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HISTORY – TRUE OR FALSE?

ANSWERS

1 False – The name is believed to come from the French *jolie rouge*, meaning 'pretty red'. This may have been a jokey way of referring to early pirate flags, which were red.

2 True – It was also used by soldiers in the Roman army from around the 3rd century BCE to the 3rd century CE.

3 False – The Aztecs controlled a huge empire in what is now Mexico. It was overthrown by invading Spanish forces in the 16th century.

4 False – There haven't even been 50 presidents yet.

5 True – Although Vikings are often depicted in illustrations as having horns on their helmets, no such headgear has ever been found.

6 True – She reigned for 70 years from 1952–2022. That's seven years longer than the next longest reign, that of Queen Victoria from 1837–1901.

7 True – Bolivar (1783–1830) led a revolution in the 19th century. This saw the countries of Bolivia, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru and Panama break away from the Spanish Empire to become independent. The currency of Venezuela is named the bolivar in his honour.

6 True – The city is believed to have been briefly named Batmania after one of its founders, John Batman, in 1835, before the name of Melbourne was adopted in 1837.

7 False – The internet, a network of computers able to communicate with each other, was invented in the 1960s. Berners-Lee invented the World Wide Web in 1989, as a means of retrieving information from the internet by using hypertext.

8 True – Cleopatra died in 30 BCE, just over 2,050 years BCE, whereas the Great Pyramid was completed in around 2500 BCE, or over 2,500 years before Cleopatra's time.

9 True – The Anglo-Zanzibar War of 1896 between Britain and the small African island of Zanzibar (now part of Tanzania) lasted just 38 minutes.

10 False – This is a story that's often told about Caligula, however, it appears that the emperor only talked about making his horse (called Incitatus, meaning 'swift') a consul, but didn't actually do it – possibly because he was assassinated before he was able to.

1 True – Unbelievable as it may seem, the three mass murderers were all nominated for the prize. Mussolini was nominated in 1935, the same year Italy invaded Abyssinia. Hitler was nominated in both 1939, the same year he started World War II and Stalin was nominated in both 1948 and 1948 at the height of the Cold War. None of the men won the prize.

2 True – It wasn't the largest empire by area. That was the British Empire, which at its peak in 1923 covered around a quarter of Earth's land. But that was made up of many different territories. The Mongol Empire of the 13th and 14th centuries was a single territory across much of Asia and Europe, and amounting to around a fifth of Earth's land area.

3 False – It remains a popular myth that Washington had dentures made of wood. He did have false teeth but they were made of various materials, including ivory, gold and even other people's teeth (ugh!).

4 False – The Vikings made several journeys to North America – and set up some short-lived colonies there – in the 10th and 11th centuries.

5 False – The wreck of the *Titanic* was found on purpose, by the American oceanographer Robert Ballard, using a remote-controlled submersible vehicle in 1985.

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5 True – Several types of electric car were invented in late 19th and early 20th centuries. However, by the 1920s, petrol-powered cars had become much more popular and production of electric cars was stopped for several decades.

9 False – The war actually lasted for over 116 years from 1337–1453. Though the war didn't technically end, the fighting was interrupted by truces and two periods of peace between 1360–1369 and 1389–1415.

10 False – When it set sail in 1912, the *Titanic* was the biggest ship that had ever been built, but the average modern cruise ship is around 40 per cent larger.

MORE FUN!

IT'S A DATE!

For this mini quiz, each team gets a list of famous historical events. All you have to do is pick the year when it happened from the three options. You get a point for each one you get right. Answers are upside down at the top and bottom of the page.

Kids' Dates

1. Christopher Columbus arrives in North America for the first time.
A) 1453 B) 1492 C) 1592

2. The French Revolution begins.
A) 1689 B) 1789 C) 1989

3. World War II ends.
A) 1918 B) 1945 C) 1969

4. The Berlin Wall falls.
A) 1961 B) 1985 C) 1989

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GAME PLAY!

WHAT'S NOT THERE?

For this quiz, you need to identify the missing word (or words) in each statement. There are three options to choose from. You can discuss the options within your teams before deciding which one you think is most likely to be right.

ART MISSING WORDS

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1. Vincent van Gogh is especially well known for his paintings of _____
   A) Tulips B) Roses C) Sunflowers
2. Between 1501-1504, Italian Renaissance sculptor Michelangelo created a statue called _____.
   A) *Paul* B) *David* C) *Ben*
3. Henri Matisse was a famous artist from _____.
   A) France B) USA C) Spain
4. American artist Jackson _____ created his works by splashing and dripping paint on to canvases on the floor.
   A) Pollock C) Haddock C) Cod
5. Barbara Hepworth was a British artist best known for creating large outdoor _____.
   A) Collages B) Murals C) Sculptures

6. Belgian artist René Magritte often depicted men wearing _____ hats in his paintings.
   A) Bowler B) Party C) Sombrero
7. One of Leonardo da Vinci's most famous works depicts *The Last* _____.
   A) *Boy Scout* B) *Supper* C) *One Standing*
8. Jean-Michel Basquiat was a US painter in the 1980s, who first became known for his _____ art on walls and on subway trains in New York.
   A) Graffiti B) Mosaic C) Still life
9. A famous painting by Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer is called *Girl with a* _____ *Earring*.
   A) *Gold* B) *Pearl* C) *Diamond*
10. Edvard Munch was a Norwegian artist best known for his painting *The* _____.
    A) *Laugh* B) *Smile* C) *Scream*

It's a very fishy name!

Now turn the page for the answers ...

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1. Berthe Morisot was a French painter and a member of the _____ group.
   A) Pre-Raphaelite B) Impressionist C) Expressionist
2. Tracey Emin and Damien Hirst belonged to a group of artists in the 1990s known as _____.
   A) Cool British Artists B) Young British Artists C) Modern British Artists
3. A bigger Splash and Portrait of an Artist are paintings by _____.
   A) Roy Lichtenstein B) Georgia O'Keeffe C) David Hockney
4. _____ is a large 1942 painting by the American artist Edward Hopper depicting four people in a diner.
   A) Daytrips B) Seashores C) Nighthawks
5. Nicknamed _____, Cloud Gate is a stainless-steel artwork by Indian-British sculptor Anish Kapoor, which stands in Chicago's Millennium Park.
   A) 'The Bean' B) 'The Snail' C) 'The Bridge'
6. _____ is a technique of painting with small dots of colour, devised by the French artists Georges Seurat and Paul Signac in the 1880s.
   A) Dotism B) Spotism C) Pointillism