

STUDENT'S WORKBOOK

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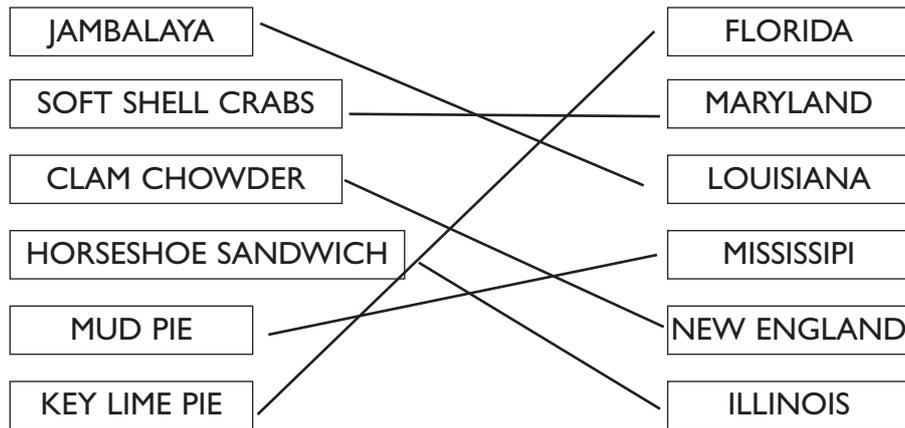
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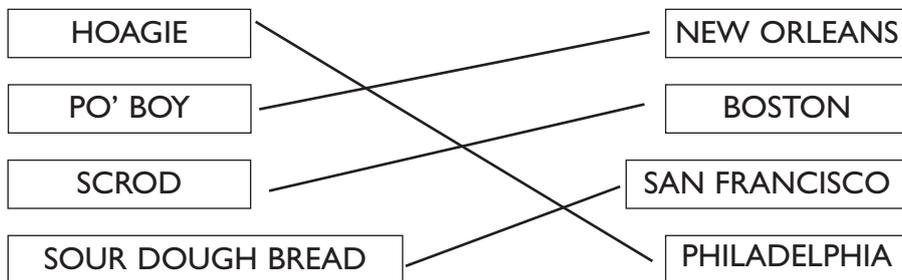
TYPICAL AMERICAN FOODS

Link each of the foods with the state, region or town where the dish had its origin.

REGION OR STATE



LOCAL



Jambalaya :A spicy meat, seafood and rice stew

Clam chowder :A soup made with clams, potatoes and onions

Horseshoe sandwich :A meat, fries and creamy cheese sandwich

Mud pie :A goeey chocolate sauce on a chocolate crust

Hoagie :A large loaf sandwich filled with meats

Po'boy : Bread filled with fried oysters, shrimp, fish, crabmeat

Scrod : Broiled cod

EVERYDAY THINGS

1) In the majority of schools, the day begins by a short ceremony :What is it ?

The Pledge of Allegiance which is as follows : I pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

2) Minimum school- drop age varies from 16 to 18 depending on the state where you live :

Right Wrong

3) What are the 3 most popular sports in American schools ?

1 Football - 2 Baseball - 3 Basketball

4) What is the legal smoking age in the USA ? *In most of the states, it is illegal for a person under the age of 18 to purchase tobacco products. In 4 states and D.C the purchasing age is 19 and New York City raised this minimum age to 21 in 2013*

5) What is the legal age to consume alcoholic beverages in public in the USA ? **21**

6) Is it correct that in the USA a person must be at least 16 years old to be permitted to drive a car ?

Yes No

In several states such as Alaska, Arkansas, Kansas or North Dakota for instance one can obtain a Learner's Permit at the age of 14.

7) What is the meaning of the expression "to be grounded" when speaking of a teenager ?

To be punished, deprived of privileges such as watching TV or internet, confined at home.

8) What is the correct word for "Greenback" or "buck" ? *A Dollar*

9) What are the correct words for respectively ?

A penny : 1 cent coin

A nickel : 5 cents coin

A dime : 10 cents coin

A quarter : 25 cents coin

10) Marked prices on consumer goods never include the sales tax ?

