

# Trivia for Seniors

## General Trivia Questions

1. What are the ingredients in a Boulevardier?
2. Which state has the northernmost latitude in the contiguous states?
3. In AKC dog shows, what group would a Rottweiler be in?
4. What three crops, when planted together, are known as the "Three Sisters?"
5. In Major League Baseball, how far is it from the pitcher's mound to home plate?
6. Who declined the 1964 Nobel Prize for Literature?
7. What is the British dish of sausages and mashed potatoes better known as in the UK?
8. What did Jack Dempsy do before he was a boxer?
9. What is the name of the oldest commissioned warship still afloat?
10. What branch of the US Military boasts the Blue Angels?
11. What is the most abundant element in the universe?
12. Who said, "Well done is better than well said?"
13. What is the geographically largest US state?
14. What movie famously ends with the line, "Well, nobody's perfect?"
15. What are the three flavors in Neopolitan ice cream?
16. What was the name of the very first Saturday morning cartoon?
17. What breakfast cereal commercial's dialog ended with the line, "He likes it. Hey Mikey!"

## Easy Trivia for Seniors Questions

1. What was Charlotte's first message in her web in Charlotte's Web?
2. What soft drink was billed as "the real thing?"
3. Which ingredient do you adjust in a martini to make it dry or wet?
4. Which fast food restaurant's commercial asked, "Where's the beef?"
5. What type of dog is Scooby Doo?
6. What type of fruit is a pomelo?
7. What type of moss hangs from tree branches throughout the South?
8. Where is the tallest known living tree in the world located?
9. What are the three states of matter?

10. In math's order of operations, what is the first thing you solve?
11. What is the most populated U.S. state?
12. What country makes the most wine, Italy, France, or the United States?
13. In basketball, when you dribble the ball with both hands, what is it called?
14. What airline did Northwest Airlines merge with in 2010?

## 50s History Trivia Questions

1. Which president of the United States was in office from Jan. 20, 1953, to Jan. 20, 1961?
2. Which disease did Dr. Jonas Salk successfully create a vaccine for in 1952?
3. What was the name of the first satellite launched into orbit by Russia in 1957?
4. Who overthrew Fulgencio Batista in 1959 and became dictator of Cuba?
5. What year did Disneyland open?
6. What famous explorer first climbed Mount Everest in 1953?
7. Who became Premier of the Soviet Union in 1958?
8. Senator Joseph McCarthy, who conducted a nationally televised hearing in 1954 to root out Communists in the government, represented what state?
9. What is the name of the woman who refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955?
10. Which member of the royal family became head of state in Great Britain in 1953?

## 50s Music Questions

1. Which famous song sung by Doris Day was introduced in the 1956 Hitchcock thriller, *The Man Who Knew Too Much*?
2. What singer had a country music chart hit with *Sixteen Tons* in 1955?
3. Which group had a hit with *Twilight Time* in 1958?
4. Which smoky-voiced singer sang *Too Young* in 1951?
5. What Cleveland disc jockey first used the term "Rock N Roll" in 1951?
6. Tony and Maria were the lead characters in what Broadway musical that premiered in 1957?
7. Who recorded *Rock Around the Clock* in 1955?
8. Who originally sang *That'll Be the Day?* in 1957?

9. The Coasters recorded a song in 1959 with the line "You're gonna need an ocean of Calamine lotion." What is the name of the song?
10. B.J. Thomas sang *I Can't Help It If I'm Still In Love With You* in 1967. Who first recorded it in 1951?

## 50s Pop Culture Questions

1. Which aspiring rock-and-roll singer appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1956, but could only be shown from the waist up?
2. Which rising young star from the movie *Rebel Without a Cause* died in an automobile accident in 1955?
3. Which television game show first aired in 1956 and is still running today?
4. What famous baseball player married Marilyn Monroe in 1954?
5. What piece of women's clothing, named after a dog, became popular in the 1950s?
6. What teen idol sang, *Kookie, Kookie, Lend Me Your Comb*?
7. What type of hat/cap did both Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone wear on TV in the 50s?
8. Eating what type of live fish became popular in the 1950s?
9. What famous cowboy of the 1950s was really named Leonard Slye?
10. What was the name of the circular plastic 1950s toy that was placed around the waist and operated by gyrating the hips?

## 60s History Questions

1. Who was the first African-American named Supreme Court Justice in 1967?
2. In 1964, Jack Ruby was convicted of murdering which other accused assassin?
3. Israeli forces defeated Arab forces in this extremely short but decisive war that took place in June 1967. What is the name of that war?
4. What was the name of the conflict in 1961 in which CIA-trained forces tried, but failed to invade Cuba and overthrow Fidel Castro?
5. Who was assassinated in November 1963?
6. What new type of telephone was invented in 1963?
7. Who delivered the famous "I have a dream" speech in 1963?
8. What iconic anti-war novel did Joseph Heller publish in 1961?

9. Russia imprisoned Gary Powers in 1960 for spying. What type of plane did he fly?
10. What did the U.S. Postal Service add in 1963 that is part of every address today?

