

KS1 History Quiz - Texts in History 2 (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 second of two quizzes looking at texts of the past which are still affecting the world today.

<p>1. One man's writing is credited with saving Christmas. Who was he?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Charles Dickens</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> George Orwell</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Arthur C. Clarke</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Karl Marx</p>	<p>2. The Declaration of Independence, written in 1776, saw the beginning of the forming of which country?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Zealand</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The United States of America</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> China</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sweden</p>
<p>3. On February 24th, 1582, Pope Gregory XIII wrote something which we still use today. What was it?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Bible</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The newspaper</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The calendar</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The instruction manual</p>	<p>4. One series of books by J. K. Rowling has had a huge impact on readers, both young and old. What were the books about?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Peter Rabbit</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Horrid Henry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Harry Potter</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Just William</p>
<p>5. What does the American Bill of Rights do?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gives money to right-handed people</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Favours people called Bill</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gives instructions on tent-making</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gives citizens rights and freedoms</p>	<p>6. Charles Darwin was a scientist who explained his ideas in a book. What was it called?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What I Think About Science</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Why We Need Science</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Where Man Came From</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> On the Origin of Species</p>
<p>7. Shakespeare wrote many plays which had a lot of influence. What else did he do?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gave us a lot of new words</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Had an extra job cleaning windows</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tried to burn all his plays</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Wrote the Bible</p>	<p>8. A 14th century collection of stories by Chaucer is one of the most popular works ever known. What is it called?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Suffolk Stories</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The York Diary</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Oxfordshire Dictionary</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Canterbury Tales</p>
<p>9. Signed in the French Palace on June 28th, 1919, what was the Treaty of Versailles supposed to stop?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Taxes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Conflict and war</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Wasting electricity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Things getting lost</p>	<p>10. The term 'Big Brother' was first used in a story by George Orwell. What was it called?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2001</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1456</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1272</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1984</p>

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1. **One man's writing is credited with saving Christmas. Who was he?**

- Charles Dickens
- George Orwell
- Arthur C. Clarke
- Karl Marx

The traditions of Christmas were fading when Dickens wrote 'A Christmas Carol'

2. **The Declaration of Independence, written in 1776, saw the beginning of the forming of which country?**

- New Zealand
- The United States of America
- China
- Sweden

The first states rebelled and declared that they were no longer part of the British Empire

3. **On February 24th, 1582, Pope Gregory XIII wrote something which we still use today. What was it?**

- The Bible
- The newspaper
- The calendar
- The instruction manual

It is known as the Gregorian calendar. It adapted the Julian Calendar - which had 10 extra days floating around!

4. **One series of books by J. K. Rowling has had a huge impact on readers, both young and old. What were the books about?**

- Peter Rabbit
- Horrid Henry
- Harry Potter
- Just William

The books still sell in their thousands around the world and have had films made of them

5. **What does the American Bill of Rights do?**

- Gives money to right-handed people
- Favours people called Bill
- Gives instructions on tent-making
- Gives citizens rights and freedoms

The rights granted to all Americans are powerful and sometimes controversial

6. **Charles Darwin was a scientist who explained his ideas in a book. What was it called?**

- What I Think About Science
- Why We Need Science
- Where Man Came From
- On the Origin of Species

The basic idea behind his theory of evolution is that all the different species have evolved from simple life forms

7. **Shakespeare wrote many plays which had a lot of influence. What else did he do?**

- Gave us a lot of new words
- Had an extra job cleaning windows
- Tried to burn all his plays
- Wrote the Bible

Words like 'fashionable' and 'softhearted' first appeared in his plays and writings

8. **A 14th century collection of stories by Chaucer is one of the most popular works ever known. What is it called?**

- The Suffolk Stories
- The York Diary
- The Oxfordshire Dictionary
- The Canterbury Tales

The stories bring the characters to life and are studied all over the world

9. **Signed in the French Palace on June 28th, 1919, what was the Treaty of Versailles supposed to stop?**

- Taxes
- Conflict and war
- Wasting electricity
- Things getting lost

It was signed after the First World War but unfortunately didn't stop the Second World War from starting 20 years later

10. **The term 'Big Brother' was first used in a story by George Orwell. What was it called?**

- 2001
- 1456
- 1272
- 1984

The book is about the state spying on the people and was set in the future when it was written in 1948