

History

Wooden Spoon Quizzes

Canada has been colonized by which two countries?	England and France
What year did the Costa Concordia sink?	2012
The Isle of Man belonged to which two countries before it came under UK administration in 1765?	Norway and Scotland
When did the Japanese military attack the American naval base at Pearl Harbor?	December 7, 1941
What was the date of the Boston Tea Party?	16 December 1773
What play was Abraham Lincoln watching when he was assassinated?	Our American Cousin
Who was the first US President to appear on television?	Franklin D. Roosevelt
What became of Marie Antoinette on 17 October 1793?	She was beheaded
In which year did Adolf Hitler commit suicide?	1945
Which British Monarch is said to have been an avid Shakespeare fan?	Elizabeth I
At what time period does the painting 'Girl with a Pearl Earring' belong to?	17th century
Who won the American Civil War?	The Union
What year did India gain its independence?	1947
How many bombs in WW2 were dropped on London?	Around 25,000
How many ships did Christopher Columbus have on his first voyage?	3
To whom did Napoleon Bonaparte send love letters?	Joséphine de Beauharnais (his wife)
Queen Elizabeth II married who in November 1947?	Philip Mountbatten
Which heroine helped her lighthouse keeper father to rescue survivors from the wreck of the SS Forfarshire?	Grace Darling
On which island did Napoleon die?	St Helena
By what name were the opponents of the Cavaliers known in the English Civil War?	Roundheads
Who was the Queen of England for less than 2 weeks in 1553?	Lady Jane Grey
Whose nickname was 'The Wisest Fool in Christendom'?	James VI of Scotland / James I of England
Which Royal House succeeded the Tudors in 1603?	Stuarts
Who succeeded Queen Victoria as British Monarch?	Edward VII
In 2018, the RAF celebrated which milestone?	100 years old / Centennial
In America, what famous animal is said to predict the next 6 weeks of weather every February 2?	Groundhog
What was the name of the battle immediately before the Battle of Hastings in 1066 where King Harold decisively defeated the Vikings ambitions forever in the UK?	Stamford Bridge
Which Country was Nelson Mandela president?	South Africa

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What was Hitler's Book called?	Mein Kampf
Who defeated the Spanish Armada in 1588?	Sir Francis Drake
The storming of the Bastille was a part of which historic event?	French Revolution
What was the name of the Space Shuttle that exploded in 1986?	Challenger
Marilyn Monroe sang 'Happy Birthday Mr President'. Who was the President she sang it to?	John F Kennedy
What year did Bangladesh become an independent country?	1971
Which US President pushed for the creation of the Panama Canal?	Theodore Roosevelt
What was the weakness of Achilles?	Heel
Which countries went to war over the Falkland Islands?	Great Britain and Argentina
What Battle happened in 1066?	The Battle of Hastings
Which checkpoint was there a stand off at the Berlin Wall?	Checkpoint Charlie
Who was Napoleon's first wife?	Empress Joséphine
When was VE Day?	8 May 1945
After what battle was the American National Anthem written?	The war of 1812
Which of Henry VIII's six wives is buried beside him?	Jane Seymour
What was the former name of the city of New York, USA, before the English captured it in the 17th Century?	New Amsterdam
From which religion is the trickster God 'Loki' from?	Norse
How did Princess Diana die?	Car Crash
What was the Bloomsbury Set?	A group of associated English writers, intellectuals, philosophers and artists in the first half of the 20th century
What does AD stand for when used in the Gregorian calendar?	Anno Domini
In the late 19th century, Jack the Ripper was a...?	Serial Killer
During what war was Pearl Harbor bombed?	World War II
What happened to Anne Boleyn?	Beheaded
Who was the first US President to live in the White House?	John Adams
Which of Henry VIII's wives was the mother of Elizabeth I?	Anne Boleyn
Which of the world's greatest scientists lived from 1879-1955?	Albert Einstein
What country was the Treaty of Versailles held in?	France

