HISTORY TRIVIA QUESTIONS #34



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1> Engine designer and car engineer Karl Benz was native to which country?

- a. America
- b. Germany
- c. Italy
- d. Spain

2> Fought between Athens and Sparta, when did the Peloponnesian War take place?

- a. 982 BC
- b. 1307 AD
- c. 1106 AD
- d. 431 BC

3> Who was drawn and quartered on the 31st of January 1606 for his part in the "Gunpowder Plot"?

- a. Wilhelm Keitel
- b. Guy Fawkes
- c. Dick Turpin
- d. King Charles I

4> Serving from April 12, 1945 to January 20, 1953, who was the 33rd president of the United States?

a. Harry S. Truman b. Rutherford Hayes c. Millard Fillmore

d. John Tyler

5> According to Ancient Greek sources, who was the first person to appear on stage as an actor?

- a. Thespis
- b. Pytheas
- c. Simmias
- d. Acron

6> Responsible for the deaths of up to 200 million people in the 14th century, the "Black Death" was most likely carried by what kind of animal?

- a. Mosquitoes
- b. Fleas
- c. Seagulls
- d. Monkeys

7> Home to one of the world's oldest civilizations, Persia changed its name to what in 1935?

- a. Oman
- b. Iran
- c. Benin
- d. Kuwait

8> The United States was involved in which of these wars during the early 1950s?

- a. Napoleonic
- b. WWI
- c. Korean
- d. WWII

9> Serving as the US president from January 20, 1961 to November 22, 1963, in what city was John F. Kennedy assassinated?

- a. Chicago
- b. New York
- c. Dallas
- d. Houston

10> Archbishop of Canterbury during the reign of Henry VIII, for what crime was Thomas Cranmer executed in 1956?

- a. Arson
- b. Robbery
- c. Murder
- d. Treason

11> Douglas MacArthur made his famous "I shall return" statement in reference to which nation during World War II?

- a. Germany
- b. Cuba
- c. Japan
- d. The Philippines

12> Which historic event is sometimes referred to as Gorta Mor?

- a. Potato Famine
- b. The Boer Wars
- c. Damghan Earthquake
- d. The Black Plague

13> The War of 1812 saw the US fighting against which nation?

a. Germany

b. Iran

c. Korea

d. Canada

14> Which country did Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama reach by sea in 1498?

- a. Peru
- b. India
- c. Australia
- d. Cuba

15> Which of the following famous people built a massive wall in England in 122 BC?

- a. Hadrian
- b. Richard the Lionhearted
- c. Hannibal
- d. Charlemagne

Answers:

1> Germany - Karl was born in 1844 in Muhlburg, Germany.

2>431 BC - The war resulted in Sparta becoming the leading power of Greece.

3> Guy Fawkes - The Gunpowder Plot was a plan to assassinate King James.

4> Harry S. Truman - Truman was an artillery officer during World War I.

5> Thespis - Thespis is also credited with creating the first theatrical tour group.

6> Fleas - The fleas were oriental rat fleas, which lived on black rats.

7> Iran - In 1959, there was a reversal of the decision and now both names are used interchangeably.

8> Korean - The Korean War ended in 1953.

9> Dallas - Kennedy was killed on the 22nd of November 1963.

10> Treason - Archbishop Thomas Cranmer was executed for heresy and treason on the 21st of March 1556.

11> The Philippines - MacArthur made this statement in 1941.

12> Potato Famine - The Potato Famine affected Ireland between 1845 and 1852.

13> Canada - The White House was burned during this conflict.

14> India - Vasco arrived in Kappadu in May of 1498.

15> Hadrian - This incredible wall in Northern England is 80 Roman Miles.

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