

HISTORY TRIVIA QUESTIONS IX



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- 1> What "Former Yugoslav Republic" became independent in the 1990s, under a name that drives the Greeks absolutely bonkers?
- 2> Finnish-born Marutei Tsurunen became the first white member of the Diet, the legislature of which country?
- 3> As Prince of Walachia, Vlad II called himself Son of the Dragon. What does this translate to in Romanian?
- 4> Elementary, my dear trivia players. What spiritualist is said to have not only staged the Piltdown Man hoax, but to have written about it obliquely in a book called "The Lost World"?
- 5> Football fans will know this. Thanks to a fake called the Kensington Runestone, many people believe that Vikings reached what present-day state?
- 6> The last English king to personally lead his men into battle did so at the Battle of Dettingen in Bavaria, back in 1743. Who was he?
- 7> What Vermonter's infamous "I have a scream" concession speech after the Iowa caucuses probably cost him his party's presidential nomination?
- 8> Had he not been assassinated, who had planned to speak at the new Trade Mart, get an autographed football and enjoy a steak banquet in Austin?
- 9> The French region of Normandy is named for the Normans. Who were they?
- 10> In the 20th century, King Carol II managed to lose his throne ... twice ... because of his affair with Magda Lupescu. Where was this?
- 11> Once a colony called Ubangi-Shari, what country was turned into an "empire" by the insane Colonel Jean-Bedel Bokassa in 1977?
- 12> Giuseppe Zangara was a short little guy who had to stand on a wobbly chair to get a shot, over the crowd, at whom, back in 1933, only to miss?

13> On Bloody Sunday in 1972, British paratroopers murdered 13 Irish Catholics who were demanding civil rights. Where did this happen?

14> In 1939, what became the only country expelled from the League of Nations for aggression?

15> Despite what you saw in "Braveheart", he didn't paint his face blue, didn't moon the British before the battle of Stirling Bridge, and didn't even wear a kilt. Who was he?

Answers:

1> Macedonia - The Greeks are really unhappy because the name of Macedonia implies that Macedonian-born Alexander the Great was not Greek after all.

2> Japan - He was born Martti Turunen in Finland.

3> Dracula - Vlad the Impaler was Son of the Dragon because of a secret society his father belonged to.

4> Arthur Conan Doyle - He was a neighbor of Charles Dawson's, who 'discovered' Piltdown Man, and was supposedly retaliating for science's attacks on spiritualism and for his embarrassment over the fairy-photo affair.

5> Minnesota - Swedish American farmer Olof Ohman said he found it in 1898 while clearing trees and stumps. It immediately became a source of pride for the state's large Scandinavian immigrant population.

6> George II - It was part of the War of Austrian Succession, which England was pulled into because it was fighting Spain over the War of Jenkins Ear.

7> Howard Dean - To be fair, this Vermont governor was unaware that his unidirectional microphone was filtering out the crowd noises.

8> John F Kennedy - He was scheduled to address the annual meeting of the Dallas Citizens Council at the Trade Mart.

9> Vikings - Normandy went on to conquer England, and did not return to France for centuries.

10> Romania - Carol, by the way, was reputedly freakishly well endowed ... and had a sex appetite to match.

11> Central African Republic - The coronation ceremony consumed a third of the national economy. He was booted from office a few years later.

12> Franklin D. Roosevelt - In Miami, the bricklayer instead shot and killed Chicago mayor Anton Cermak, for which he was executed.

13> (London)Derry - The British government apologized in 2010, after the release of the Saville report.

14> USSR - It had invaded Finland. By this time, some Latin American countries were pulling out and both Germany and Japan quit in 1933.

15> William Wallace - William Wallace did regain Scotland's freedom after the Battle of Stirling in 1297, but was eventually betrayed, captured and executed.

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