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Where did Abe Lincoln call home?	Springfield, Illinois
What was the cause of Henry VIII creating the Anglican Church?	In order to annul his marriage with Catherine of Aragon
What do the stars mean on the US Flag?	50 States
Which animal has been said to have infested London with the plague?	Rats
In what year did John F Kennedy become President of the United States?	1961
During World War II, in which year did Singapore surrender to the Imperial Japanese army?	1942
Kuwait was invaded by which country in 1990?	Iraq
In World War II, the British soldiers known as the 'Forgotten Army' fought where?	Burma
Which country conducted the first recognised and recorded national census?	Iceland
In what year was the Battle of Agincourt?	1415
When did the Battle of Hastings happen?	1066
What is the name of the series of wars that occurred between 1096 and 1487?	The Crusades
Who was the first Roman Emperor to greatly promote Christianity in Ancient Rome?	Constantine I
Who fought in the first Opium War?	Britain and China
What vital role in WWII was played by Major William Martin, Royal Marines?	He never existed
Whom did Adolf Hitler marry in 1945?	Eva Braun
Who was Prime Minister of Britain the day Diana, Princess of Wales, died?	Tony Blair
Which British prime minister introduced the poll tax?	Margaret Thatcher
When did the Terrorist attacks happen to the twin towers?	9/11 (2001)
Which famous African American was arrested for sitting on the 'white' part of the bus?	Rosa Parks
Who did Anne Boleyn give birth to?	Elizabeth Tudor (Elizabeth I)
The British Aircraft credited with victory during The Battle of Britain are?	Spitfire and Hurricane
In World War I, the UK and US created 'Dazzle Ships' by painting whole ships with large scale geometric patterns and shapes. Why did they do this?	Camouflage the ships
What country was the first to use poison gas in WWI?	Germany
Which person is the only Nazi Party member to be buried on Mount Zion, a hill in Jerusalem, Israel?	Oskar Schindler
How did Edward VII die?	Cancer (Throat)
What country was the first to legalize trade unions in 1824?	Great Britain
Which British Prime Minister signed the Munich Agreement in 1938?	Neville Chamberlain

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Who was the General to lead the militia across the Delaware?	General George Washington
Who succeeded Hindenburg as Germany's head of state?	Adolf Hitler
How long did the 100 year war last?	116 years
Which president came up with the idea of the League of Nations?	Woodrow Wilson
What was the name of King Arthur's sword?	Excalibur
What was the nickname of William I of England?	The Conqueror
What is the oldest naval wooden ship still afloat?	USS Constitution
Which King of England was found buried under a car park?	Richard III
Who invented the World's first aircraft?	The Wright Brothers
During the massacre of Glencoe, who was ruling at the time?	William of Orange
Which sea is mentioned in the Bible?	Galilee
What Country gave Columbus the ships to explore?	Spain
Which Country was previously ruled by Tsars?	Russia
How did America get the Statue of Liberty?	It was a gift from France
What day was Pearl Harbor attacked?	7 December 1941
What type of horse was the medieval destrier?	It was the finest strongest war-horse
Who defined democracy as 'of the people, by the people, for the people'?	Abraham Lincoln
What does SAS stand for?	Special Air Service
What country was neutral during World War II? Switzerland, Germany, Netherlands or Russia	Switzerland
How old does someone or something have to be to have a centennial?	100 years old
What piece of clothing is a petticoat?	An Underskirt
Which of these countries gained independence due to the dissolution of the USSR in 1991? Slovenia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania or Macedonia	Macedonia
What ship hit an iceberg and sank in 1912?	Titanic
In which year did the Vietnam War end?	1975
Who commanded the British fleet at the Battle of Jutland?	Admiral John Jellicoe
What massacre took place in South Africa in 1960?	Sharpeville Massacre
Who became German President in 1932?	Paul von Hindenburg
Which King of England was crowned on Christmas Day?	William I (1066)
How old was William Pitt when he became Prime Minister in 1783?	24

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What did Elizabeth Fry reform?	Prisons
How was Josip Broz better known?	Tito
Who, in 1906, became the first US President to travel abroad?	Teddy Roosevelt
Which Middle East war broke out in October 1973?	Yom Kippur War
Who was the forth wife of Kind Henry VIII?	Anne of Cleves
What famous event occurred in the French Revolution on July 14 1789?	The Storming of the Bastille
The Gunpowder Plot of 1605 sought to remove which King and his MP's from power?	King James I
Name the famous ship captained by Sir Francis Drake?	The Golden Hind
When is VE Day?	May 8
Who wrote a very famous diary detailing the Fire of London and the Black Death?	Samuel Pepys
Which famous battle is depicted in the World Famous Bayeux Tapestries?	The Battle of Hastings, 1066
Which Monarch was on the throne of England during the Spanish Armada?	Queen Elizabeth I
Who gave up his throne for the woman he loved?	Kind Edward VIII
In which City would you find the Scottish Royal Palace of Holyrood House?	Edinburgh
In which Year was William Shakespeare born?	1564
In which Year did Tony Blair become the leader of the British Labour Party?	1994
In which Year was a British Task Force sent to recover the Falkland Islands after an Argentinian invasion?	1982
Which British Politician won the Admiral's Cup in 1971 in his yacht 'Morning Cloud'?	Sir Edward Heath
How many Years after the Battle of Trafalgar did the Battle of Waterloo take place?	10 (strictly 9 Years and 8 Months - Oct 1805 - June 1815)
Who became the President of the USA in 1929, the Year of the Wall Street Crash?	President Herbert Hoover
Who compiled a Book of Words, published in 1852, that were arranged according to their meanings?	Peter Mark Roget
What was the number of the last King Louis to be King of France?	18th (Louis XVIII 1814-1824)
In what Year did Elvis Presley first enter the UK Charts with 'Heartbreak Hotel'?	1956
When did Adolf Hitler come to power in Germany?	1933
Whose fate was determined by a Diet of Worms?	Martin Luther (1483-1546)
In medieval France, what was a woman who had committed adultery sometimes required to do by way of punishment?	Chase a chicken through the streets naked
The nursery rhyme 'Ring a Ring o' Roses' refers to which historic event?	The Black Death
What trait distinguished Queen Mary, consort of King George V of Great Britain?	She was Kleptomaniac

