

HISTORY TRIVIA QUESTIONS X



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1> Designed by Norman Foster to be eco-friendly, as of 2010 the 60-storey Commerzbank Tower is the tallest building in the EU. Where is it?

- a. Zurich
- b. Amsterdam
- c. Frankfurt
- d. Antwerp

2> In the November 1976 issue of Playboy, who was referring to Matthew 5.28 when he said, "I've committed adultery in my heart many times"?

- a. Mother Teresa
- b. Hugh Hefner
- c. Jimmy Carter
- d. Bill Clinton

3> In 1900, what anti-foreigner rebellion rocked China?

- a. Boxer Rebellion
- b. Wrestler Rebellion
- c. Archer Rebellion
- d. Racer Rebellion

4> When England's first Norman king was crowned on Christmas Day, one of the guards accidentally set fire to the coronation hall, and the rest mistook cheers for threats and massacred the congregation. Who was this king?

- a. William the Conqueror
- b. Richard the Lion-Hearted
- c. Alfred the Confessor
- d. Arthur of Camelot

5> During World War II, the US Office of Strategic Services enlisted Agent 19, despite the fact that he was a communist. Who was he?

- a. Ho Chi Minh
- b. Marshall Tito
- c. Boris Yeltsin
- d. Mao Zedong

6> Despite marrying her, who hated Caroline of Brunswick so much he locked her out of his own coronation?

- a. George IV
- b. Charles IV
- c. William IV
- d. James IV

7> What NATO member has no standing army, but did battle Britain in the 1976 Cod War?

- a. Iceland
- b. Switzerland
- c. Canada
- d. Ireland

8> From 1951 to 1969, what former Italian colony was ruled by King Idris I, who was deposed by a colonel who was later conveniently killed with the help of a NATO "no-fly" zone?

- a. Libya
- b. Morocco
- c. Ethiopia
- d. Albania

9> You can call this Londoner the original "tomb raider." But, far from being cursed by King Tut, he lived into his 60s. Who was he?

- a. Howard Carter
- b. Heinrich Schliemann
- c. Arthur Evans
- d. Louis Leakey

10> Which of his wives did Henry VIII pick based on a portrait of her by Hans Holbein? (He must not have been good - Hank dropped her.)

- a. Jane Seymour
- b. Anne Boleyn
- c. Anne of Cleves
- d. Catherine Parr

11> In the Singing Revolution of the 1980s, what country fought communism by singing banned songs at festivals, many of which sounded a lot like Finnish?

- a. Czech Republic
- b. Estonia
- c. Hungary
- d. Poland

12> When the British left Aden, they left behind what became the Arab world's only avowedly Marxist state. What was it?

- a. Syria
- b. Bahrain
- c. South Yemen
- d. Iraq

13> Frederick the Great of Prussia would personally recruit the Potsdam Grenadiers. What was so unusual about these troops?

- a. They were homosexual
- b. They were African
- c. They were all roughly seven feet tall
- d. They were women

Answers:

1> Frankfurt - In 2011, Moscow's Mercury City Tower became Europe's tallest building.

2> Jimmy Carter - The verse implies that we are all sinners, since we all lust.

3> Boxer Rebellion - The Fists of Righteous Harmony were dedicated to removing Westerners from their 'spheres of influence' within China.

- 4> William the Conqueror - This was on Christmas Day, 1066, in the brand-new Westminster Abbey,
- 5> Ho Chi Minh - He was codenamed Lucius.
- 6> George IV - He illegally married the Catholic Maria FitzHerbert in 1785. He was forced to marry Caroline to get his debts absolved.
- 7> Iceland - This despite having been founded by fierce Vikings.
- 8> Libya - Qadaffi deposed Libya's King Idris.
- 9> Howard Carter - Carter died in 1939 at age 66. There was no explicit curse engraved on the tomb.
- 10> Anne of Cleves - He divorced her for being ugly, claiming they never consummated the relationship, but they remained friends for the rest of his life.
- 11> Estonia - The Singing Revolution began over a TV report on pollution from phosphorous mines.
- 12> South Yemen - The People's Democratic Republic of Yemen was formerly Britain's Aden Protectorate and formerly the Federation of South Arabia.
- 13> They were all roughly seven feet tall - So obsessed was Frederick II with these soldiers that he bribed or kidnapped as many as he could, and hoped to breed more by mating the Grenadiers with similar people of the opposite sex.