

KS1 History Quiz - Evidence (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 looking at evidence from our own lives and the lives of others, and observing the environment around us, including photographs, objects, buildings, personal memorabilia and radio and television broadcasts

As KS1 children learn about what history is and what it means, they will also begin to understand the various sources from which historical information can be gleaned. This may include looking at photographs, reports, artefacts and other evidence. They are also encouraged to observe the environment around them for possible sources of evidence. Asking sensible questions about what this evidence represents is an important skill which young children sometimes find tricky to develop.

1. What does this photograph tell us about school days in 1950s America?



- The children liked reading and watching television
- The desks were in rows and the children did not wear a uniform
- There were only a few children in each class
- That the children went to school on a Saturday

2. We can tell these photographs are probably quite old because...



- they are black and white
- there are a few of them
- they are in a pile
- there is one of a lady

3. What does this photograph tell us about the diet of a lot of people in the 18th century?



- It was very simple and basic
- They shopped for food online
- They liked a lot of tomato sauce
- Everything came from Tesco

4. What difference do you notice between this Tudor street and modern streets today?



- The lights are on
- The buildings are very small and close together
- There are some windows in the shops
- Some of the shops have signs

5. This is a vintage car from around 1920. What do you think 'vintage' means?



- Can be driven on the road
- Is black in colour and quite shiny
- Has four wheels and a spare
- Is something from the past of high quality

6. At one time, steam trains were used to travel long distances. Modern electric trains are much...



- smaller and darker
- shorter and bumpier
- brighter and louder
- cleaner and quieter

7. What might a historian want to ask about this monument?



- How many pictures have been taken of it
- The name of the person who built it
- What day it was built on
- When and why it was built

8. When historians and archaeologists look at fragments of pottery, they are trying to discover...



- if the pots stood up or not
- what pottery today looks like
- what everyday life was like in the time the pottery was made
- what day the pots were made

9. This is a Canadian postage stamp showing Queen Elizabeth II. We can tell it might be quite old because...



- the Queen has never been to Canada
- it looks like it's been used
- the stamp is blue
- the Queen looks very young

10. Even though this building is now in ruins, once it was...



- mostly made of wood
- a small cattle shed
- a large, grand building
- a modern office building

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The photo gives us lots of clues about school life then

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Most photography is in colour today although it wasn't widely used until around 1970

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Food in those days would mostly consist of things you could catch or grow yourself

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Very old buildings were often much smaller - the road is very narrow too

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Vintage is used to describe many things from fashion to cars to tea sets!

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Steam trains were very dirty and noisy

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Ancient monuments such as Stonehenge can tell us a lot about beliefs at the time

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Even a small fragment of pottery can tell a story about life in times gone by

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Early stamps and coins show a much younger Queen

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This is Corfe Castle in Dorset. It would have been a large home for lots of people