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History 5



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☐ ✓ True

☐ ✗ False

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☐ ✓ True

☐ ✗ False

QUESTION		ANSWER	DID YOU KNOW?
1.	Surrealist Salvador Dalí wore a home-made perfume made from artists' glue and cow dung.	1. True	1. Dalí was famous for eccentric behavior and avant-garde art.
2.	First US President George Washington had a phobia of being buried alive; Franklin D Roosevelt of the number 13; Richard Nixon of hospitals; and Benjamin Harrison of electricity.	2. True	2. Phobias affected many famous historical figures in surprising ways.
3.	The poet Shelley disliked cats so much that he once tied one to the string of a kite he was flying in a thunderstorm to see if it would be electrocuted.	3. True	3. Shelley's act is now seen as cruel but reflected his eccentric personality.
4.	Until the age of three, Queen Victoria only spoke German.	4. True	4. Victoria was raised speaking German first due to her mother's heritage.
5.	Over a hundred years ago, it was custom for sailors to put a tattoo of a pig on one foot and of a cockerel on the other, to prevent drowning, as these two animals are supposed never to drown.	5. True	5. Pig and cockerel tattoos were considered lucky charms against drowning.
6.	In the 19th century, women travelling alone on trains used to place pins between their lips when entering tunnels in case strange men tried to kiss them in the dark.	6. True	6. Women used pins as self-defense against unwanted kisses in dark tunnels.
7.	Dogs have been used as weapons throughout history. In World War II, the Soviets used them as suicide bombers and more recently North Korea has trained dogs for similar missions.	7. True	7. War dogs served in many combat roles beyond companionship.
8.	Prince Waldemar of Prussia once released his pet crocodile into Queen Victoria's study.	8. True	8. Victorian royals kept exotic pets to showcase status and wealth.
9.	The first written record of black pudding comes from Greek poet Homer in The Odyssey from around 800 BC. He says: "We've got these goat paunches on the fire, stuffed with fat and blood, ready for supper."	9. True	9. Black pudding has ancient origins dating back thousands of years.
10.	Adolf Hitler stipulated that any adult female character in a German film that broke up a marriage must die before the closing credits.	10. True	10. Nazi propaganda enforced strict moral codes in films.
11.	Florence Nightingale developed the pie chart.	11. True	11. Nightingale used pie charts to highlight causes of soldier deaths and improve sanitation.
12.	None of Leonardo da Vinci's paintings are signed.	12. True	12. Signing artwork was uncommon during the Renaissance.