Why was King Charles VI of France terrified of travelling by Coach?	He was convinced that he was made of Glass and the vibration would cause him to shatter
True or False? The American Civil War got its name because the two sides were extremely polite to each other?	False
In the Defenestration of Prague in 1618, what were people thrown out of?	Windows
Of which US President did HL Mencken say 'If he became convinced tomorrow that coming out for cannibalism would get him the votes he sorely needs, he would begin fattening a missionary in the White House backyard come Wednesday'?	Franklin D. Roosevelt
What did Mad King Otto of Bavaria like to shoot every morning before breakfast?	A Peasant
Whom did the Roman Emperor Caligula try to make a consul, to the surprise of many?	His Horse
What famous ship sank in 1912?	Titanic
Who was Britains longest serving Prime Minister, a term that lasted for 20 years and 315 days?	Sir Robert Walpole
Who painted the famous portrait, the Mona Lisa?	Leonardo da Vinci
The Battle of Hastings was in what year?	1066
What did Sir Isaac Newton invent?	Reflecting Telescope
This part-time race car driver invented the bucket seat in 1969?	Steve McQueen
What year was John F. Kennedy assassinated?	1963
What major event stopped the Great Plague of London?	The Great Fire of London
Approximately, how long ago was Stonehenge built?	5000 years
In which decade was the telephone invented?	1870s
Which wife did Henry VIII uncharitably label 'The Flanders Mare'?	Anne of Cleves
The severance of which body part belonging to British naval captain Robert Jenkins led to a nine-year war with Spain in the eighteenth century?	Ear
What was the nineteenth-century Princess Alexandra of Bavaria convinced that she swallowed as a child?	Grand Piano made from glass
Who described Britain as a nation of shopkeepers?	Napoleon Bonaparte
How did Tsar Ivan the Terrible of Russia, the blood-thirsty 'Butcher of Novgorod' die?	Playing Chess
Who once said 'Trying is the first step towards failure'?	Homer Simpson
True or False? Catherine the Great of Russia was so angry when she found dandruff on her collar that she imprisoned her hairdresser in an iron cage for three years?	True

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What was the name of the botched invasion of Cuba in 1961 by a CIA-sponsored paramilitary group that heightened World tension?	Bay of Pigs
Louis XIV of France reportedly owned more than 1,000 what?	Wigs
The Great Fire of London in 1666 started in a bakery located on which street?	Pudding Lane
Which American religious leader founded Mormonism and the Latter Day Saint movement?	Joseph Smith, Jr.
Which member of the Royal Family was the target of a kidnap attempt in the Mall in 1974?	Princess Anne
The Elgin Marbles, currently in the British Museum of London, were taken from which Ancient Greek monument?	Parthenon
How many men have held the title 'Duke of Windsor'?	One (the former Edward VIII after his abdication)
Popular in the 18th Century, what is a cotillion?	Dance
Which French heroine was accused of heresy and burned at the stake by the English on 30 May 1431?	Joan of Arc
Which famous train ran between Paris and Istanbul from 1883 to 1961?	Orient Express
Who was the US senator for the state of New York from 2000 to 2008?	Hilary Clinton
In which city was the Sri Lankan cricket team attacked with a bomb, grenade launcher and rifles in March 2009?	Lahore
What famous event in US history occurred in April 1961?	Bay of Pigs
The Dalai Lama fled Tibet in 1959 due to its occupation by troops from what country?	China
Which English King was defeated at the Battle of Hastings?	King Harold II
What was the name of the site which housed the Code and Cipher School during WWII?	Bletchley Park
Queen Elizabeth II is famously the longest reigning monarch of the UK, followed by Queen Victoria - but who is third?	George III
In which battle was Nelson fatally wounded?	Trafalgar
In which year did colour television transmission start in the UK?	1967
Which English King reputedly commanded the sea to retreat?	King Canute (the Great)
Which US State ended prohibition in November 1948, a law that had been in place there for 68 years?	Kansas
Now at the core of most armies, in what war were tanks used for the first time?	WWI
In 1953, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed in the USA for spying for which country?	Soviet Union
In Britain, what was the name given to the M4 Medium Tank that was produced by the US from World War II until the end of the Korean War?	Sherman
What were Scotsmen prohibited from wearing 1746-1782 under the Highland Garb Act, after the rising in Scotland in 1745?	Tartan

