

HISTORY TRIVIA QUESTIONS XIV



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1> When Joseph Jenkins Roberts of Virginia declared this country's independence in 1847, it became what is now Africa's oldest republic. What is it?

- a. Ethiopia
- b. South Africa
- c. Liberia
- d. Ghana

2> Joseph had been King of Naples and King of Spain, but ended up in exile in Bordentown, New Jersey. What was his last name?

- a. Habsburg
- b. Bonaparte
- c. Bourbon
- d. Mussolini

3> Raila Odinga, who claimed to be Barack Obama's cousin, was also a presidential aspirant in what country?

- a. Morocco
- b. Indonesia
- c. Kenya
- d. Jamaica

4> Stanley finally found Livingstone near Ujiji in what present-day country?

- a. Zambia
- b. Tanzania
- c. Nigeria
- d. Central African Republic

5> Herostratic fame is named for Herostratus, who decided that the best way to be remembered forever was to burn down a Wonder of the World. Which one?

- a. Mausoleum of Halicarnassus
- b. Temple of Artemis
- c. Hanging Gardens of Babylon
- d. Pharos of Alexandria

6> You know about Italy's Black Shirts and Germany's Brown Shirts, but which country provided fascist Blue Shirts to Franco?

- a. France
- b. Russia
- c. Ireland
- d. United States

7> The US and USSR were the first two countries with an A-bomb. What was #3?

- a. Great Britain
- b. China
- c. France
- d. Israel

8> In 1966, I rented the top two high-roller floors of the Desert Inn, refused to leave and eventually bought the place so I could be left in peace. Who am I?

- a. Bugsy Siegel
- b. Howard Hughes
- c. Elvis Presley
- d. Steve Wynn

9> In 1977, what notorious criminal escaped for three days from Brushy Mountain State Prison?

- a. James Earl Ray
- b. Gary Gilmore
- c. Jack Ruby
- d. John Gotti

10> They stopped making the \$500 bill in 1969, and the person on it stopped existing in 1901. Who was he?

- a. Ulysses Grant
- b. Salmon P Chase
- c. William McKinley
- d. Grover Cleveland

11> In 1986, this was the largest airline in the US. Nevertheless, in 1989, under Frank Lorenzo, it declared bankruptcy and in 1991, it closed its hatches for good. What is it?

- a. Pan Am
- b. Eastern
- c. United
- d. Continental

12> Alberto Korda won a settlement from Smirnoff, after the vodka brand usurped Korda's image of what left-wing icon?

- a. Che Guevara
- b. John Kennedy
- c. Malcolm X
- d. Mao Zedong

13> Born in Spain, who said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it"?

- a. Voltaire
- b. George Santayana
- c. Winston Churchill
- d. HL Mencken

14> Bouncy, bouncy, bouncy! In 2004, Walt Disney World employee Michael Chartrand was acquitted of molesting a 13-year-old girl while dressed as what character?

- a. Goofy
- b. Bugs Bunny
- c. Tigger
- d. Daffy Duck

15> In 1795, what country adopted a "metric" time system that had 10-day

weeks, 10-hour days, 100-minute hours and 100-second minutes?

- a. Sweden
- b. United States
- c. France
- d. Russia

Answers:

- 1> Liberia - Liberia was one of the founding members of the United Nations.
- 2> Bonaparte - Joseph was king of Naples from 1806 to 1808 and king of Spain from 1808 1813.
- 3> Kenya - Kenyans also know Raila as Agwambo.
- 4> Tanzania - Livingstone went to Zanzibar in January 1866, for the purpose of seeking out the source of the Nile.
- 5> Temple of Artemis - To dissuade those of a similar mind, the Ephesian authorities executed him.
- 6> Ireland - The Blueshirts were an Irish security organisation active in the 1930s.
- 7> Great Britain - The UK is thought to have approximately 160 operational thermonuclear warheads.
- 8> Howard Hughes - Hughes is remembered for his extremely eccentric behavior and the reclusive lifestyle he lived in his later life.
- 9> James Earl Ray - James Earl Ray was convicted of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on March 10, 1969.
- 10> William McKinley - William McKinley was the 25th President of the United States, serving from March 4, 1897 until his murder in September 14, 1901.
- 11> Eastern - There were plans to restart the airline in 2008.
- 12> Che Guevara - As a major figure of the Cuban Revolution, his stylized image has become a countercultural symbol of rebellion.
- 13> George Santayana - Santayana was a philosopher, poet, and novelist.
- 14> Tigger - After deliberating for less than an hour, the jury found Chartrand not guilty.
- 15> France - According to historians, Napoleon ridiculed the metric system.