Right Wrong

11) In restaurants the service charge is always included in the price mentioned on the menu ?

Right Wrong

It always is added to the bill and can vary from 15% to 24%

12) What number must one dial to call emergency services in the USA ? **911**

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- 1) In California can be seen the second longest suspension bridge in the world. What is its name ?
Where exactly is it ? *The Golden Gate Bridge. In San Francisco*
- 2) Mount Rushmore National Monument in South Dakota features the heads of 4 United States Presidents carved in the granite. They are :
George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln
- 3) The very first National Park in the world (established 1872) is situated in Wyoming :
What is its name ? *Yellowstone,*
Why was it given this name ? *Named for the color of the rocks seen in the grand canyon of the river.*
- 4) A female Native American became legendary through being the 1st Indian from Virginia to become christian, marry an Englishman and have a child from such a marriage. What was her name ?
Pocahontas 1596 - 1617
- 5) They are not a part of a four-legged animal, yet they are called "Buffalo Wings". What are they and why do they bear that name ? *They are the tips of chicken wings and they were first cooked in a restaurant in the town of Buffalo - NY.*
- 6) What was the Mason - Dixon Line ?
A cultural boundary and demarcation between the North Eastern states which had abolished slavery and the Southern State where slavery was legal.
- 7) Tallahassee : The capital city of Florida, and the town of Amarillo in Texas are each situated in a part of its state which has a name reminding of a cooking pan. What is this name ?
The panhandle.
- 8) Although it is not absolutely proven, it is generally agreed that the 1st American flag was made by Betsy Ross :
- Why are there 13 stripes and 13 stars on it ? *The 13 original colonies*
- Where is this flag kept ? *Fort Mc Henry, Baltimore.*
- 9) One street in Los Angeles is famous the world over for its expensive luxury shops. What is its name ?
Rodeo Drive, in Beverly Hills, between Wilshire Boulevard and South Santa Monica Boulevard.
- 10) One of the most famous highways in America ran from Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica, California, covering a total of 2446 miles. What was it called ? *Route 66*
- 11) In the middle of the 19th century a much travelled route went from the Missouri River to the coast of Oregon through the Great Plains and across the Rocky Mountains. What was it called ?
The Oregon Trail.

- 12) What are the names of the world famous singers who had the following nicknames :
- The Voice : *Franck Sinatra*
 - The King : *Elvis Presley*
 - Bambi : *Michael Jackson*
- 13) The 49ers are a professional American Football team based in San Francisco (CA). Why did they choose this name ?
In reference to the California Gold Rush of 1849.
- 14) What river carved the Grand Canyon ? *The Colorado River*
- 15) On December 17, 1903, on the beach of Kitty Hawk”(NC) 2 brothers Orville and Wilbur WRIGHT made history. What was their achievement ?
They piloted the first powered air plane. The flight lasted 12 seconds and covered 120 feet.
- 16) A 100 foot high monumental statue dedicated to the “Struggle Against Worl Terrorism” was given to the United States by the Russian people as a memorial to the victims of the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center.
What is the name of the statue ? *The Teardrop.*
It stands in Bayonne - NJ and was dedicated in 2006.
- 17) What is a dry county ?
A county where alcoholic drinks may not be sold in shops, nor consumed in restaurants
- 18) A baseball field is called :
An oval A diamond A ruby
A Diamond
Why : *Because the infield takes the shape of a stylized lozenge, reminding of the shape of a cut diamond.*
- 19) What is the name given to the swampland around New Orleans, home to the Cajun culture ?
The Bayou
- 20) Several regions of the USA are commonly given a name followed by the word “Belt”. For instance, what is “The Bible Belt”?
The Bible Belt includes most of the Southern United States which are socially conservative, where evengelial Protestantisme is part of the culture and where Christian church attendance is high.
Give the name of 1 or 2 other “Belt regions” :
- *The Sun Belt : The Sun Belt streches across the Southern United States which have a warm climate with extended summers and relatively mild winters.*
- *The Frost Belt :The Frost Belt includes the Northeastern United States, the Great Lakes region and much of the Upper midwest. It has cold winters and heavy snowfall.*
- *The Corn Belt :The Corn Belt represents the intensively agricultural region of the Midwest with family farms producing mostly corn and soybeans.*
- *The Rust Belt :The Rust Belt straddles the Northeastern and the East North Central States where the once powerful industry has been declining since the mid-twentieth century.*

