

# May Trivia

## May History Trivia Questions

- 1 What state was admitted to the union on May 11, 1858?
- 2 What natural disaster occurred on May 18, 1980?
- 3 Who received a patent for blue jeans on May 20, 1873?
- 4 The Empire State Building opened on May 1, 1931. What usurped it 39 years later as the tallest building in the world?
- 5 What famous duo began their notable travels on May 14, 1804?
- 6 What significant first by a woman happened on May 20, 1932?
- 7 In what year was Jamestown established on May 24?
- 8 What color was the Golden Gate Bridge when it opened on May 27, 1937?
- 9 Who did U.S. Special Forces kill on May 2, 2011?
- 10 What did Christopher Columbus "discover" on May 4, 1494?
- 11 What event, occurring on May 4, 1970, caused the temporary closure of more than 450 colleges and universities?
- 12 What burst into flames at 7:20 PM on May 6, 1937?
- 13 What ship was torpedoed by a German submarine on May 7, 1915?
- 14 What was the name of the battle in May 1942 in which Japan suffered its first strategic defeat of the war?
- 15 What was the name of the 400-meter race gold medalist in the 1936 Berlin Olympics, who, along with Jesse Owens and others, stuck it to Hitler with his belief in Aryan superiority?

## Special Days in May Questions

- 1 What day in May is considered to be *Star Wars* Day?
- 2 What does the ancient celebration of May Day actually celebrate?
- 3 Which May holiday is celebrated in remembrance of the Battle of Puebla in 1862?
- 4 May 5, 1865, was the first time that what later came to be called Memorial Day was celebrated. What was it called then?
- 5 How long was the first American in space, Alan Shepard, actually in (or heading to and from) space?
- 6 Who originated the idea of Mother's Day?

## Famous May Birthdays Questions

- 1 What professional wrestler turned actor was born on May 2, 1972?
- 2 Which English monarch was born on May 24, 1819?
- 3 Martha Jane Canary was born on May 1, 1852. What name is she better known by?
- 4 On May 20, 1946, Cheryl Sarkisian was born. What name is she better known by?
- 5 Catherine the Great was born in May of 1729. Her name wasn't actually Catherine. What was it?
- 6 Sigmund Freud was born on May 6, 1856. Where was he born?
- 7 Nobel Prize winner Henri Dunant was born on May 8, 1828. What organizations did he go on to found?
- 8 Harry S. Truman was born on May 8, 1884. What does the S stand for in his name?

## May Miscellany Questions

- 1 What season is May in the Southern Hemisphere?
- 2 What sporting event takes place on the first Saturday of every May?
- 3 What is May's birthstone?
- 4 Which two zodiac signs fall in the month of May?
- 5 What are May's birth flowers?
- 6 According to a poem, "Marry in May and you'll" what?
- 7 Who was May named for?
- 8 Why was May referred to as "The Month of Three Milkings" in Old English?
- 9 What international song contest is held every May?
- 10 What meteor shower lasts nearly the entire month of May?
- 11 May is the only month where none of these important US political figures have died. What are they?
- 12 Two holidays in May honor members of the US Military. One is Memorial Day. What is the other?
- 13 What famous May festival awards the Palme d'Or?

# May Trivia Answer Key

## May History Trivia Answers

- 1 Minnesota
- 2 The eruption of Mount St. Helens
- 3 Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis
- 4 The first tower of the World Trade Center
- 5 Merriwether Lewis and William Clark
- 6 Amelia Earhart flew across the Atlantic in the first solo flight for a woman.
- 7 1607
- 8 International Orange (the same as today)
- 9 Osama bin Laden
- 10 Jamaica
- 11 The Kent State shootings
- 12 The Hindenburg
- 13 The Lusitania
- 14 Battle of the Coral Sea
- 15 Archie Williams

## Special Days in May Answers

- 1 May 4th
- 2 The beginning of summer
- 3 Cinco de Mayo
- 4 Decoration Day
- 5 15 minutes, 28 seconds
- 6 Anna Jarvis

## Famous May Birthdays Answers

- 1 Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson
- 2 Queen Victoria
- 3 Calamity Jane
- 4 Cher
- 5 Sophie von Anhalt-Zerbst
- 6 Freiberg, Moravia
- 7 International Red Cross and (to the joy of the Village People) the YMCA
- 8 Just S (not a name). It was a compromise between his grandfathers' names: Anderson Shipp Truman and Solomon Young

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- 1 Fall/Autumn
- 2 The Kentucky Derby
- 3 Emerald
- 4 Taurus, Gemini
- 5 Lily-of-the-valley and Hawthorne
- 6 Rue the day
- 7 Maia, the Greek Goddess of Fertility
- 8 You could milk your cow up to three times per day in May.
- 9 Eurovision
- 10 Eta Aquariids
- 11 US Presidents
- 12 Armed Forces Day
- 13 Cannes Film Festival