

KS1 History Quiz - Recent History 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 historical figures, understanding the lives of significant people from history and stories from different historical periods, in particular, in recent times.

As KS1 children develop their understanding of different historical figures and times, they will begin to understand that some events happened a very long time ago, and some are more recent. This may only be 30 or 40 years ago, or may even have been during their own lives. This is the first of two quizzes looking at the lives of historical figures of recent times.

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- Were made bigger than them
- Had better covers
- Outsold them

2. In 1985, what did Coca-Cola do that they probably shouldn't have?

- Added banana flavour to the drink
- Changed the recipe of the drink
- Made a pasta sauce flavoured with the drink
- Sold the drink in paper bottles

3. In 1970, a very popular 'boy band' split up for good. Who were they?

- The Rolling Stones
- Take That
- Boyzone
- The Beatles

4. What happened to the Berlin wall in 1989?

- It was knocked down
- It was painted a different colour
- It was rebuilt
- It had windows added to it

5. In 1972, the very first what was introduced to the world?

- Video game
- Royal Baby
- Astronaut
- Purple carrot

6. In 1990, who was freed from jail after 27 years?

- Queen Victoria
- Adolf Hitler
- Tony Blair
- Nelson Mandela

7. In 1983, Sally Ride set a first for women. What did she do?

- Won an Oscar
- Wrote a series of novels
- Went into space
- Became a police officer

8. In 1982, Thriller, the biggest selling album in history, was released by who?

- Michael Jackson
- Elvis Presley
- Madonna
- Mozart

9. Which war ended in 1975?

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- The Second World War
- The War of the Roses
- The Vietnam War

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- Fire fighter
- Librarian
- Female Prime Minister

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CDs were very popular in the 1980s and 1990s but vinyl is making a comeback today

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The public did not receive the new recipe well and it was soon changed back!

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The members went on to have solo careers with differing levels of success

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The Berlin Wall was a barrier that divided Berlin from 1961 to 1989

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The game was called 'Pong' and was released by Atari

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Nelson went on to become South Africa's first black president

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She served as mission specialist on a flight of the space shuttle Challenger and became the first American woman in space. The first ever woman in space was the Russian, Valentina Tereshkova, 20 years earlier

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It is said to have sold up to 65 million copies worldwide

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The war has also been called the Second Indochina War and the Vietnam Conflict

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Margaret Thatcher was the longest-serving British Prime Minister of the 20th century