## 60s Movies Questions

1. Which film won the Oscar for Best Picture in 1960?
2. Which actor won the Oscar for Best Actor for his role in the 1962 film *To Kill a Mockingbird*?
3. Which film was the highest grossing release of 1963, yet still lost money because it was one of the most expensive films ever made?
4. Who played the role of Norman Bates in the 1960 horror movie, *Psycho*?
5. What was the name of Butch Cassidy's gang in *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*?
6. What type of airplane appears in *Dr. Strangelove*?
7. Who landed at 17 Cherry Tree Lane in a well-known Walt Disney movie from 1964?
8. What famous actor starred in *Lilies of the Field* and *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*?
9. *Easy Rider* starred Peter Fonda, Jack Nicholson, and Dennis Hopper. Which one directed the movie?
10. What 1968 movie co-starred a computer named H.A.L.?

## 60s Pop Culture Questions

1. Which iconic blonde actress, and rumored lover of President John F. Kennedy, was found dead in her bedroom August 5, 1962?
2. Which former first lady married Greek shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis October 20, 1968?
3. In which year did the Woodstock Festival take place?
4. Which product did Proctor and Gamble launch in 1966 that revolutionized baby care?
5. What famous band arrived from England to the U.S. in February 1964?
6. What famous TV series debuted in 1966 with these words ... "Space, the final frontier ...?"
7. This bluesy rock singer was discovered at the Monterey Pop Festival in 1967. Her initials are J.J. Who was she?

8. British fashion designer Mary Quant invented a daring and revealing new type of women's clothing in 1964. What was it called?
9. What 60s artist was famous for his renderings of everyday objects such as soup cans?
10. What was this famous boxer's name before he changed it to Muhammad Ali?

## 70s History Questions

1. Which president resigned in 1974 over the Watergate scandal?
2. During which Apollo spaceflight did an oxygen tank explode, putting the crew in severe danger even though they managed to survive?
3. Which Pennsylvania nuclear-generating plant suffered a partial meltdown in 1979?
4. What war ended in April 1975 with the fall of Saigon?
5. What is the name of the deadly disease that struck a convention in Philadelphia in July 1976 and was named for the convention where it struck?
6. Who replaced the Shah of Iran in 1979?
7. What newspaper heiress took part in a San Francisco bank robbery in April 1974?
8. Who leaked the Pentagon Papers in 1971?
9. In June 1971, the 26th Amendment passed giving 18-year-olds what right?
10. Paul Allen and Bill Gates founded what company in 1973?

## 70s Sports Questions

1. Which Olympic athlete set a record in 1972 by winning seven gold medals?
2. What major sports award did Stanford quarterback Jim Plunkett win in 1970?
3. Which athlete was the first to earn a perfect score in the history of Olympic gymnastics?
4. Who was the first member of the Negro League inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame?
5. In 1979, who became the first man to win the Daytona 500 six times?
6. The first back-to-back Triple Crown winners in horse racing history happened in 1977 and 1978. What horses won?
7. In 1972, Franco Harris put the Steelers in the AFC Championship game with a miracle catch. What was that catch called?

8. What hide was first used to cover baseballs in 1975?
9. Who beat the Babe Ruth's home run record in 1974?
10. In what park was the New York City Marathon run until 1970?

## 70s Pop Culture Questions

1. Which video game system debuted in the 1970s and featured now iconic games like *Pong* and *Pac-Man*?
2. Which book about a bird on a journey of self-discovery topped The New York Times best-seller list for 38 weeks in 1970?
3. What musical genre peaked with the 1977 release of the film *Saturday Night Fever*?
4. Which 70s TV series aired Saturday mornings and taught children lessons about math, grammar, government, and more?
5. What was the name of the character played by Herve Villechaize in the TV series, *Fantasy Island*?
6. What singer-songwriter, considered by many to be the greatest electric guitar player of all time died in 1970?
7. What was the top-selling song of the 1970s decade?
8. Who created the Muppets?
9. What movie from the 1970s made many people afraid to go swimming in the ocean?
10. What was the name of Stephen King's first published novel that came out in 1974?

## 80s History Questions

1. Who was the first president elected in the 1980s?
2. What did the WHO declare "eradicated" in 1980?
3. What natural disaster occurred on May 18, 1980?
4. Which space shuttle launched in 1981?
5. What did the CDC first recognize as a disease in 1982?
6. What discovered in the North Atlantic in September of 1985?
7. On January 28, 1986, school children across the country were watching television as what exploded?
8. What fell in November 19, 1989?

9. What constitutional amendment failed ratification in 1982?
10. What was the name of the first female astronaut who headed into space in 1983?
11. What led to the boycott of the 1980 Summer Olympics?
12. Who was murdered outside of the Dakota Hotel in NYC on December 8, 1980?