In 1657, who turned down the opportunity to become King of England?	Oliver Cromwell
Which Suffragette died from her injuries after stepping out in the front of King George V's horse at the Epsom Derby in 1913?	Emily Davison
The Visigoth army led by Alaric famously sacked what city in 410 CE?	Rome
Who was the first ruler of the House of Tudor?	Henry VII
What was the scandal that forced US President Richard Nixon to resign in 1974?	Watergate
Who was re-elected President of the Republic of Germany in 1932 defeating Adolf Hitler?	Paul von Hindenburg
When was William Shakespeare born?	1564
Which historical figure lived between 111-71 BC?	Spartacus
What did ancient Egyptians call their land?	Kemet (The Black Land)
Two of Henry VIII's six wives were executed. Anne Boleyn was one, who was the other?	Catherine Howard
How many different kings of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland were there between 1840 and 1900?	None
Where was the freedom of Press Act 1766 passed?	Sweden
Johannes Gutenberg invented the printing press during what century?	15th
Who was the Puritan Leader and first governor of the Pilgrim Fathers, who organised the voyage of the Mayflower to Plymouth, New Hampshire?	John Carver
Who was the lord mayor of London 3 times? 1397-1399, 1406-1407 and 1419-1420	Dick Whittington
Who was the last British Monarch of the House of Hanover?	Queen Victoria
Who delivered the Gettysburg Address in 1863, during the American Civil War?	Abraham Lincoln
In which location in Australia did Captain Cook make his first landing in 1770?	Botany Bay
Who famously refused to give up her seat in the 'coloured section' of a bus to a white passenger, in Alabama in 1955?	Rosa Parks
To which remote island was Napoleon exiled after his defeat at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815?	Saint Helena
Who was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1162 until his murder in 1170?	Thomas Becket
The 'Lost City of the Incas', rediscovered in 1911, is located in which country?	Peru
What was Julius Caesar's actual first name?	Gaius
Which Native American was married to the English colonist John Rolfe from 1614 until her death in 1617?	Pocahontas
Who was killed in 2011, in an operation code-named Operation Neptune Spear?	Osama bin Laden
Which military dictator ruled Spain from 1939 until his death in 1975?	Francisco Franco
What figure, in pounds, was shown on the side of the Brexit bus as the cost of the EU to the UK per week?	£350 million

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Which historical figure has had more London streets named after them than anyone else?	Queen Victoria
The Eiffel Tower was built to commemorate the centenary of what event?	The French Revolution
Joseph Stalin originally trained for what job?	Priest
Who turned a telescope on the stars, saw sunspots, and spent his final years under house arrest?	Galileo
Which Billy Joel song gives a quick-fire recap of major news events from 1949 to 1989?	We Didn't Start the Fire
In 1909, which two-person sport was established as the national sport of Japan?	Sumo Wrestling
'Ich bin ein Berliner' is a quotation from a 1963 speech delivered by whom?	President John F. Kennedy
Which two words are inscribed on the Victoria Cross medal?	For Valour
'The Condition of the Working Class in England' is an 1845 book by which German philosopher?	Friedrich Engels
Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov was better known by which name?	Lenin
In 1930, which English Aviator became the first female pilot to fly solo from Britain to Australia?	Amy Johnson
American criminals Parker and Barrow are better known by which first names?	Bonnie and Clyde
The ruins of the ancient city of Troy are located in which modern day country?	Turkey
What was the name of the first permanent English settlement in the Americas?	Jamestown, Virginia
Who was assassinated by Nathuram Godse?	Mahatma Gandhi