfield
- d. Benedict Arnold

9> What did the United States buy on the 30th of April 1803?

- a. Louisiana
- b. Florida
- c. Alaska
- d. Texas

10> Which nation attacked the United States in 1941?

- a. China

- b. Russia
- c. Mexico
- d. Japan

11> In 1973, the US ended its involvement with which nation?

- a. Cuba
- b. The Soviet Union
- c. Iraq
- d. Vietnam

12> When did Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walk on the moon?

- a. 1956
- b. 1969
- c. 1962
- d. 1973

13> On April 12th 1955, America announced that they had a vaccination for which disease?

- a. Measles
- b. Polio
- c. Rabies
- d. Small pox

14> Which US government agency became operational on the 1st of October 1958?

- a. NASA
- b. CIA
- c. IRS
- d. FBI

15> The House of Representatives rejected what proposal on January 12, 1915?

- a. To join Britain in its war with Germany
- b. To join France in its war with Germany
- c. To give women the right to vote
- d. To enter WW I in general terms

## Answers:

- 1> Betsy Ross - In 1952, The United States Post Office issued a stamp to honor the 200th anniversary of her birth.
- 2> Three pairs - War ration books and tokens were issued to each American family.
- 3> The 13th - The act abolished involuntary servitude except as punishment for a crime.
- 4> Challenger - According to official records, the disaster was caused by a faulty O-ring seal that failed at liftoff.
- 5> April 8, 1513 - Juan Ponce de Leon is associated with the legend of the Fountain of Youth, which was said to be in Florida.
- 6> They destroyed and sank it - They set the boat on fire and set her adrift whereby she plunged to her destruction over the Falls.
- 7> James Madison - James Madison was the fourth President of the United States.
- 8> Abraham Lincoln - John Wilkes Booth shot Lincoln at Ford's Theater.
- 9> Louisiana - France sold 828, 000 square miles to the United States in 1803. The US paid less than three cents a square acre.
- 10> Japan - The attack occurred on the 7th of December 1941.
- 11> Vietnam - The United States officially ended their involvement on August 15, 1973. The war in Vietnam did not end until 1975.
- 12> 1969 - Armstrong and Aldrin were a part of the Apollo II spaceflight, which landed on the moon on the 20th of July 1969.
- 13> Polio - Dr. Thomas Francis Jr. made an announcement that the vaccination developed by Dr. Salk worked.
- 14> NASA - The National Aeronautics and Space Administration replaced the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.
- 15> To give women the right to vote - Women got the right to vote in 1920.