

Do you know everything about world history or American history? Test yourself with these history trivia questions and answers. Gather friends together, and have fun playing history trivia. Learn, have fun, and play!

Don't forget to download the free PDF file and printable at the end of this article. It helps to print questions and answers when playing with friends in-person.

Have fun playing! Originally seen at: <https://icebreakerquestions.info/history-trivia-questions/>

How to Play

Here's how to play trivia with your friends or family. Ensure that each player has a pencil and paper. This is used to write down answers to each trivia question. Try to play with a minimum of three players. One person should be chosen as the "game head." This player is going to be the person responsible for reading the game questions to the group.

Each correct answer is worth one point. Read 25 to 50 questions to the group. And the player with the most correct answers wins the game or the round. *It's possible to play over text messages, too!*

History Trivia Questions and Answers

General History Trivia Questions

Trivia Question: What year was same sex marriage made legal in the United States?
Answer: 2015.

Trivia Question: How many stars are on the American Flag?
Answer: 50.

Trivia Question: Who was the first founding father to pass away?

Answer: Thomas Jefferson.

Trivia Question: What's the original name of New York City?

Answer: New Amsterdam.

Trivia Question: What's the name of the first woman to practice at the Supreme Court?

Answer: Belva Lockwood.

Trivia Question: Who was the first Miss America?

Answer: Margaret Gorman.

Trivia Question: What US President served the shortest term?

Answer: William Henry Harrison.

Trivia Question: The Great fire of London happened on what year?

Answer: 1666.

Trivia Question: What year did Martin Luther King Jr. give his famous "I have a dream" speech?

Answer: 1963.

Trivia Question: Neil Armstrong was known for doing what famous act?

Answer: Being on Apollo 11.

Trivia Question: What's the first capital of the United States?

Answer: Philadelphia.

Trivia Question: Who wrote "Hamlet?"

Answer: Dante. Often confused with William Shakespeare.

Trivia Question: What year did the French Revolution take place?

Answer: 1789.

Trivia Question: The atomic bomb was sent to which Japanese City?

Answer: Hiroshima.

Trivia Question: What year did the Berlin Wall fall?

Answer: 1989.

Trivia Question: What year did the first Olympic Games take place?

Answer: 1896.

Trivia Question: Queen Elizabeth I is known as what soubriquet?

Answer: Gloriana.

Trivia Question: Who is the Greek goddess of hunting?

Answer: Artemis.

Trivia Question: What year did Christopher Columbus sail the ocean blue?

Answer: 1492.

Trivia Question: When was the Emancipation Proclamation issued?

Answer: January 1st, 1863.

Hard History Trivia Questions

Trivia Question: What animal was once worshiped as a god in 300 B.C.?

Answer: Turkeys.

Trivia Question: How many imposters once claimed to be Marie Antoinette's dead son?

Answer: 100.

Trivia Question: What odd animal was Napoleon once attacked by?

Answer: A horde of bunnies.

Trivia Question: What common act were women banned from doing in 1908 New York?

Answer: Smoking.

Trivia Question: During prohibition, the government once poisoned alcohol. True or false?

Answer: True.

Trivia Question: What utensil was once considered to be sacrilegious?

Answer: Forks.

Trivia Question: How many plots were there to kill Fidel Castro during his presidency?

Answer: 600.

Trivia Question: True or false, Cleopatra was not Egyptian.

Answer: True.

Trivia Question: What did Pope Gregory the IV declare an odd war on?

Answer: Cats.

Trivia Question: What instrument did Richard Nixon play well?

Answer: Piano.

Easy History Trivia Questions

Trivia Question: Who was the first president of the United States?

Answer: George Washington.

Trivia Question: When was the declaration of independence signed?

Answer: July 4, 1776.

Trivia Question: When did the American civil war start?

Answer: April 12, 1861.

Trivia Question: What was the new year celebration called in ancient Egypt?

Answer: Wepet Renpet.

Trivia Question: True or false, the Vikings dyed their hair blonde?

Answer: True.

Trivia Question: What's the first animal that was sent into space?

Answer: A dog.

Trivia Question: How many giant heads are on Easter Island?

Answer: 887.

Trivia Question: True or false, the leaning tower of Pisa never stood up straight.

Answer: True.

Trivia Question: Rats killed how many Europeans in the middle ages?

Answer: 75 million people.

Trivia Question: What age did Pablo Picasso enter art school?

Answer: 10 years old.

American History Trivia Questions

Trivia Question: What year was Jamestown founded?

Answer: 1607.

Trivia Question: What year did Thomas Jefferson purchase the Louisiana Territory from France?

