

KS1 History Quiz - Festivals and Celebrations in Britain 1 (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 studying British festivals, traditions and celebrations.

A nation as wide and diverse as ours has a lot to celebrate. Some traditional British celebrations can be traced back over hundreds of years. Young children love traditions and celebrations and they may be familiar with many of our festivals, so studying them can be fun!

1. Europe's biggest street festival happens in July. Where does it take place?

- Edinburgh
- Notting Hill
- Cardiff
- Belfast

2. On one day of the year it is acceptable to play tricks and jokes on friends and family. When is this?

- May 2nd
- April 1st
- June 4th
- March 30th

3. The 21st of June is the Summer Solstice. What does this mean?

- The day and night are exactly the same length
- The shortest day and longest night in the year
- The hottest day of the year
- The longest day and shortest night in the year

4. On the 25th of January, a famous Scotsman's life is celebrated. Who was he?

- James Scalds
- Robert Burns
- John Singe
- Donald Heat

5. What is the day after Christmas Day called?

- Hitting Day
- Boxing Day
- Karate Day
- Fighting Day

6. Why are bonfires lit on the 5th of November?

- Because it gets cold in November
- To get rid of all the rubbish from the garden
- To remember the Gunpower Plot and Guy Fawkes
- To light up the streets to save money on lighting

7. Pancake Day signals the beginning of Lent. What name is it also known by?

- Shrove Monday
- Shrove Thursday
- Shrove Wednesday
- Shrove Tuesday

8. On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the year, who do we remember?

- Members of the armed forces
- The Queen and her family
- All our politicians
- Pets around the country

9. At the end of October things get a bit spooky! What do we celebrate?

- Christmas Eve
- Halloween
- Mothers' Day
- The Edinburgh Festival

10. St. George's Day is celebrated on the 23rd of April. What was St. George supposed to have done?

- Knitted a jumper
- Made a red cross
- Slayed a dragon
- Built a tall tower

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<p>1. Europe's biggest street festival happens in July. Where does it take place?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Edinburgh <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notting Hill <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiff <input type="checkbox"/> Belfast</p> <p>It is called the Notting Hill Carnival. Around 1 million people go to see colourful floats and dancers in flamboyant costumes dance to music</p>	<p>2. On one day of the year it is acceptable to play tricks and jokes on friends and family. When is this?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> May 2nd <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> April 1st <input type="checkbox"/> June 4th <input type="checkbox"/> March 30th</p> <p>This day is known as 'April Fools' Day'. Even newspapers, TV and radio shows often feature fake stories on this day</p>
<p>3. The 21st of June is the Summer Solstice. What does this mean?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The day and night are exactly the same length <input type="checkbox"/> The shortest day and longest night in the year <input type="checkbox"/> The hottest day of the year <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The longest day and shortest night in the year</p> <p>Lots of people celebrate the solstice by watching the sunrise</p>	<p>4. On the 25th of January, a famous Scotsman's life is celebrated. Who was he?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> James Scalds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Burns <input type="checkbox"/> John Singe <input type="checkbox"/> Donald Heat</p> <p>Many Scottish people hold a special supper (dinner) on Burns' Night, a celebration of Robert Burns, with toasts and readings of his poetry</p>
<p>5. What is the day after Christmas Day called?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hitting Day <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boxing Day <input type="checkbox"/> Karate Day <input type="checkbox"/> Fighting Day</p> <p>It's believed to have been named after the 'Christmas box' of money or gifts which employers used to give to servants and tradesmen</p>	<p>6. Why are bonfires lit on the 5th of November?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Because it gets cold in November <input type="checkbox"/> To get rid of all the rubbish from the garden <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To remember the Gunpower Plot and Guy Fawkes <input type="checkbox"/> To light up the streets to save money on lighting</p> <p>This date marks the anniversary of Guy Fawkes' plot to blow up the House of Lords and assassinate King James I in 1605</p>
<p>7. Pancake Day signals the beginning of Lent. What name is it also known by?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Shruve Monday <input type="checkbox"/> Shrave Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Shrive Wednesday <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shrove Tuesday</p> <p>Lent is the traditional Christian period of fasting, which lasts for 40 days. Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent, when households would traditionally use up their eggs, milk and sugar by making pancakes</p>	<p>8. On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the year, who do we remember?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members of the armed forces <input type="checkbox"/> The Queen and her family <input type="checkbox"/> All our politicians <input type="checkbox"/> Pets around the country</p> <p>The Royal British Legion charity sells paper poppy flowers to raise funds for veterans and their families. The poppy is a symbol of Remembrance Day</p>
<p>9. At the end of October things get a bit spooky! What do we celebrate?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Eve <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Halloween <input type="checkbox"/> Mothers' Day <input type="checkbox"/> The Edinburgh Festival</p> <p>The modern way of celebrating Halloween is based on the Christian feast of All Hallows' Eve and the Celtic festival of Samhain. Trick or treat?</p>	<p>10. St. George's Day is celebrated on the 23rd of April. What was St. George supposed to have done?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Knitted a jumper <input type="checkbox"/> Made a red cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slayed a dragon <input type="checkbox"/> Built a tall tower</p> <p>The legend is that St George was a Roman soldier who killed a dragon to rescue a princess!</p>