

## KS1 History Quiz - Texts in 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 important historical texts affecting the world today.*

So many important texts have been written or produced through the centuries. Many of them have had a significant impact on events in history and are still affecting the world today. From the Magna Carta to the American Declaration of Independence, from Shakespeare to the treaty of Versailles, we would not be where we are today without these important historical texts. This is the first of two quizzes looking at texts of the past which are still affecting the world today.

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- The Doomsday Book
- The Armageddon Story
- The Catastrophe Text

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- Exactly 400,000
- Less than 1 million
- About 1000
- Over 5 billion

**3. In 1840, Catherine Elizabeth Benson Brewer was the first ever woman to receive a very important piece of paper. What was it?**

- A note from the Queen
- A college degree
- An invitation to a ball
- A letter from the prime minister

**4. A document was produced on February 21st, 1878 which ensured the telephone was a success. What was it?**

- The instructions on how to use the phone
- The first telephone directory
- A guide to good etiquette on the phone
- Advice on where to position the phone in the house

**5. King John wrote the Magna Carta in the 13th Century to make very clear laws for everyone. What was it written on?**

- Papyrus
- Large, flat leaves
- Tissue paper
- The skin of a sheep

**6. In 1963, Martin Luther King read a rousing speech about equal rights for black people. What is a famous line from the speech?**

- I had a nightmare
- I have a dream
- I didn't sleep a wink
- I woke early

**7. The Dictionary of the English Language was written by Samuel Johnson and was the first dictionary to do what?**

- To put the words into alphabetical order
- To only focus on the interesting words
- To offer explanations for each word
- To have more than half of the words spelled correctly

**8. In 1905, Alfred Binet wrote something which most of us may face in our lifetime. What was it?**

- The IQ test
- A newspaper
- A driving test
- A love letter

**9. In 1863, American president Lincoln delivered a famous speech which began with the words, 'Four score and seven years ago'. What was the speech called?**

- The Iowa Speech
- The Kentucky Poem
- The Gettysburg Address
- The Mississippi Story

**10. The Rosetta Stone bears ancient inscriptions written in four languages. What did they later help to solve?**

- Where Egyptian Kings went on holiday
- Why stone is heavier than paper
- The mystery of stone
- The riddle of Egyptian hieroglyphics

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The Domesday Book is the starting point for most local historians researching the history of their area

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The bible has estimated annual sales of 100 million copies, and has been a major influence on literature and history

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This important document marked a time when women were finally equal with men in terms of education

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The first directory was American and was a single page. The first British telephone directory was published in 1880

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Some of the laws written in the Magna Carta still exist today!

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The speech was part of King's inspirational leadership which changed the history of civil rights in America

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The dictionary was published on the 15th of April, 1755 and took nearly 9 years to complete

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IQ stands for Intelligence Quota and measures how clever a person is in certain areas

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In just under 2 minutes, Lincoln honoured dead soldiers and reminded the listeners of the purpose of their sacrifice

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Found in Egypt, the stone is about 9 feet long, weighs about 1,700 pounds, and is 2,200-year-old black granite