## 80s Pop Culture Questions

1. What was the first video aired when MTV launched in 1981?
2. What event on July 29, 1981 saw Americans getting out of bed in the predawn hours so they could watch it live?
3. The top-selling album of all time was released in 1982. What was it?
4. What benefit concert in 1985 featured performances from Queen, Elton John, David Bowie, and many more at Wembley Stadium.
5. What was the 80s term for highly-paid baby boomers with expensive taste?
6. What was the top-grossing movie of the 1980s?
7. What television network, which started in the early 80s, was the first instance of the 24-hour news cycle?
8. Who shot JR?
9. What was the name of Bill and Ted's band?
10. Who did the U.S. hockey team defeat in the "Miracle on Ice?"
11. What was Tom Cruise's character's name in *Risky Business*?
12. The most-viewed episode of television ever aired on February 28, 1983. What was it?

# Trivia for Seniors Answer Key

## General Trivia Answers

1. Bourbon, Campari, and sweet vermouth
2. Minnesota
3. Working group
4. Corn, beans, and squash
5. 60 feet, 6 inches
6. Jean-Paul Sartre
7. Bangers and mash
8. He was a copper miner.
9. The USS Constitution
10. Navy
11. Hydrogen
12. Benjamin Franklin
13. Alaska
14. *Some Like It Hot*
15. Chocolate, vanilla, and strawberry
16. *Crusader Rabbit*
17. Life cereal

## Easy Trivia for Seniors Answers

1. Some Pig
2. Coca Cola
3. Vermouth
4. Wendy's
5. Great Dane
6. Citrus
7. Spanish moss
8. Redwood National Park
9. Solid, liquid, gas
10. Anything in parentheses

11. California
12. Italy
13. Double dribble
14. Delta

## 50s History Trivia Questions

1. Dwight D. Eisenhower
2. Polio
3. Sputnik
4. Fidel Castro
5. 1955
6. Sir Edmund Hillary
7. Nikita Khrushchev
8. Wisconsin
9. Rosa Parks
10. Queen Elizabeth II

## 50s Music Answers

1. *Que Sera Sera*
2. Tennessee Ernie Ford
3. The Platters
4. Nat King Cole
5. Alan Freed
6. *West Side Story*
7. Bill Haley and the Comets
8. Buddy Holly and the Crickets
9. *Poison Ivy*
10. Hank Williams Sr.

## 50s Pop Culture Answers

1. Elvis Presley
2. James Dean
3. *The Price is Right*
4. Joe DiMaggio
5. Poodle skirt
6. Edd "Kookie" Burns
7. Coonskin
8. Goldfish
9. Roy Rogers
10. Hula Hoop

## 60s History Answers

1. Thurgood Marshall
2. Lee Harvey Oswald
3. Six Day War
4. Bay of Pigs
5. President John F. Kennedy
6. Touch-tone
7. Martin Luther King Jr.
8. *Catch-22*
9. U-2
10. Zip codes

## 60s Movies Answers

1. *The Apartment*
2. Gregory Peck
3. *Cleopatra*
4. Anthony Perkins
5. Hole in the Wall Gang

6. Boeing B-52
7. Mary Poppins
8. Sidney Poitier
9. Dennis Hopper
10. *2001: A Space Odyssey*

## 60s Pop Culture Answers

1. Marilyn Monroe
2. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis
3. 1969
4. Pampers
5. The Beatles
6. *Star Trek*
7. Janis Joplin
8. Miniskirt
9. Andy Warhol
10. Cassius Clay

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## 70s History Answers

1. Richard Nixon
2. Apollo 13
3. Three Mile Island
4. Vietnam
5. Legionnaire's Disease
6. Ayatollah Khomeini
7. Patricia Hearst
8. Daniel Ellsberg
9. The right to vote
10. Microsoft

## 70s Sports Answers

1. Mark Spitz
2. Heisman
3. Nadia Comaneci
4. Leroy "Satchel" Page
5. Richard Petty
6. Seattle Slew (1977), Affirmed (1978)
7. Immaculate reception
8. Cowhide
9. Hank Aaron
10. Central Park

## 70s Pop Culture Questions

1. Atari
2. *Jonathan Livingston Seagull*
3. Disco
4. *School House Rock*
5. Tattoo
6. Jimi Hendrix

7. *American Pie* (Don McLean)
8. Jim Henson
9. *Jaws*
10. Carrie

## 80s History Answers

1. Ronald Reagan
2. Smallpox
3. The eruption of Mount St. Helens
4. Columbia
5. AIDS
6. The wreck of the Titanic
7. The Challenger
8. The Berlin Wall
9. The Equal Rights Amendment
10. Sally Ride
11. The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan
12. John Lennon

## 80s Pop Culture Answers

1. *Video Killed the Radio Star* by The Buggles
2. The wedding of Princess Diana and Prince Charles
3. Michael Jackson's *Thriller*
4. Live Aid
5. Yuppies
6. *ET the Extra-Terrestrial*
7. CNN
8. Kristin Shepard
9. Wyld Stallyns
10. U.S.S.R.
11. Joel Goodsen
12. The final episode of M\*A\*S\*H