10 THINGS TYPICALLY AMERICAN

- 1) Each year, for Thanksgiving, an animal is officially presented to the President of the USA who ceremoniously grants it "A Presidential Pardon". What animal is this ?
The animal is a turkey.
- 2) When is "Black Friday" and what is it ?
"Black Friday" is the day after Thanksgiving when millions of Americans flock to stores to start their Christmas shopping. Goods are generally offered with massive discounts.
- 3) A woman who is expecting a baby organises a party for her lady friends during which she is given presents for her new baby. What is this party called ?
This party is called "a baby shower".
- 4) Each year February 2 is "Groundhog day". What happens on that day ? .
According to folklore, if, on that day, it is cloudy when a groundhog emerges from its burrow, spring will come early. If it is sunny, the groundhog will see its shadow, retreat back into its burrow and the winter weather will persist for 6 more weeks. Several festivals are held on that day and it is said that the rodent's forecasts are accurate 75% to 90% of the time.
- 5) Each year, for Halloween, little children disguise themselves and go from house to house in their neighborhood asking for sweets and candy. What is this called ?
Tricks or treating.
- 6) "Homecoming" is an important social activity in American high schools. It usually includes activities such as sports, culture events and often a parade. At what time of year does it generally happen ?
Homecoming generally happens in the course of the fall. It is the tradition of welcoming back the students of a school. It also is a tradition in many universities and collèges.
- 7) Another notable and highly popular event in the social climate of high schools is held in the spring to the attention of senior students, boys dressing in formal wear and girls in evening gowns. What is the event called ?
The Prom.
- 8) Tailgating is getting more and more popular among sports fans. What is tailgating ?
This is a party held on and around the tailgate of a vehicle before and occasionally after games such as football, soccer, basketball, hockey and baseball.
- 9) What is a "BLT" ?
It is a Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato sandwich.
- 10) What does the second amendment to the constitution allow Americans to own ?
It allows Americans to own fire arms. Carrying a fire arm such as a handgun in public and in plain sight a perfectly legal in 32 of the American States. 18 states do not even require a license or gun permit. This practice is called "open carry".

ACRONYMS

Examples : - USA : United States of America

- NATO : North Atlantic Treaty Organisation

What do the following acronyms stand for :

- G - I : *Government issue*
(Originally galvanised iron describing soldiers equipment)
- CNN : *Cable News Network*
- CIA : *Central Intelligence Agency*
- NASA : *National Aeronautics & Space Administration*
- FBI : *Federal Bureau of Investigation*
- D.C. : *District of Columbia*
- LOL : *Laughing out Loud*
- NSA : *National Security Agency*
- DUI : *Driving under the Influence*
(Driving after having excessively consumed alcoholic drinks)
- NFL : *National Football league*
- FYI : *For your information*
- UFO : *Unidentified Flying Object*
- DIY : *Do it yourself*

CITY NICKNAMES

List of cities	Nickname	City
Atlanta	Steel City	<i>Pittsburg</i>
Boston	The City in a Forest	<i>Atlanta</i>
Chicago	The Windy City	<i>Chicago</i>
Denver	The City by the Bay	<i>San Francisco</i>
Houston	The City on a Hill	<i>Boston</i>
Las Vegas	The Emerald City	<i>Seattle</i>
Los Angeles	The City of Angels	<i>Los Angeles</i>
Nashville	Music City USA	<i>Nashville</i>
New Orleans	Sin City	<i>Las Vegas</i>
Philadelphia	Space City	<i>Houston</i>
Phoenix	The City of Brotherly Love	<i>Philadelphia</i>
Pittsburg	The Mile High City	<i>Denver</i>
Portland	The Big Easy	<i>New Orleans</i>
San Francisco	The City of Roses	<i>Portland</i>
Seattle	The Federal City	<i>Washington</i>
Washington	The Valley of the Sun	<i>Phoenix</i>

