

Test: 2021-22 National History Bee ORQE

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Mexican forces defeated Texan forces at what San Antonio mission in 1836?

- A) The Charterhouse
- B) The Capitol
- C) The Alamo
- D) The Longhouse

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The attack on Pearl Harbor took place in what is now what US state?

- A) Kansas
- B) Wyoming
- C) Hawaii
- D) West Virginia

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Which Macedonian conquerer defeated the Persians at the Battle of Issus?

- A) Otto the Great
- B) Alexander the Great
- C) Ludwig the Mad
- D) Louis the Universal Spider

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Which speech was given at a battlefield during the Civil War?

- A) Washington's Farewell Address
- B) Gettysburg Address
- C) I Have a Dream
- D) Declaration of Sentiments

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Which Nobel Peace Prize-winning activist helped end South Africa's apartheid system as its first Black president?

- A) Kwame Nkrumah
- B) Julius Nyerere
- C) Kofi Annan
- D) Nelson Mandela

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Which event took place in China in 2008, the first time it was ever held in that country?

- A) Awarding the Nobel Peace Prize
- B) Space Shuttle Launch
- C) Summer Olympics
- D) Continental Congress

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Which French emperor was depicted crossing the Alps in 1800 in a painting by Jacques-Louis David?

- A) Napoleon Bonaparte
- B) Emmanuel Macron
- C) Victor Hugo
- D) Louis the Fourteenth

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Which pair of rivals, the second and third US Presidents, both died on the Fourth of July, 1826?

- A) James Monroe and Andrew Jackson
- B) George Washington and James Madison
- C) Thomas Jefferson and John Adams
- D) Teddy and Franklin Roosevelt

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At its greatest extent, which empire stretched from the north of England to the Persian Gulf and included present-day France, Spain, and Italy?

- A) British
- B) Roman
- C) Incan
- D) Spanish

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Which of these women revolutionized the field of nursing in the 19th century?

- A) Harriet Tubman
- B) Florence Nightingale
- C) Eleanor Roosevelt
- D) Marie Antoinette

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On Christmas Day, 1776, George Washington crossed which river, en route to the Battle of Trenton?

- A) Potomac River
- B) Rio Grande
- C) Delaware River
- D) Mississippi River

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Elon Musk founded an electric car company named for which Serbian scientist?

- A) Thomas Edison
- B) Werner Heisenberg
- C) Nikola Tesla
- D) Albert Einstein

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Which ill-fated ship sank after hitting an iceberg in 1912?

- A) *USS Arizona*
- B) *Santa Maria*
- C) *Edmund Fitzgerald*
- D) *Titanic*

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What type of labor action, exemplified by the Homestead and Pullman incidents, involves employees refusing to work in order to express their grievances against owners?

- A) Sit In
- B) Strike
- C) Canvassing
- D) Lockout

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The 1992 Treaty of Maastricht led to the establishment of which multinational organization?

- A) OPEC
- B) International Red Cross
- C) European Union
- D) United Nations

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The first ten amendments to the US Constitution are collectively known as what?

- A) Emancipation Proclamation
- B) Articles of Confederation
- C) Spot Resolutions
- D) Bill of Rights

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Martin Luther King spoke at and helped to organize which of the following events?

- A) Reykjavik Summit
- B) March on Washington
- C) Seneca Falls Meeting
- D) John F. Kennedy's Inauguration

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Which of these men was a prominent singer in the early years of Rock and Roll music?

- A) John D. Rockefeller
- B) Muhammad Ali
- C) Millard Fillmore
- D) Elvis Presley

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In which year did Ben Franklin create a political cartoon of a snake entitled "Join or Die"?

- A) 1861
- B) 1945
- C) 1754
- D) 2001

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John Brown and Frederick Douglass were prominent men who supported what cause?

- A) Annexation of Canada
- B) Forest Conservation
- C) Abolition of Slavery
- D) Neutrality in World War 2

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Which artist created the painting known as the Mona Lisa?

- A) Ai Weiwei
- B) Leonardo da Vinci
- C) Grandma Moses
- D) Banksy

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The Meiji Restoration diminished the power of the Tokugawa Shogunate in what East Asian nation?

- A) Vietnam
- B) Mongolia
- C) Indonesia
- D) Japan

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What is the name of a historical counting device that contains beads within a wooden frame?

- A) Astrolabe
- B) Sundial
- C) Abacus
- D) Compass

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Mansa Musa, a follower of what religious faith, crashed the economy of Egypt by giving away gold in Cairo during his Hajj to Mecca?

- A) Christianity
- B) Zoroastrianism
- C) Daoism
- D) Islam

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Which communist country stretched from the Baltic Sea to the Pacific Ocean before it broke up in 1991?

