

It Happened in December Bumper Quiz

[2021 General Knowledge History](#)

A bumper quiz of 50 questions about events that have taken place in the month of December. The quiz is made up of a new set of questions as well as some from earlier rounds and packaged together to make a longer quiz for you to enjoy

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Questions:

- 1) In 1897, which city was the first in the world to host licensed taxicabs?
- 2) In 1917, Finland declared its independence from which country?
- 3) 1947 saw the dedication of which US national park in Florida?
- 4) Vladimir Nabokov completed which controversial novel in december 1953?
- 5) What was significant about the role of Desdemona from the Shakespeare play Othello in December 1660?
- 6) In December 1980, what did Mark David Chapman do in front of the Dakota Apartments?
- 7) Which heavy metal band became the first to perform live in each of the seven continents when they performed in Antarctica in Dec 2013?
- 8) Which creator of the children's television series's Bagpus, Noggin the Nog, Ivor the Engine and Clangers, died in December 2008?
- 9) What is the name of the world's longest running soap opera first broadcast in December 1960?
- 10) In 1961, Tanganyika in Africa became independent from which country?

- 11) Mark Twain's novel 'Adventures of Huckleberry Finn' was first published in Dec 1884 in which country?
- 12) The American singer Andy Williams was born in which decade?
- 13) The world's first text message was sent on the 3rd of December of which year? a) 1972 b) 1982 c) 1992
- 14) In 1927 which comedy duo released their first film 'Putting Pants on Philip'?
- 15) Which famous novelist who died in December 1894 wrote the 'Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde'?
- 16) What happened for the first time at Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa in 1967?
- 17) What was the name of the first edition of the world's first Sunday Newspaper that was published in 1791? a) The Times b) The Guardian c) The Observer
- 18) Which ship, although only slightly damaged, was found abandoned near the Azores in 1872?
- 19) In December 1958 the UK's first motorway was opened to traffic as part of what would eventually become the M6, but what was it originally called?
- 20) Born in December 1963, what did Michael Edwards become known as after the Winter Olympics of 1988?
- 21) The first underground rail service in the southern hemisphere was opened in 1913 in which Latin American city?
- 22) In 1941 who was the Japanese Emperor who gave approval for the start of their war against the USA?
- 23) Which undersea tunnel was completed in Dec 1990 before being opened to traffic in 1994?

24) Which car company was the first to introduce the moving assembly line in December 1913

25) Marie Tussaud the French-English sculptor who founded Madame Tussauds Wax Museum was born in December but in which century? a) 17th b) 18th c) 19th

26) In December 1939 LaGuardia airport opened to service which city?

27) In 1942 a team led by Enrico Fermi initiated the first artificial self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction. What was the project called?

28) Formed in 1971 Ajman, Fujairah, Sharjah, Dubai, and Umm al-Quwain, Ras Al Khaimah and which other Emirate formed the United Arab Emirates?

29) In 1976 who became President of Cuba, by replacing Osvaldo Dorticós Torrado?

30) NASA launched the Space Shuttle Endeavour on a mission to repair which telescope in 1993?

31) Who, in December 1955, was arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama?

32) In 1941, The Imperial Japanese Navy made a surprise attack on a harbour in which U.S state?

33) Militant abolitionist leader John Brown is hanged for his raid on the arsenal at which town in West Virginia?

34) In 1988 who became the first woman to head the government of an Islam-dominated state when she became Prime Minister of Pakistan?

35) Which American outlaw committed his first known bank robbery in Gallatin, Missouri in 1869?

36) In 1995, The European Court of Justice ruled that footballers in the European Union are free to transfer from one UEFA Federation to another at the end of their contracts. What is the ruling known

as?

37) Who became Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England in 1653?

38) Whose controversial play, A Doll's House, premiered at the Royal Theatre in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1879?

39) In 1612 who became the first person to observe the planet Neptune?

40) Which Archbishop of Canterbury was slain in his own cathedral in 1170

41) In December of which year was the first Nobel Prize ceremony held in Stockholm? a) 1881 b) 1891 c) 1901

42) Which American president was the first american to be awarded a Nobel Prize when he was awarded the Peace prize in 1906?

43) A Nobel prize, this time for literature, was also awarded to which British Prime Minister in 1953?

44) In 1999 Helen Clark was sworn in as Prime Minister of which country?

45) Born in December 1957 which English musician and composer had a major hit with '19'?

46) Before his death in December 2006, Augusto Pinochet had been a General and Dictator in which country?

47) In December 1688, James II whilst trying to flee to France, threw the 'Great Seal of the Realm' into which river?

48) In 1901 which Italian inventor was the first to transmit a radio signal across the Atlantic between Cornwall and Newfoundland?

49) Which King's abdication became effective in December 1936?

50) The Republic of Upper Volta (now Burkina Faso) and the Republic of Dahomey gained independence from which colonial power in December 1958?

Answers:

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London

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Soviet Russia

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Everglades

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Lolita

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Played by a woman for the first time on a public stage

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Murdered John Lennon

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Metallica

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Oliver Postgate

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Coronation Street

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Great Britain

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UK (not published in US until Feb 1885)

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1920's (1927)

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Robert Louis Stevenson

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Human heart transplant

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Mary Celeste

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Preston By-pass

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Eddie the Eagle

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Buenos Aires

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Hirohito

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Channel Tunnel

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Ford

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New York

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Manhattan Project

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Hubble Space Telescope.

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Rosa Parks

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Hawaii

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Harpers Ferry

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Benazir Bhutto

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Jesse James

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Bosman ruling

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Galileo

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Thomas Becket (Thomas à Becket)

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Thames

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Marconi

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Edward VIII

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France