AMERICAN STATES TRIVIA

- 1) Mount St Helen, a volcano, is notorious for its catastrophic eruption in 1980. In what state is it situated ? *Washington State*
- 2) Which state is known as “The Tar Heel State” ? *North Carolina - presumably because in the 18th & 19th century it produced important quantities of tar created from its vast pine forests*
- 3) Which state was an independant sovereign nation in North America from 1836 to 1846 ?
Texas, known as Republic of Texas
- 4) In which state is the city famous for having been largely destroyed by a great fire in 1871, its international exposition of 1893, for its slaughter houses and later for its gangsters ?
Chicago (Illinois)
- 5) What is the origin of the name of the state of Florida ? *The Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon making land there in 1513 in recognition of the verdant landscape and because it was Easter time, “Pascua Florida” in Spanish*
- 6) What is the last state to have been admitted into the Union ? *Hawai - August 21 1959*
- 7) In what state are held the first primaries of the Presidential election process ?
New Hampshire
- 8) What is the smallest state of the Union ? *Rhode Island - 1214 square miles*
- 9) What is the largest state in the USA ? *Alaska - 663,268 square miles - 1,717,854 km2*
- 10) Which state does not assess a sales tax on consumer goods, a vey low income tax and corporate friendly laws for businesses ? *Delaware*
- 11) Which State produces 1/3 of the potatoes consumed in the USA ? *Idaho*
- 12) Why is Colorado called “The Mile High State” ? *Because it is the state which has the highest average elevation in the USA with 9000 named montains and its capital Denver is exactly 1 mile above sea level*
- 13) Which state ranks as having 8th biggest economy in the world ? *California - (France is 5th)*
- 14) What is the origin of the name of the state of Virginia ? *This state was named after England’s Queen Elizabeth I who was nicknamed “The Virgin Queen” because she never married*
- 15) Charles Lindberg was the 1st man who flew across the Atlantic Ocean. His plane was called “The Spirit of St Louis”. In which state is the city of St Louis ? *Missouri*
- 16) What is the state where the Mormons settled ? *Utah*
- 17) Which state has the reputation of always voting for the candidate who will be elected President of the USA ? *Ohio - In fact it was wrong once in 1960*

18) Las Vegas and Reno are 2 towns famous for casinos and gambling. In what state are they ?

Nevada

19) In John Steinbeck's novel "The Grapes of Wrath" The poor farmer migrants heading to California were called "Okies" - Why ? *Because many of them came from the state of Oklahoma during the Dust Bowl and great depression era of the 1930s*

20) Memphis, the home town of the Blues and Rock'n Roll, is the 2nd largest town of which state ?

Tennessee

Place each of these states on the map



AMERICAN PRESIDENTS QUIZ

- The first President was George Washington :

Right Wrong

- Before his was elected President, Bill Clinton was Governor of Arkansas :

Right Wrong

- The Bush Family was the only one in the history of the USA to have 2 of its members elected to the Presidency :

Right Wrong

John Adams (2nd President) and his son John Quincy Adams (6th President)

- Benjamin Franklin, one of Founding Fathers of the United States was one of the First Presidents :

Right Wrong

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy was not the only member of the family to be murdered :

Right Wrong

His brother Robert was murdered in Los Angeles on June 5, 1968 by Sirhan Sirhan

- Thomas Jefferson, the 3rd President was the principal author of the Declaration of Independence :

Right Wrong

- FD Roosevelt was the only President to serve 4 terms until his death in 1945 :

Right Wrong

- Gerald Ford became President immediately after Kennedy's death :

Right Wrong

Lyndon B. Johnson, Kennedy's Vice - President acted as President until his election in 1964

- In 1936, Roosevelt was reelected winning 46 states out of 48 :

Right Wrong

- Jimmy Carter was not reelected because he was a Catholic :

Right Wrong

He was not reelected because of recession, inflation and a number of domestic and international crisis

- When he was young, Ronald Reagan was a movie actor :

Right Wrong

- Woodrow Wilson refused to grant women the right to vote :

Right Wrong

At Wilson's insistance women were granted the right to vote thanks to the 19th amendment to the Constitution passed by the House of Representatives in May of 1919 and by

the

1) How many Presidents were assassinated ? **4**

Abraham Lincoln (4/14/1865)

