

2009 history quiz from around the world

1. Which of the seven wonders of the world was the first to be destroyed?
 - a) The colossus of Rhodes
 - b) The Mausoleum of Maussollos at Halicarnassus
 - c) The Hanging Gardens of Babylon
 - d) **The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus**
2. Who was the British Prime Minister during the French revolution?
 - a) Sir Robert Walpole
 - b) **William Pitt the younger**
 - c) Spencer Perceval
 - d) Sir Robert Peel
3. On what day is St. Crispin's Day?
 - a) October 4
 - b) May 25
 - c) **October 25**
 - d) November 30
4. The short lived "Batavian Republic" lasted only from 1795 to 1806, in which European Country?
 - a) **The Netherlands**
 - b) Austria
 - c) Germany
 - d) Belgium
5. Which modern-day African country was formed from three Italian colonies of Fezzan, Tripolitania and Cyrenaica?
 - a) Somalia
 - b) **Libya**
 - c) Eritrea
 - d) Ethiopia
6. Viktor Yushchenko became President of which country in 2005 following 'The Orange Revolution'?
 - a) **The Ukraine**
 - b) Georgia
 - c) Belarus
 - d) Moldova
7. Crown Prince Frederick is heir apparent to the throne of which European country?
 - a) Sweden
 - b) Belgium
 - c) Norway
 - d) **Denmark**
8. When he was in office, what was President Reagan's Secret Service codename?
 - a) Bonanza
 - b) **Rawhide**
 - c) Gunsmoke
 - d) Wrangler
9. The notorious bandit know as 'Butch Cassidy' was born in 1866 in territory that would later become part of which US state?
 - a) **Utah**
 - b) Arizona
 - c) Oregon
 - d) Oklahoma
10. In which year was the first Bank of England 'One pound note' issued?
 - a) 1897
 - b) 1597
 - c) 1697
 - d) **1797**
11. Founded on September 3, 301 by Marinus of Rab, which European micro state is the world's oldest republic?
 - a) **San Marino**
 - b) Liechtenstein
 - c) Andorra
 - d) Monaco

33. Which Shakespearean play was written in 1611, near the end of his career?
a) **The Tempest** b) King Lear
c) Antony and Cleopatra d) Othello
34. Louis Hennepin, a French explorer, was the first European to discover which natural wonder in the 1670s?
a) Hudson Bay b) **Niagara Falls**
c) Mouth of the Mississippi d) Lake Champlain
35. In 1619, a Dutch ship brought what to British North America for the first time?
a) **Slaves** b) Tobacco
c) Rum d) Rice
36. A subject of English literature, which Scottish king killed Duncan I to seize the throne in 1040?
a) King Lear b) Thomas a Becket
c) **Macbeth** d) Hamlet
37. What group conquered the Russians, Ukrainians and Siberians in the 13th Century and established the Empire of the Golden Horde?
a) Ottomans b) Chinese
c) Germans d) **Tartars**
38. During the Black Death, or Bubonic Plaque, in mid 1300's Europe, what percentage of the population perished?
a) one half b) two thirds
c) one fourth d) **one third**
39. The hundred year war was fought between which two European countries?
a) England and Spain b) **England and France**
c) France and Spain d) France and Germany
40. What group used the agricultural method of terracing in the Andes Mountains during the 15th Century?
a) **Incas** b) Aztecs
c) Mayans d) Native Americans
41. The beginning of the Renaissance in Italy began in what century?
a) **14th Century** b) 13th Century
c) 12th Century d) 15th Century
42. Who defeated the English at the battle of Hastings in 1066?
a) Vikings b) Spaniards
c) **Normans** d) Germans
43. When Christopher Columbus landed in the Caribbean Islands in 1492, what present day nation did he land on first?
a) **Bahamas** b) Haiti
c) Cuba d) Puerto Rico
44. The Aztec capital was founded around 1325 in Central Mexico and was called what?
a) Huitzilopochtli b) **Tenochtitlan**
c) Chiapas d) Cuzco Valley

45. Which English king issued the Magna Carta in 1215?
a) King Henry II b) **King John**
c) King Richard I d) King Arthur I
46. What Venetian traveller and explorer landed in China and reached Kublai Khan's court in 1275?
a) **Marco Polo**
47. Constantinople fell to the Ottoman Turks in what year?
a) 1492 b) 1406
c) **1453** d) 1463
48. Joan of Arc was a heroine during what war?
a) War of the Roses b) French Revolutionary war
c) Seven Year's war d) **Hundred Year's war**
49. What architectural wonder was completed in 1648?
a) Leaning tower of Pisa b) Louvre
c) **Taj Mahal** d) Sistine Chapel
50. Which national leader was assassinated by Charles Julius Guiteau?
a) **James Garfield** b) Mohandes Gandhi
c) William McKinley d) King George I of Greece