- A) Soviet Union
- B) Czechoslovakia
- C) East Germany
- D) United Arab Republic

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Poverty during the Great Depression led to what program of economic reforms under Franklin Roosevelt?

- A) Cold War
- B) Anaconda Plan
- C) Reaganomics
- D) New Deal

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The United States acquired the land that now makes up California, Nevada, and a number of other states at the end of which war?

- A) World War I
- B) Persian Gulf War
- C) Mexican-American War
- D) American Revolution

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What African people established hegemony over much of southern Africa while led by men such as Dingiswayo and Shaka?

- A) Zulus
- B) Somalis
- C) Hutus
- D) Egyptians

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Which North European people traversed the North Atlantic and settled Greenland and Iceland between 500 and 1000 AD?

- A) Mayas
- B) Mongols
- C) Babylonians
- D) Vikings

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Which city was a center of the Italian Renaissance and ruled by generations of the Medici banking family?

- A) Florence
- B) Berlin
- C) Istanbul
- D) Warsaw

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The Statue of Liberty was a gift to the United States from which country?

- A) France
- B) Ethiopia
- C) India
- D) Brazil

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Han, Ming, and Qing are all names of what?

- A) Celtic Gods
- B) Columbus's Ships
- C) Russian Tsars
- D) Chinese Dynasties

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At the inauguration of Joe Biden, which National Youth Poet Laureate won wide acclaim reciting her poem "The Hill We Climb?"

- A) Phillis Wheatley
- B) Amanda Gorman
- C) Maya Angelou
- D) Toni Morrison

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Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels are famous for writing which text?

- A) *Iliad*
- B) *Hamlet*
- C) *Where the Wild Things Are*
- D) *Communist Manifesto*

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What campaign led by William Tecumseh Sherman and his Union army began in Atlanta and ended in the capture of Savannah?

- A) March to the Sea
- B) Operation Torch
- C) Peninsula Campaign
- D) Oregon Trail

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Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Clarence Thomas have served in which capacity?

- A) Ambassador to Bulgaria
- B) Supreme Court Justice
- C) Vice President
- D) Four Star General

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Which of the following took place 1800 years ago inside the Coliseum?

- A) The ancient Olympic Games
- B) Sacrifices to Quetzalcoatl
- C) Training of the Spartan army
- D) Gladiator Fights

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Poseidon and Neptune were the Greek and Roman gods of what?

- A) Outer Space
- B) Love
- C) Farming
- D) The Sea

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What "Liberator" and general worked in tandem with Jose de San Martin to free the South American colonies of Spanish rule?

- A) Bartolomé de las Casas
- B) Simon Bolivar
- C) Fidel Castro
- D) Benito Juarez

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Joan of Arc fought for the French during which conflict?

- A) War of Algerian Independence
- B) American Revolution
- C) Hundred Years War
- D) World War 2

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Thomas Edison invented an early version of a record player known as what?

- A) Phonograph
- B) Black Maria
- C) Incandescent Lightbulb
- D) Motion Picture Camera

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The Triangle Shirtwaist Fire and the Stonewall Riots occurred in what American city?

- A) San Diego
- B) New York City
- C) Chicago
- D) Houston

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Which early Creole-American naturalist and bird painter became a namesake of a number of environmental organizations?

- A) Alexander Wilson
- B) Aldo Leopold
- C) John James Audubon
- D) Roger Tory Peterson

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Which American general's name become synonymous with "Traitor" after he attempted to hand over the plans of West Point to the British?

- A) Benedict Arnold
- B) Winfield Scott
- C) Horatio Gates
- D) Israel Putnam

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Which woman, whom the airport of New Delhi is named after, served as prime minister of India for over 15 years?

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- A) Benazir Bhutto
 - B) Sirimavo Bandaranaike
 - C) Corazon Aquino
 - D) Indira Gandhi

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Which Ptolemaic queen of Egypt and lover of Mark Antony legendarily died after being bitten by a snake?

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- A) Cleopatra
 - B) Hatshepsut
 - C) Nefertiti
 - D) Dido

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What is the name of the native Polynesian people of New Zealand?

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- A) Visigoths
 - B) Malays
 - C) Maoris
 - D) Olmecs

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The Tet Offensive and the widespread use of Agent Orange occurred during what 20th Century American conflict in Southeast Asia?

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- A) Vietnam War
 - B) Korean War
 - C) Gulf War
 - D) Invasion of Grenada

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Angkor Wat is a temple complex that is located in and depicted on the flag of what country?

- A) Cambodia
- B) Thailand
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Indonesia

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What Mexican-American organizer of the Delano Grape Strike led the United Farm Workers?

- A) Romualdo Pacheco
- B) Cesar Chavez
- C) Pancho Villa
- D) Marco Rubio