

# August Trivia

## General August Trivia Questions

1. Who is August named after?
2. What was August originally called?
3. During a leap year, which month starts on the same weekday as August?
4. What are August's two zodiac signs?
5. What are August's birthstones?
6. What are August's birth flowers?
7. What's the name of the holiday that celebrates the first day of harvest in the UK on August 1?
8. How many days did August originally have?
9. Why was August changed to 31 days?
10. What meteor shower occurs every year in mid-August?

## August History Questions

1. On August 28, 1963, what famous speech was delivered in front of the Lincoln Memorial?
2. What happened on August 24, 79 CE in the Roman Empire?
3. Who penned her last diary entry on August 1, 1944?
4. The parchment copy of which famous document was signed on August 2, 1776?
5. Which US President died suddenly on August 2, 1923?
6. What US President took office on August 3, 1923?
7. What American tax was first signed into law by Abraham Lincoln on August 5, 1861, as an emergency measure for the expense of the Civil War?
8. The first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. What was the name of the bomber that dropped it?
9. Who famously quit their job on August 9, 1974, becoming the only person who worked that job to ever resign from it?
10. What French ruler was born in Corsica on August 15, 1769?
11. What was discovered in the Klondike on August 16, 1896?

12. On August 17, 1978, three Americans crossed the Atlantic in the Double Eagle, II. What was the Double Eagle II?
13. The 19th Amendment was ratified on August 18, 1920. What did it grant?
14. What state was added to the union on August 21, 1959?
15. On August 5, 1981, President Ronald Reagan fired 11,359 striking workers from their jobs. What was their job?

## Famous August Birthdays Questions

1. What poet, who penned the poem *Defense of Fort McHenry*, was born on August 1, 1779?
2. Jazz trumpeter Satchmo was born on August 3, 1901. What was his real name?
3. Which U.S. President was born on August 4, 1961?
4. What infamous international spy was born on August 7, 1876 in The Netherlands?
5. What Pulitzer Prize-winning author was born in Ithaca on August 11, 1921? His prize-winning novel was turned into a widely-watched miniseries.
6. Good evening. What famous British suspense film director was born on August 13, 1899 in London?
7. On August 17, 1786, the "King of the Wild Frontier" was born. What was his name?
8. What music and counterculture legend was born on August 1, 1942?
9. "It's a good thing" this famous businesswoman and DIY maven was born on August 3, 1941. Who is it?
10. The winningest quarterback in NFL history was born on August 3, 1977. Who is it?
11. *Happy Days* actor Donny Most was born on August 8, 1953. What was the name of his *Happy Days* character?
12. What Wild West entertainer, born on August 13, 1860, was the subject of an Irving Berlin musical?
13. What NBA great, known as "the Stilt," was born on August 21, 1936?
14. Actor Macaulay Culkin was born on August 26, 1980. How old was he when he filmed *Home Alone*?

## August Pop Culture Questions

1. What lunch staple was created on August 6, 1762, in England?
2. What type of cheese is celebrated all month long in August in the U.S.?
3. What music icon died on August 16, 1977?
4. Who died on August 5, 1962, at the age of 36, from an overdose of sleeping pills?
5. What started on a farm in Bethel, New York on August 15, 1969, lasted for 3 days, and became a cultural icon?
6. Who did the world grieve after her premature death on August 31, 1997?
7. What was outlawed on August 2, 1937, that is starting to be legal again in various US states?
8. Whose parents were found murdered in Fall River, Massachusetts in August of 1892?
9. On August 7, 1959, the Lincoln Memorial replaced what on the back of the penny?
10. What world-famous museum opened in Paris, France, on August 10, 1873?
11. The first-ever PG-13 movie was released in theaters in August of 1984. What was it?
12. What Comedy Central cartoon (that's still on the air today) debuted on August 13, 1997?
13. The longest-running film release in history opened in Los Angeles in 1975. What's the name of the cult film?
14. What historic Seattle landmark opened on August 17, 1907?
15. What was stolen by a museum employee from the Louvre on August 21, 1911 and returned two years later?
16. What did Jim Weiner, Jack Weiner, Charles Foltz, and Charles Rak claim happened to them in Allagash, Maine, on August 26, 1976?
17. Whose late-night talk show debuted on CBS on August 30, 1993?
18. What famous serial killer claimed their first victim on August 31, 1888?
19. MTV debuted on August 1, 1980. What was the first music video they played?

# August Trivia Answer Key

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1. The Roman Emperor, Augustus Caesar
2. Sextilis
3. February
4. Leo and Virgo
5. Peridot, spinel, and sardonyx
6. Poppy and gladiola
7. Lammas Day
8. 30
9. Because Augustus Caesar didn't want his month to have fewer days than the one named after Julius Caesar (July).
10. The Perseids

## August History Answers

1. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech
2. The eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the destruction of Pompeii
3. Anne Frank
4. The Declaration of Independence
5. Warren G. Harding
6. Calvin Coolidge
7. A federal income tax (It was never enacted, but our current federal income tax was enacted in 1911.)
8. Enola Gay
9. Richard M. Nixon
10. Napoleon Bonaparte
11. Gold
12. A hot-air balloon
13. It granted women the right to vote.
14. Hawaii
15. Air traffic controller

## Famous August Birthdays Answers

1. Francis Scott Key. *Defense of Fort McHenry* later became the U.S. National Anthem.
2. Louis Armstrong
3. Barrack Obama
4. Mata Hari (Margaret Gertrude Zelle)
5. Alex Haley
6. Alfred Hitchcock
7. Davy Crockett
8. Jerry Garcia
9. Martha Stewart
10. Tom Brady
11. Ralph Malph
12. Annie Oakley (*Annie Get Your Gun*)
13. Wilt Chamberlain
14. 10

## August Pop Culture Answers

1. The sandwich
2. Goat cheese - it's National Goat Cheese Month
3. Elvis Presley
4. Marilyn Monroe
5. Woodstock
6. Princess Diana
7. Marijuana
8. Lizzie Borden's
9. Wheat
10. The Louvre
11. *Red Dawn*
12. *South Park*
13. *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*

14. Pike Place Market

15. *The Mona Lisa*

16. They claimed they were abducted by aliens.

17. David Letterman's

18. Jack the Ripper

19. *Video Killed the Radio Star* by The Buggles