

MILITARY HISTORY TRIVIA QUESTIONS #3



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1> Who was the leader of Athens during the First Peloponnesian War?

- a. Leonidas
- b. Xerxes
- c. Cimon
- d. Pericles

2> The battle after which Alexander the Great finally defeated Darius III is called...

- a. Siege of Persepolis
- b. Battle of Gaugamela
- c. Battle of Halicarnassus
- d. Battle of Copen

3> What name was used for an infantry military unit in the Imperial Roman Army, consisting of 480 men?

- a. Pretoria
- b. Cohort
- c. Legion
- d. Centurion

4> Whom was the main military leader fighting against Rome in the Punic Wars?

- a. Vercingetorix
- b. Attila
- c. Arminius
- d. Hannibal

5> The most famous battle between the Merovingian Franks and the Umayyad

Caliphates is known as...

- a. Battle of Hastings
- b. Battle of Tours
- c. Merovingian Franks and the Umayyad Caliphate never fought.
- d. Battle of Azincourt

6> What did Joan of Arc most often carry into battle?

- a. Bow
- b. Standard
- c. Spear
- d. Sword

7> What is a "hellburner"?

- a. A special type of bomb ship.
- b. An early prototype of a flamethrower.
- c. A different name for gunpowder.
- d. Cannon, used in XVI-XVIII centuries.

8> What is the most common name for the Battle of Three Emperors?

- a. Battle of Waterloo
- b. Battle of Grunwald
- c. Battle of Trafalgar
- d. Battle of Austerlitz

9> Where was gunpowder invented?

- a. Japan
- b. China
- c. America
- d. Egypt

10> The Iron Brigade, the Philadelphia Brigade and the Irish Brigade all belonged to which military unit/army?

- a. Army of Georgia
- b. Army of the Potomac
- c. Army of the James

d. Army of the Frontier

11> What was the first killing agent used by the Germans in the First World War?

- a. Adamsite
- b. Phosgene
- c. Chlorine
- d. Mustard gas

12> What was the operational name of the Battle of Iwo Jima?

- a. Operation Market Garden
- b. Operation Overlord
- c. Operation Iceberg
- d. Operation Detachment

13> How many aircraft carriers does Russia have at the present (2013)?

- a. 0
- b. 3
- c. 2
- d. 1

14> In 1968, during the Vietnam War, the communists launched the so-called Tet Offensive. It took the Americans by surprise. Why?

- a. United States had insufficient technology.
- b. The US was about to withdraw from Vietnam.
- c. The US troops were expecting an attack in a completely different location.
- d. There was a 2-day ceasefire for the Vietnamese New Year celebrations.

15> The Northrop Grumman B-2 Spirit, also known as the Spirit Bomber, is one of the most famous advanced aircrafts currently in use. In total, US had spent over \$2 billion per aircraft, building 21 airplanes in total. How many of those are still in use?

- a. 17
- b. 21
- c. None
- d. 20

Answers:

- 1> Pericles - His name translates to 'One surrounded by glory'.
- 2> Battle of Gaugamela - After the battle, the bulk of Darius' army was defeated, although Darius himself managed to escape Alexander's reach.
- 3> Cohort - There were various types of cohorts, such as cohorts classica with sailors, or cohorts sagittaria containing archers.
- 4> Hannibal - Hannibal is sometimes referred to as the father of strategy.
- 5> Battle of Tours - Battle of Tours is also called the Battle of Poitiers.
- 6> Standard - Joan was a standard-bearer and some historians argue her main function was supporting morale, rather than aiding physically in battle.
- 7> A special type of bomb ship. - Hellburners were essentially floating bombs, used mostly by the Dutch against Spain.
- 8> Battle of Austerlitz - The 'three emperors' are Napoleon, Tsar Alexander I and Holy Roman Emperor Francis II.
- 9> China - Gunpowder was used to propel rockets and even early grenades - not to mention guns.
- 10> Army of the Potomac - The army of the Potomac played a very important role in the Battle of Gettysburg.
- 11> Chlorine - Deadly gases are often named as the first WMD.
- 12> Operation Detachment - The battle lasted over a month.
- 13> 2 - Aircraft carriers are considered the true measure of a superpower.
- 14> There was a 2-day ceasefire for the Vietnamese New Year celebrations. - The Tet Offensive was widely televised and resulted in the loss of support for the war among Americans.
- 15> 20 - It's a well-known 'secret' that one B-2 was shot down during the war in Kosovo in 1999.

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