

HISTORY TRIVIA QUESTIONS #29



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1> Most economic historians attribute the start of the Great Depression in 1929 to what event?

- a. Unemployment
- b. International Trade
- c. Drought
- d. US Stock Market Crash

2> Fought on May 10th of 1796, Napoleon Bonaparte defeated what forces at the Battle of Lodi?

- a. Austrian
- b. English
- c. American
- d. Spanish

3> Currently the second largest reserve currency in the world, when did euro coins and banknotes first enter circulation?

- a. January 2008
- b. January 2004
- c. January 2002
- d. January 2006

4> Peter the Great was emperor of which country from November 1721 until his death in February 1725?

- a. France
- b. Spain
- c. Russia
- d. Germany

5> Discovered in 1922, whose intact 14th-century tomb was discovered by Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon?

- a. Pentawer
- b. Tutankhamun (King Tut)
- c. Ramesses IV
- d. Ramesses III

6> Developed during the Second World War, the V-2 rocket was the world's first long-range ballistic missile. What country invented it?

- a. Japan
- b. England
- c. United States
- d. Germany

7> The Black Death, which was widespread over all of Europe, arrived in England sometime in 1348 killing nearly half of the English population. What was it?

- a. An invasion of Vikings
- b. An epidemic of chicken pox
- c. An epidemic of bubonic plague
- d. A severe drought

8> Credited with 72 victories, the First World War flying ace Billy Bishop was from which country?

- a. France
- b. Canada
- c. Germany

d. United States

9> Founded in 1937 by the Nazi trade union, which German motor manufacturer was set up to produce a "people's car"?

- a. Audi
- b. Porsche
- c. Volkswagen
- d. Mercedes-Benz

10> Established in October of 1945, there are currently 193 member states in the United Nations (2014). How many were there when it was founded?

- a. 51 Member States
- b. 21 Member States
- c. 31 Member States
- d. 41 Member States

11> Pompeii was completely demolished by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius sometime in 79 AD. Which other town was also ruined by the eruption?

- a. Herculaneum
- b. Falacrine
- c. Concordia Sagittaria
- d. Apiolae

12> Which of the following famous women was nicknamed "The Maid of Orleans"?

- a. Joan of Arc
- b. Amelia Earhart
- c. Marie Antoinette
- d. Catherine the Great

13> Leading to a famous gold rush, in which region of the Yukon in northwest Canada

was gold discovered in 1896?

- a. Pelly Crossing
- b. Beaver Creek
- c. Brooks Range
- d. Klondike

14> Operated by the Third Reich of Germany, in what country were the infamous Auschwitz concentration camps constructed?

- a. Germany
- b. Poland
- c. France
- d. Russia

15> Where was King Henry VIII's second wife Anne Boleyn housed while awaiting execution in May of 1536?

- a. Edinburgh Castle Dungeon
- b. Greenwich Palace
- c. Hampton Court
- d. Tower of London

Answers:

- 1> US Stock Market Crash - Some economic historians oppose this conclusion, and see the stock market crash as a symptom, rather than the cause.
- 2> Austrian - Although a victory, most of the Austrian army successfully escaped to fight another day.
- 3> January 2002 - The euro is the official currency of the eurozone.
- 4> Russia - Peter the Great led numerous successful wars, expanding Russia into an immense empire and a major European power.
- 5> Tutankhamun (King Tut) - It took until 1932 to clear the tomb of the thousands of objects that it contained.
- 6> Germany - Starting sometime in September of 1944, over 3,000 V-2s were launched against Allied targets by the German Wehrmacht before the war ended.
- 7> An epidemic of bubonic plague - According to scientists, a strain of bubonic plague as lethal as seen during the Black Death could make a reappearance on Earth.
- 8> Canada - Billy started his military career in a cavalry regiment.
- 9> Volkswagen - Volkswagen means 'people's car' in German.
- 10> 51 Member States - The United Nations organization won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2001.
- 11> Herculaneum - It is estimated that at the time of the eruption, Pompeii had 20,000 inhabitants.
- 12> Joan of Arc - Joan of Arc is a Roman Catholic saint and a folk heroine of France.
- 13> Klondike - The gold rush attracted approximately 100,000 prospectors to the Klondike region.
- 14> Poland - Poland has constructed a museum on the sites of Auschwitz I and II.
- 15> Tower of London - Accused of adultery and incest, Anne Boleyn was beheaded on Tower Green.