

HISTORY TRIVIA QUESTIONS XV



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1> What "Shepherd of the Ocean" has a North Carolina city named for him?

- a. Christopher Columbus
- b. Walter Raleigh
- c. Francis Drake
- d. Martin Frobisher

2> Operating from his capital at Caesarea, who was the Roman governor of Judea, Samaria and Idumaea from AD 26 to AD 36?

- a. Joseph of Arimathea
- b. Herod Antipas
- c. Pontius Pilate
- d. Titus Andronicus

3> In 1968, tanks rolled into what city's Wenceslas Square?

- a. Budapest
- b. Prague
- c. Berlin
- d. Warsaw

4> To get Americans to save energy and to "whip inflation now," what president sent out WIN buttons?

- a. Jimmy Carter
- b. Richard Nixon
- c. Gerald Ford
- d. Ronald Reagan

5> Which president was murdered by a pro-Grant "Stalwart" named Charles

Guiteau, who'd been looking for a patronage job as US consul in Paris?

- a. William McKinley
- b. James Garfield
- c. John Kennedy
- d. Abraham Lincoln

6> Urging his colleagues to sign the Declaration of Independence, who said, "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately"?

- a. Thomas Jefferson
- b. Benjamin Franklin
- c. Thomas Paine
- d. John Adams

7> On October 4, 1992, shortly after take-off from the Schipol Airport, an El Al Boeing 747 crashed in a residential area of what city?

- a. Tel Aviv
- b. Jerusalem
- c. Amsterdam
- d. The Hague

8> There was a Barbary Coast in San Francisco, but where was the original, pirate-infested Barbary Coast?

- a. South America
- b. West Indies
- c. North Africa
- d. Canada

9> Isaac Brock, from the Channel Islands, died winning the Battle of Queenston Heights during what war?

- a. American Revolution
- b. English Civil War
- c. War of 1812
- d. War of the Roses

10> In the 1830s, which president bypassed the official cabinet for a "kitchen cabinet"?

- a. Thomas Jefferson
- b. Ulysses Grant
- c. Andrew Jackson
- d. Warren Harding

11> On sailing into Manila Bay, who said, "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley"?

- a. George Dewey
- b. Thomas Dewey
- c. John Dewey
- d. Melvil Dewey

12> In WWII, who qualified to win Britain's Dickin Medal for Valor?

- a. Coast Guard and Merchant Marine members
- b. Animals and birds
- c. Non-British Commonwealth citizens
- d. Civilians

13> In 1966, it was revealed that what country's associate minister of defence had had an affair with a hooker and spy named Gerda Munsinger?

- a. Canada
- b. Australia
- c. Austria
- d. West Germany

14> The owners of the Sampoong Department Store opted to add another floor and a swimming pool, which collapsed on June 30, 1995, in what city?

- a. Seoul
- b. Taipei
- c. Shanghai
- d. Bangkok

15> The Democrats won the popular vote, but Florida was one of three states with disputed results. Sound familiar? Who won the presidential election ... of 1876?

- a. Rutherford Hayes
- b. William McKinley
- c. James Buchanan
- d. John Quincy Adams

Answers:

- 1> Walter Raleigh - Walter Raleigh is responsible for popularising tobacco in England.
- 2> Pontius Pilate - Pontius Pilate was the judge at Jesus' trial and the one who authorized the crucifixion of Jesus.
- 3> Prague - Prague is located in the Czech Republic.
- 4> Gerald Ford - Ford was the 38th President of the United States. He held the position from 1974 to 1977.
- 5> James Garfield - Garfield was the first president to appoint several African-Americans to prominent federal government positions.
- 6> Benjamin Franklin - Although often misquoted as 'A penny saved is a penny earned', Benjamin penned the saying 'A penny saved is two pence dear'.
- 7> Amsterdam - A total of 43 people were killed in the accident, including 39 people on the ground.
- 8> North Africa - The name was derived from the Berber people of North Africa.
- 9> War of 1812 - Leading the charge, Brock was shot and killed by American sharpshooters.
- 10> Andrew Jackson - Jackson, at age thirteen, was a courier during the American Revolutionary War.
- 11> George Dewey - Dewey is the only person in the United States to have attained the rank of Admiral of the Navy, the most senior rank in the United States Navy.
- 12> Animals and birds - The award is commonly referred to as the animals' Victoria Cross.
- 13> Canada - Although alleged as a Soviet spy, it was ultimately unproven.
- 14> Seoul - The collapse trapped more than 1,500 people, killing 502.
- 15> Rutherford Hayes - Hayes believed in equal treatment without regard to race, and improvement of the people through education.