James Garfield (7/2/1881)

William Mc Kinley (9/6/1901)

John Kennedy (11/22/1963)

2) Only 1 President resigned while he was in office. His name is : *Richard Nixon*

3) Only 1 President served 4 terms : *Franklin Delano Roosevelt*

4) William Henry Harrison, the 9th president died of pneumonia serving the shortest term in US presidential history. How long did he stay in office : *31 days*

5) Which President was fluent in English, Latin, Greek, French, Spanish plus several native american languages ? *Thomas Jefferson*

AMERICAN FOLK HEROES

(Real and Imaginary)

- 1) My real name is John Chapman. I am an American pioneer nurseryman who introduced apple trees to large parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois :

I am : *Johnny Applesced*

- 2) Also called “King of the Wild Frontier” I represented Tennessee in the US House of Representatives, served in the Texas revolution and died at the battle of the Alamo :

I am : *Davy Crockett*

- 3) A legendary figure in Texas history and a folk hero of American culture, I commanded the volunteer forces at the Alamo and gave my name to a famous knife:

I am : *Jim Bowie*

- 4) Nicknamed “Little Sure Shot” I rose to fame as a sharpshooter and exhibition shooter. I joined the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show, thus becoming the first American female superstar :

I am : *Annie Oakley*

- 5) I was born in Boston and I am a patriot of the American revolution. I rode through the night to alert the Colonial Militia of the approach of British forces before the battles of Lexington and Concord. My ride has been immortalised in a famous poem :

I am : *Paul Revere*

- 6) My real name is William Frederick Cody. I am a famous buffalo hunter as I killed 4,280 American Bison in 18 months. I then became one of the most colorful figures of the American Old West and famous by organising Wild West shows which toured the USA, England and Europe :

I am : *Bufalo Bill*

- 7) I am a tribal Chief of the Sioux Nation. I led my people to resist the United States government and defeated Colonel George Custer’s regiment at the battle of Little Big Horn in 1876. I later joined Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show for 4 months and was killed in 1890 by the Indian Agency police while resisting arrest :

I am : *Sitting Bull*

- 8) I am an imaginary giant lumberjack of incredible strength. I dug the Grand Canyon by dragging my axe behind me, Lake Superior on a day I needed a watering hole for Babe, my blue ox and Mount Hood by piling rocks on top of my campfire :

I am : *John Bunyan*

- 9) I fought for the Union army during the American Civil War. After the war, I gained publicity as a scout, marksman, professional gambler and earned a reputation as a lawman. I was shot and killed from behind while playing poker in a saloon:

I am : *Wild Bill Hickock*

10) I am an American Frontiers-woman and professional scout who led a very colorful and eventful life. I gained fame fighting indians. I married Wild Bill Hickock and, after his death, joined the Buffalo Bill's Wild West show as a storyteller :

I am : *Calamity Jane*

11) I am quite simply, the most famous of all major league baseball players. I spent most of my professional career playing for the New York Yankees. As a pitcher and outfielder I set many records and was one of the first players to be elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame :

I am : *Babe Ruth*

12) I am a legendary steel driver. I won a race against a steam-powered hammer only to die in victory with my hammer in my hand. My story has been the subject of numerous songs, stories, plays, books and novels :

I am : *John Henry*

AMERICAN FOLK HEROES

Tell us about the following American Folk Heroes :

- Charles Lindberg :

The first man to ever cross the Atlantic Ocean by plane

- Daniel Boone :

A pioneer, explorer, Indian fighter and frontiersman. His adventures - real and imaginary - made him the archetypal Western Hero of American folklore

- Bonnie and Clyde :

Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were notorious robbers and criminals whose exploits were known nationwide in the early 1930s. They were killed by lawmen who shot a combined total of approximately 130 rounds at their car during an ambush

- Pecos Bill :

A legendary cowboy, raised by a pack of coyotes. He used a rattlesnake as a lasso and another snake as a whip. His favorite food was dynamite. In one of his adventures, he managed to lasso a tornado

- Geronimo :

