

# SWITZERLAND TRIVIA QUIZ

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1> What is the largest lake in Switzerland?

- a. Lake Constance
- b. Lake Geneva
- c. Lake Thun
- d. Lake Maggiore

2> Which 1515 battle ended the so-called heroic epoch of Swiss history?

- a. Battle of Calven
- b. Battle of Sempach
- c. Battle of Nefels
- d. Battle of Marignano

3> What is the largest canton of Switzerland?

- a. Jura
- b. Valais
- c. Graubunden
- d. Bern

4> Andreas Vollenweider is a Swiss famous for playing which musical instrument?

- a. Guitar
- b. Harp
- c. Piano
- d. Accordion

5> Name the longest river that is entirely in Switzerland.

- a. Aare
- b. Rhone
- c. Inn
- d. Thur

6> The Palace of Nations, the second biggest centre for the United Nations after New York, is in which Swiss city?

- a. Lausanne
- b. Zurich
- c. Chur
- d. Geneva

7> Host to the World Economic Forum, which Swiss city is the highest city in Europe?

- a. Davos
- b. Chur
- c. St. Gallen
- d. La Chaux-de-Fonds

8> What is the biggest university in Switzerland?

- a. University of Lausanne
- b. University of Zurich
- c. University of Geneva
- d. University of Basel

9> Which Swiss physicist designed the bathyscaphe?

- a. Heinrich Rohrer
- b. Felix Bloch
- c. Jack Steinberger

d. Auguste Piccard

10> Also known as Swiss wrestling, what is the name for this style of folk wrestling native to Switzerland?

- a. Hornussen
- b. Steinstossen
- c. Gallen
- d. Schwingen

11> Jacques Herzog, Pierre de Meuron and Peter Zumthor are Swiss famous in which field?

- a. Painting
- b. Music
- c. Architecture
- d. Economics

12> Which of the following mountains located in Switzerland is the highest?

- a. Monte Rosa
- b. Nordend
- c. Signalkuppe
- d. Zumsteinspitze

## Answers:

- 1> Lake Geneva - Lac Lemman is the customary name of the lake in French.
- 2> Battle of Marignano - The battle was fought in Italy and was a French victory.
- 3> Graubunden - Graubunden is home to three of Switzerland's ethnic groups and the subsequent languages of Swiss German, Italian and Romansh are all native to the state.
- 4> Harp - Vollenweider received the first New Age music Grammy for the 1986 album Down to the Moon.
- 5> Aare - Aare is about 183 miles in length.
- 6> Geneva - Switzerland did not become a member of the UN until 2002.
- 7> Davos - The World Economic Forum is an annual meeting of global political and business elites held in Davos, which has a population of around 11,000.
- 8> University of Zurich - Founded in 1833, it was the first university in Europe to be founded by the state rather than a monarch or church.
- 9> Auguste Piccard - Piccard was the inspiration for Professor Calculus in The Adventures of Tintin.
- 10> Schwingen - Wrestlers wear Schwingenhosen (wrestling breeches) with belts that are used for taking holds.
- 11> Architecture - Herzog and de Meuron won the Pritzker Prize in 2001 a year after converting the Bankside Power Station to the new home of Tate Modern.
- 12> Monte Rosa - Monte Rosa is 4634 meters high.

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