

WORLD HISTORY (FIRST DAY) – CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. Name a country in the Middle East.
2. Which is farther north, Europe or Africa?
3. Who is considered to be the founder of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam?
4. Who was the leader of the Hebrews as they escaped Egyptian bondage?
5. Who is the founder of Buddhism?
6. Who led the French against the English, but was burned at the stake because she talked to God?
7. Who is responsible for the spread of Christianity around the Roman world?
8. What is the term for the belief in one god?
9. Who is the god of all gods in Ancient Greece?
10. What Roman leader gained too much power and was assassinated by friends in the Senate?
11. Who was the explorer from Venice (Italy) who went to China to learn about their society and then came back to Venice, telling about the advancements and inventions the Chinese had, but no one believed him?
12. A Greek warrior named Pheidippides ran **26.2** miles from a battle to the city of Athens to tell everyone that the Greeks had beat the Persians in battle. What was the name of the city/battle that Pheidippides ran 26.2 miles from to share that news? (What city/battle would have been 26.2 miles away from Athens? The number is significant.)
13. Who ruled as a pharaoh in the 1st century BCE? (Hint: She doesn't like snakes.)
14. What conqueror was the last person to cross the English Channel and conquer England, which he did in 1066 CE?
15. Who was the blind epic poet who is credited with writing *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*?
16. Who is the chief prophet of Islam? He was visited by the angel Gabriel and then dedicated his life to spreading Islam around Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia.
17. What European monarch was known for being so religiously intolerant that they kicked out any non-Christians from their country? The Jews and Muslims had three choices...leave the country, convert to Christianity (specifically the Catholic Church), or die.
18. What king of England is known for having many wives, but his real importance on history was when he broke away from the Catholic Church to create his own Christian church. He wanted to annul (end) his marriage to his first wife so he could marry his second wife and hopefully get a son, but the pope said no; so he got mad and left the Catholic Church.
19. What Chinese philosopher advocated for five key relationships in life and said that respect for your elders was the most important thing to have in a society?

20. What Greek philosopher said that an unexamined life was not worth living and said that we learn by questioning things and having open discussions on things? For this, he was arrested and charged with corrupting the minds of the youth of Athens for teaching them how to think, although today he is considered to be the Greek who started the subject of philosophy.