



# August

## Quiz 6



### "Quiz like nobody's Googling"

Less 'University Challenge,' More 'Drunk Guessing Championship.'

1. Construction began on which iconic Italian landmark, famous for its unintended tilt, in August 1173?
2. Which famous horse racing venue was granted the title "Royal" after Queen Anne attended the races there in August 1711?
3. In August 1840, Parliament passed an Act prohibiting the use of what by chimney sweeps?
4. In August 1858, who selected Ottawa as the capital of Canada?
5. Which infamous World War I spy, known for her exotic dancing and espionage, was born in August 1876?
6. What became a permanent fixture in the UK with the passing of the Daylight Saving Act in August 1925?
7. Which African country gained independence from France in August 1960?
8. In August 1970, a deadly hostage situation at the Marin County Courthouse occurred when armed individuals attempted to free which imprisoned activist, resulting in the death of Judge Harold Haley?
9. On August 7, 1974, Philippe Petit performed a daring high-wire walk between which two famous skyscrapers in New York City?
10. Which historic American newspaper published its final edition after 128 years in August 1981?
11. Which German cathedral, whose construction began in 1248, was finally completed in August 1880—632 years later?
12. In August 1893, France became the first country to introduce official registration for what mode of transport?



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QUESTION	ANSWER	DID YOU KNOW?
1. Construction began on which iconic Italian landmark, famous for its unintended tilt, in August 1173?	1. The Leaning Tower of Pisa	1. The tower began tilting just five years after construction started due to soft ground and a poor foundation.
2. Which famous horse racing venue was granted the title "Royal" after Queen Anne attended the races there in August 1711?	2. Ascot	2. Royal Ascot remains a major social and sporting event in the UK calendar, with the royal family attending each year in traditional style.
3. In August 1840, Parliament passed an Act prohibiting the use of what by chimney sweeps?	3. Child labour	3. The act was one of the earliest legal steps in the UK to regulate child labour, inspired by growing concern over working conditions for children.
4. In August 1858, who selected Ottawa as the capital of Canada?	4. Queen Victoria	4. Ottawa was chosen for its strategic location between English and French-speaking regions, helping ease tensions between the two communities.
5. Which infamous World War I spy, known for her exotic dancing and espionage, was born in August 1876?	5. Mata Hari	5. Mata Hari's real name was Margaretha Geertruida Zelle, and she was executed by a French firing squad in 1917 for allegedly spying for Germany.
6. What became a permanent fixture in the UK with the passing of the Daylight Saving Act in August 1925?	6. British Summer Time	6. The concept of daylight saving was originally introduced to save energy during wartime and became permanent due to its popularity.
7. Which African country gained independence from France in August 1960?	7. Chad	7. Chad was one of 17 African countries to gain independence in 1960, a year often referred to as the "Year of Africa."
8. In August 1970, a deadly hostage situation at the Marin County Courthouse occurred when armed individuals attempted to free which imprisoned activist, resulting in the death of Judge Harold Haley?	8. George Jackson	8. The attack was led by 17-year-old Jonathan Jackson, who stormed the courtroom with firearms to free James McClain and ultimately his brother George Jackson, a prominent activist. Judge Harold Haley was killed in the escape attempt. The weapons used were purchased by political activist Angela Davis, who was later acquitted of all charges related to the incident.
9. On August 7, 1974, Philippe Petit performed a daring high-wire walk between which two famous skyscrapers in New York City?	9. The Twin Towers of the World Trade Center	9. Petit's high-wire act was unauthorized and took six years to plan. His performance was later turned into a documentary and a feature film.
10. Which historic American newspaper published its final edition after 128 years in August 1981?	10. The Washington Star	10. The Washington Star once rivalled The Washington Post and had won multiple Pulitzer Prizes before its closure due to financial losses.
11. Which German cathedral, whose construction began in 1248, was finally completed in August 1880—632 years later?	11. Cologne Cathedral	11. The completion of Cologne Cathedral in 1880 was celebrated as a national event in Germany. Despite wars and political upheaval, the original medieval plans were closely followed over the centuries.
12. In August 1893, France became the first country to introduce official registration for what mode of transport?	12. Motor vehicles (cars)	12. The very first motor vehicle license plate in France belonged to a Parisian man and simply read "1." This innovation would soon spread worldwide