

# HISTORY TRIVIA QUESTIONS XII



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1> Who managed to lose the "Mother of all battles"?

- a. Ho Chi Minh
- b. Manuel Noriega
- c. Saddam Hussein
- d. Darth Vader

2> Jeopardy writer Kathy Easterling was known for writing questions about which "darn" people from the area around Florence?

- a. Etruscans
- b. Goths
- c. Gauls
- d. Lombards

3> Merry Christmas! What dictator was executed by his own people on December 25, 1989?

- a. Manuel Noriega
- b. Augusto Pinochet
- c. Nicolae Ceausescu
- d. Wojciech Jaruzelski

4> What 20th-century leader was nicknamed Attila the Hen?

- a. Richard Nixon
- b. Saddam Hussein
- c. Margaret Thatcher
- d. Charles de Gaulle

5> Catherine of Aragon's lady in waiting replaced her in her bed and on her

throne. Who was she?

- a. Jane Seymour
- b. Anne Boleyn
- c. Lady Jane Grey
- d. Mary, Queen of Scots

6> The second of the "five good emperors", this Spaniard was also the first non-Italian to make it to the top of the Roman rat race. Who was he?

- a. Claudius
- b. Nero
- c. Trajan
- d. Mark Antony

7> The French state was founded by which Germanic people, who apparently were quite "candid and above-board" in doing so?

- a. Franks
- b. Goths
- c. Vandals
- d. Moors

8> The last king of Sardinia, Victor Emmanuel I went on to become the first king of what country?

- a. Italy
- b. Spain
- c. Greece
- d. France

9> Henry VIII went through all that uxorial turmoil, just to get a son. Who was the only one of his six wives to do so, dying 12 days after giving birth to Edward VI?

- a. Lady Jane Grey
- b. Catherine of Aragon
- c. Jane Seymour
- d. Mary, Queen of Scots

10> In 1774, Peyton Randolph of Virginia became the first president of what

body?

- a. House of Burgess
- b. US Congress
- c. Continental Congress
- d. French House of Assembly

11> During the Civil War, where was the southernmost point of the United States, after all those Confederate states left?

- a. Tennessee
- b. California
- c. Missouri
- d. West Virginia

12> Which two countries fought the Pastry War (aka, La guerra de los pasteles) in 1838?

- a. Italy and Libya
- b. Spain and Portugal
- c. Mexico and France
- d. France and Algeria

13> Progressive Conservative may be a contradiction in terms, but what country had a powerful Progressive Conservative Party?

- a. Ireland
- b. Italy
- c. Canada
- d. France

14> What future Canadian province was called "the 14th colony", but didn't join the other 13 in their Revolution?

- a. Nova Scotia
- b. Ontario
- c. New Brunswick
- d. Newfoundland

15> Aside from the city-state of Dubrovnik, what was the first country to recognize the independence of the US?

- a. Great Britain
- b. France
- c. Afghanistan
- d. Serbia

**Answers:**

- 1> Saddam Hussein - As broadcast on Baghdad state radio, January 17, 1991, "The great duel, the mother of all battles has begun."
- 2> Etruscans - Jeopardy's 29th season will premiere on September 17, 2012.
- 3> Nicolae Ceausescu - Ceausescu's government was overthrown in a December 1989 revolution. He and his wife were executed following a televised a two-hour court session.
- 4> Margaret Thatcher - Margaret was originally a research chemist before becoming a barrister.
- 5> Anne Boleyn - Anne was Queen of England from 1533 to 1536 before being beheaded for adultery, incest and treason.
- 6> Trajan - Trajan is one of the few rulers whose reputation has survived nineteen centuries.
- 7> Franks - The term Frank was used as a synonym for 'Roman Catholic' in the Middle Ages.
- 8> Italy - Victor died in the Castle of Moncalieri and is buried in the Basilica of Superga.
- 9> Jane Seymour - Jane is the only one of Henry's wives to receive a queen's funeral.
- 10> Continental Congress - Peyton's nephew, Edmund Randolph, became the first United States Attorney General.
- 11> California - Eleven southern slave states declared their secession from the United States and formed the Confederate States of America.
- 12> Mexico and France - The Pastry War was an invasion of Mexico by French forces.
- 13> Canada - The party did not hold more than 20 seats in Parliament between 1993 and 2003.
- 14> Nova Scotia - Nova Scotia is the second-smallest province in Canada.
- 15> France - France currently possesses the third largest stockpile of nuclear weapons in the world.