

KS1 History Quiz - British Engineers (Questions)

This quiz addresses the requirements of the National Curriculum KS1 History for children aged 5, 6 and 7 in years 1 and 2. Specifically this quiz is aimed at the section dealing with historical figures and understanding the lives and achievements of significant people in history.

Studying the lives and achievements of significant people in history is a key part of the KS1 history curriculum. Children must understand how the actions, developments and inventions of a variety of significant people, such as British engineers, have shaped and influenced our lives today.

1. Without engineers, and their work throughout history, what would life be like today?

- Much better - engineers aren't really important
- Just the same
- Much worse - engineers have improved our lives in countless ways
- Much better - we wouldn't have to think about engineering at all

2. Sir Geoffrey de Havilland was an aircraft engineer. He developed an incredible war plane which was called:

- the giraffe
- the whale
- the emu
- the mosquito

3. Thomas Harold Flowers was a British engineer who designed a _____ which helped solve encrypted German messages during the war.

- pair of glasses
- notebook
- pencil
- computer

4. Not all engineers are men. Dame Caroline Harriet Haslett was a female engineer who was famous for...

- running long distances
- leaving her book on a bus
- making a model of the Queen
- helping women to understand science, and particularly electricity

5. George Stephenson was a Victorian engineer who was sometimes referred to as what?

- The Sister of Oceans
- The Brother of Christmas
- The Mother of Biscuits
- The Father of Railways

6. Charles Rolls and Henry Royce were engineers who founded a company famous for what?

- Elastic and fabric
- Engines and motor cars
- Frying pans
- Chocolate machines

7. What was Isambard Kingdom Brunel famous for?

- Having a really great name
- Designing ships and building tunnels which revolutionised public transport and modern engineering
- Owning a chocolate factory
- Being born on a Monday

8. Sir Barnes Neville Wallis was an engineer who designed something bouncy during World War 2. What was it?

- A bomb
- A ball
- A shoe
- A kind of cake

9. William Tierney Clark designed the first suspension _____ to span the River Thames in London.

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- tower
- boat

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- steam train
- railway station
- airport

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This was the world's first electronic programmable computer and it was called Colossus

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His ideas and engineering skills revolutionised railways and rail travel

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Isambard Kingdom Brunel was a great engineer and used his skills to solve lots of transport problems!

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He designed many bridges in this country and even one in Hungary

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He also developed a range of aircraft which were called 'moths'!

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Dame Haslett wanted more women to be scientists and engineers and believed that electricity could change women's lives for the better

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Rolls Royce now sell some cars which cost hundreds of thousands of pounds!

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The bomb was used to attack German dams and even had a film made about it

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Many other cities around the world used the engineering used in Britain as a starting point for their own underground systems