

MILITARY HISTORY TRIVIA QUESTIONS II



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1> According to Homer, how long did the Trojan War last?

- a. 1 month
- b. 10 years
- c. 1 year
- d. 7 days

2> An ancient heavy Greek infantry was called...

- a. Hippeis
- b. Hetairoi
- c. Hoplites
- d. Peltast

3> During the Punic Wars, the Roman Empire fought against...?

- a. Persia
- b. Carthage
- c. Egypt
- d. The Huns

4> What is a drakkar and a knar, used by the Vikings?

- a. Swords
- b. Sacrifices
- c. Longships
- d. Infantry and cavalry

5> A samurai without a master is known as a...?

- a. Ronin

- b. Bushido
- c. Shogun
- d. Ashigaru

6> The Mongolians planned to invade Japan in 1274 and in 1281, yet they failed twice. Why?

- a. The Japanese blew up most of the Mongolian ships
- b. Their navy was swept away by a typhoon
- c. Mongolian's Emperors died just before the attacks
- d. The Japanese engaged in a guerilla warfare

7> A ship specially built to serve as a storehouse, prison, etc., and not for sea service is a...?

- a. Hulk
- b. Cog
- c. Galley
- d. Zabra

8> Which of the following states was in the Union during the American Civil War?

- a. Virginia
- b. Tennessee
- c. Kentucky
- d. North Carolina

9> A type of artillery piece characterized by a relatively short barrel and the use of comparatively small propellant charges to propel projectiles at relatively high trajectories is a...?

- a. Bombard
- b. Escalade
- c. Howitzer
- d. Saker

10> What is the ship H.L. Hunley famous for?

- a. First ship sunk in the American Civil War
- b. There was an infamous slave mutiny onboard
- c. First submarine to sink a ship

d. It was the flagship of George Washington

11> The Dardanelles Operation was carried out in which war?

- a. Seven Years' War
- b. World War II
- c. Anglo-Turkish War
- d. Thirty Years' War

12> The V-2 rockets, at the time they were developed, were targeted at two cities. One of them was Antwerp. What was the other?

- a. Strasbourg
- b. Stalingrad
- c. London
- d. Utrecht

13> The Finns invented the name "Molotov cocktail" as an insult to Vyacheslav Molotov of the USSR. Who was Molotov?

- a. Soviet Minister of Foreign Affairs
- b. First Chairman of the Communist Party of Finland
- c. Commander of Arms of the Red Army
- d. First Chairman of the Communist Party of the USSR

14> The policy of the Richard M. Nixon administration to "expand, equip, and train South Vietnam's forces and assign to them an ever-increasing combat role, at the same time steadily reducing the number of U.S. combat troops" was known as...?

- a. Containment
- b. Vietnamization
- c. Détente
- d. Flexible response

15> President Ronald Reagan started the Strategic Defense Initiative to use ground and space-based systems to protect the United States from attack by strategic nuclear ballistic missiles. The defense doctrine is colloquially known as...?

- a. Star Wars

- b. Earth Defense Force
- c. Star Trek
- d. Death Star

Answers:

- 1> 10 years - It ended with a Greek victory.
- 2> Hoplites - Hoplites fought in a formation, called a phalanx.
- 3> Carthage - The three Punic Wars took place between 264 BC and 146 BC.
- 4> Longships - Drakkars could manoeuvre in very shallow waters, which helped the Normans penetrate the enemy lands.
- 5> Ronin - At one point, samurais composed 10 percent of Japan's population.
- 6> Their navy was swept away by a typhoon - The typhoon was later known as the 'divine wind'.
- 7> Hulk - Hulk is afloat, yet incapable of sailing on the sea.
- 8> Kentucky - The secession started with South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas.
- 9> Howitzer - Mortars, on the other hand, were meant to fire at even higher angles than howitzers.
- 10> First submarine to sink a ship - H.L. Hunley managed to torpedo USS Housatonic, but the crew never returned to base.
- 11> Anglo-Turkish War - The operation was an unsuccessful attempt to impose British demands on the Ottoman Empire.
- 12> London - The blueprints were later used by the Americans and the Soviets to build space rockets.
- 13> Soviet Minister of Foreign Affairs - He was also responsible for the non-aggression pact with the Nazis.
- 14> Vietnamization - Although it was the policy of Richard M. Nixon, the conflict escalated during the presidency of John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson.
- 15> Star Wars - Among other things, the project resulted in the invention of the rail gun.