

HISTORY TRIVIA QUESTIONS VI



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- 1> In 1983, some 5000 Americans invaded what tiny country, in a campaign that produced more medals than there were soldiers?
- 2> Which nation's royal family, the world's oldest, goes back to the first century BC and Jimmu Tenno?
- 3> Founded on just seven hills, what city had, by AD 117, conquered 2.5 million square miles and 50 million people?
- 4> The Rubicon is a little river in northwestern Italy. But who changed Rome forever when he crossed it?
- 5> Built between 605 BC and 565 BC, what was the furthest east of the Seven Wonders of the World?
- 6> What Oregon city was named for a Maine city as the result of an 1845 coin toss, in which Francis Pettygrove prevailed over Asa Lovejoy?
- 7> Until the idea was rejected at the Seventh Zionist Congress in 1905, the British offered 6000 square miles of which East African colony for a Jewish homeland?
- 8> Who built the world's largest contiguous land empire, conquering nearly 5 million square miles?
- 9> Two of the Seven Wonders of the World, the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus and the Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, were built in what present-day country?
- 10> In 1784, North Carolina tried to sell off its western counties to pay off debt. The angry locals declared themselves the State of Franklin. Where would you find Franklin today?
- 11> The only major American land victory of the War of 1812 was actually won 15 days after the war had ended in 1815. What city did Andrew Jackson keep from the British?

12> When Winston Churchill said, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few," who were the few?

13> England went to war in 1739 because Robert Jenkins' ear had been sliced off. Which country was responsible for the slicing?

14> New England is in the US. New France is now in Canada. But where was New Holland?

15> What city's mayor, Fernando Wood, called for it to secede from the United States in 1861 and become the Free City of Tri-Insula?

Answers:

1> Grenada - According to historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr, although there were never more than 7000 US soldiers in this nation in the 1980s, they somehow won 8612 medals.

2> Japan - The current emperor as of 2011, Akihito, is 125th in an unbroken line. However, documentary evidence only goes back to the 29th emperor, Kimmei, in the sixth century.

3> Rome - Who would have guessed that a bunch of Latins on the Tiber River would go so far?

4> Julius Caesar - Cato's people demanded that Caesar leave behind his army in Gaul. He did not.

5> Hanging Gardens of Babylon - Nebuchadnezzar II built it for Anuhia, one of his wives, although there is considerable doubt as to whether the gardens existed.

6> Portland - This city would have been called Boston, had Lovejoy won the 1845 coin toss. Pettygrove was from Portland, Maine.

7> Uganda - The area was already inhabited already by the Abayundaya Jews.

8> Genghis Khan - He took his ox-tail banners from the yurt huts on the Gobi, across an empire stretching from the China Sea to the Dnieper River, from the Persian Gulf to the Arctic Ocean.

9> Turkey - Halicarnassus is now known as Bodrum, and is near the site of Ephesus, which is 50 km south of Izmir (once called Smyrna).

10> Tennessee - John Sevier, Franklin's only governor, also became Tennessee's first governor.

11> New Orleans - It came after the US officially gave up trying to invade Canada, which (pretexts about obscure naval law aside) was the whole point of the war in the first place.

12> The Royal Air Force - The Home GuardThe fighters protecting Hitler's bombers were at the edge of their range, whereas radar-guided British fighter planes were able to destroy incoming planes.

13> Spain - Jenkins was a smuggler, who carried his ear around theatrically.

14> Australia - In 1644, Abel Tasman named the northern coast New Holland, but the Dutch had little interest in the arid continent.

15> New York City - Wood was sympathetic to the South, and New York suffered anti-draft riots.

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