

HISTORY TRIVIA QUESTIONS #32



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1> The great conqueror Qin Shi Huang was the ruler of which nation from 247 - 220 BC?

- a. China
- b. Japan
- c. Nepal
- d. India

2> Which of the following countries was considered an Axis country during World War II?

- a. Hungary
- b. Poland
- c. France
- d. Ukraine

3> Known as the "King of Kings of Persia," who was the founder of the Achaemenid Empire?

- a. Catherine the Great
- b. Richard the Lionhearted
- c. Cyrus the Great
- d. Alexander

4> In approximately 1750, the first glue patent was issued in Britain. What was the glue made from?

- a. Fish

- b. Horses
- c. Pasta paste
- d. Rubber

5> Who taught the great Greek philosopher and scientist Aristotle?

- a. Diodotus
- b. Plato
- c. Epicurus
- d. Socrates

6> Head of the Commonwealth and Supreme Governor of the Church of England, in what year was Elizabeth II's coronation?

- a. 1973
- b. 1963
- c. 1953
- d. 1943

7> Whom did Roman emperor Claudius adopt to be his heir?

- a. Nero
- b. Mark Anthony
- c. Augustus
- d. Octavius

8> The largest monolith statue in the world, what is the Great Sphinx of Giza made of?

- a. Shale
- b. Sandstone
- c. Claystone
- d. Limestone

9> According to the myth, who founded Rome?

- a. Alexander
- b. Romulus
- c. Rhea
- d. Caesar

10> The first woman to win a Nobel Prize, Marie Curie discovered two elements, Polonium and which other?

- a. Tellurium
- b. Radium
- c. Indium
- d. Radon

11> Whose name translates to mean "Little Boots"?

- a. Caligula
- b. Augustus
- c. Octavos
- d. Socrates

12> Marking the end of the airship era, in what year did the Hindenburg disaster take place?

- a. 1927
- b. 1917
- c. 1937
- d. 1947

13> Who was Cleopatra's father?

- a. Amenhotep
- b. Thutmose
- c. Arsinoe
- d. Ptolemy XII

14> Which of these cheeses dates back to ancient times?

- a. Feta
- b. Swiss
- c. Gouda
- d. Cheddar

15> Which nation invented the first seismograph?

- a. Brazil
- b. India
- c. China
- d. Rome

16> Which culture is credited with building the first shopping mall?

- a. Roman
- b. Macedonian
- c. Incan
- d. Byzantine

17> Regarded by some historians as a fable, which ruler had his entire harem drowned?

- a. Caligula
- b. Ptolemy III
- c. Peter the Great
- d. Sultan Ibrahim I

18> Who would have lived in the ancient city Tenochitlan?

- a. The Persians
- b. The Byzantines
- c. The Incas

d. The Aztecs

19> Who wrote a popular erotic book "The Tale of Two Lovers"?

- a. Pope Pius II
- b. Abraham Lincoln
- c. Plato
- d. Catherine the Great

20> What was the name of the ritual suicide committed by Samurai Warriors?

- a. Seppuku
- b. Bugei
- c. Oshiro
- d. Eta

Answers:

- 1> China - Qin is sometimes referred to as 'The First Emperor'.
- 2> Hungary - Hungary signed the Tripartite Pact in November of 1940.
- 3> Cyrus the Great - Cyrus was the ruler of Persia from about 559 to 530 BC.
- 4> Fish - It consisted of a paste made from the skin and bones of a fish.
- 5> Plato - Plato was a student of Socrates.
- 6> 1953 - Elizabeth II celebrated her Diamond Jubilee in 2012.
- 7> Nero - Nero was Claudius' great nephew.
- 8> Limestone - The face of the Sphinx is believed by most historians to represent the face of the Pharaoh Khafra.
- 9> Romulus - Romulus and his brother Remus were said to have been raised by wolves.
- 10> Radium - Curie was born in Warsaw, Poland.
- 11> Caligula - Caligula's real name was Gaius.
- 12> 1937 - Thirty-six people lost their lives in the disaster.
- 13> Ptolemy XII - Ptolemy XII ruled from 55 to 51 BC.
- 14> Feta - Feta is made from goat's milk.
- 15> China - The Chinese inventor Zhang Heng invented the seismograph in 130 AD.
- 16> Roman - The first shopping mall was built by Emperor Trajan. It had about 150 shops.
- 17> Sultan Ibrahim I - Sultan Ibrahim I had his harem drowned in the Bosphorus River.
- 18> The Aztecs - The city was located in Mexico, on an island in Lake Texcoco.
- 19> Pope Pius II - The novel was written by Aeneas Sylvius Piccolomini, in 1444, before he became Pope Pius II.
- 20> Seppuku - Bugei is a word that means martial combat.