Answer: 1803.

Trivia Question: When were the first opening shots of the American Revolution fired?

Answer: April 1775.

Trivia Question: Where were the first shots fired of the American Revolution?

Answer: Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts.

Trivia Question: What is the first representative assembly in the new world?

Answer: House of Burgesses.

Trivia Question: What year was the Magna Carta signed?

Answer: 1215.

Trivia Question: Sam Adams was part of what Committee of Correspondence?

Answer: Sons of Liberty.

Trivia Question: Abraham Lincoln was what number of president for the United States?

Answer: 16th.

Trivia Question: James Monroe was the author of what doctrine?

Answer: Monroe Doctrine.

Trivia Question: What is the First Amendment?

Answer: Congress shall make no law.

Civil War History Trivia Questions

Trivia Question: What portion of soldiers were immigrants in the Civil War?

Answer: 1/3rd.

Trivia Question: How many months did Black Union soldiers refuse salaries for?

Answer: 18-months.

Trivia Question: What was Harriet Tubman known for?

Answer: A raid to free slaves.

Trivia Question: True or false, Abraham Lincoln was shot two years before his death.

Answer: True.

Trivia Question: What was William Tecumseh Sherman known for being demoted for?

Answer: Insanity.

Trivia Question: Who was named as the "bloodiest general of the war?"

Answer: Robert E. Lee.

Trivia Question: What estate was confiscated by the Union and turned into a cemetery?

Answer: Robert E. Lee's Virginia estate.

Trivia Question: How many men perished during the civil war?

Answer: 625,000.

Trivia Question: Who was the president of the United States during the Civil War?

Answer: Abraham Lincoln.

Trivia Question: What fort was bombarded causing the Civil War to begin?

Answer: Fort Sumter.

World History Trivia Questions

Trivia Question: What year did the national civil rights protests begin?

Answer: 1955.

Trivia Question: Who was the Nobel Peace Prize first organized by?

Answer: Alfred Nobel.

Trivia Question: When did the first world war begin?

Answer: 1914.

Trivia Question: What breed of dog is Snoopy in the highly successful comic strip series?

Answer: A beagle.

Trivia Question: Which country first used paper money?

Answer: China.

Trivia Question: What year did the Vietnam War end?

Answer: 1975.

Trivia Question: Who was the first woman to be elected to the houses of parliament?

Answer: Nancy Astor.

Trivia Question: How many wives did Henry VIII have?

Answer: 6.

Trivia Question: Who was the first female Hispanic astronaut?

Answer: Ellen Ochoa.

Trivia Question: Who was the first democratically elected President of Russia?

Answer: Boris Yelstin.

World War I Trivia Questions

Trivia Question: What year did Germany invade Belgium?

Answer: 1914.

Trivia Question: How long did World War I last for?

Answer: 4 years.

Trivia Question: Long ditches were carved out in WWI, they were called what?

Answer: Trenches.

Trivia Question: What large armored vehicle was used for the first time in this war?

Answer: A tank.

Trivia Question: What animal was trained to help spot oncoming men?

Answer: Dogs.

Trivia Question: What's the name of the blimp known to be developed during WWI?

Answer: Zeppelin.

Trivia Question: Who worked in the factories while men were away at war?

Answer: Women and wives.

Trivia Question: Boy scouts learned what type of signal using a bugle during the WWI era?

Answer: The 'All-Clear' signal.

Trivia Question: What is "armistice" day?

Answer: The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

Trivia Question: What flower is known to be representative of "armistice" day?

Answer: Poppies.

World War II Trivia Questions

Trivia Question: What army was the first American serviceman perished by?

Answer: A Russian serviceman.

Trivia Question: How many allied bomber crewmen perished in Europe?

Answer: Over 100,000.

Trivia Question: What polish midwife was known for delivering 3,000 babies in Auschwitz?

Answer: Stanisława Leszcynska.

Trivia Question: How many rations of toilet paper did British serviceman receive?

Answer: 3 sheets.

Trivia Question: How many cars were manufactured in the US during WWII?

Answer: More than 3,000,000.

Trivia Question: What percent of males born in the Soviet Union survived in the war?

Answer: 20%.

Trivia Question: What did American's change the name of a hamburger during WWII to avoid it sounding German?

Answer: Liberty Steak.

Trivia Question: Adolf Hitler had a nephew named what?

Answer: William Hitler.

Trivia Question: On the desk of Henry Ford was a framed picture of who?

Answer: Adolph Hitler.

Trivia Question: What was the mortality rate for POWs in Russian camps?

Answer: 85%.