A prominent war Chief of the Apache nation who consistently led raids upon Mexican towns and against Anglo Settlements

LANDMARK DATES AND EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE USA

- 1) What is commonly known as “The Lost Colony of Roanoke Island” ?
1st attempt to make a permanent English Settlement on Roanoke Island on the coast of North Carolina in 1585
- 2) Where was established the first permanent English settlement on the American Continent ?
Jamestown, Virginia in May 1607 : 3 ships the Susan Constant, Discovery & Godspeed under Captain Christophe Newport
- 3) In November 1620 a party of 120 English men and women landed on the coast of present day Massachusetts and founded the second successful English settlement on the American continent.
 - What is the name of the ship which they sailed on ? *The Mayflower*
 - What is this settlement called ? *The Plymouth Colony*
 - Under what name are these early settlers known ? *The Pilgrim Fathers*
- 4) On December 6, 1773, an event took place in Boston which ultimately escalated into the American Revolution and war of independence. Under what name is it commonly known ? *The Boston Tea Party. Originally a political protest against the Tea Act passed by the British Parliament which heavily taxed the tea shipped to the American colonies*
- 5) The American War of Independence against Britain began in 1775. In 1783, the treaty of Paris ended the war and recognised the sovereignty of the United States. The insurgents were aided by 3 European nations. Which were they ? *France, Spain and the Dutch Republic*
- 6) What important document was presented to the Congress on June 28, 1776 and then approved and signed on July 4 at the Independence Hall in Philadelphia ? *The Declaration of Independence*
- 7) What country signed a treaty of alliance with the United States on February 6, 1778, making it the oldest ally of the USA ? *France*
- 8) Which important document was adopted in 1787, went into effect in March 1789, thus making it the oldest law of this type still effective in the world today ? *The American Constitution*
- 9) In 1803, a major treaty was signed between France and the USA. Under what name is it commonly known ? *The Louisiana Purchase Treaty signed by Napoleon and Thomas Jefferson. For a total sum of 15 million dollars, the USA acquired all or part of 15 present US states stretching from the gulf of Mexico to Canada.*
- 10) President Thomas Jefferson commissioned captain Merriweather Lewis & lieutenant William Clark to undertake an important and perilous expedition. What was this expedition, what was its purpose ?
Cross the United States from St Louis to the Pacific coast. The purpose was to explore and map this

vast territory, find a practical route across the continent, study the flora, the fauna and establish trade with the indian tribes. The expedition lasted from May 1804 to September 1806

- 11) From May 1846 to March 1848, a war known as the Mexican - American war raged between the USA and the Republic of Mexico.
 - What caused it ? *The annexation of Texas by the USA*
 - What was its outcome ? *Mexico gave the US undisputed control of Texas and ceded to the USA the present day states of California, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, most of Arizona and Colorado*
- 12) A war raged in the USA from 1861 to 1865,
 - What is it called ? *The American Civil War or War of Secession*
 - Why ? *Because Southern States wanted to withdraw from the Union*
- 13) In June of 1876 the 7th Cavalry Regiment under the command of Colonel George Custer was severely defeated by the indian tribes led by Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse and Chief Gall.
 - What is the name of this battle ? *The Battle of Little Big Horn*
- 14) What is the name of the town 80% of which was destroyed on April 18, 1906 by the deadliest earthquake in American history as it killed over 3400 persons. : *San Francisco*
- 15) On October 24, 1929 the New York Stock Exchange collapsed entailing a world wide economic crisis. What name has been given to that day ? *Black Thursday*
- 16) In 1941 The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, what were the consequences ?
The USA entered World War 2
- 17) What was the Manhattan project ?
A research and development project led by the USA with the support of GB and Canada that produced the 1st atomic bomb during World War 2. 2 bombs were dropped : over Hiroshima on August 6, 1945 and Nagasaki on August 9, 1945 resulting in the surrender of Japan on September 2, 1945
- 18) What is the name of the Civil Rights leader who was assassinated by a sniper on April 4, 1968 at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis ? *Dr Martin Luther King Junior*
- 19) On July 21, 1969 an American astronaut was the first man to walk on the moon. What is his name ? *Neil Armstrong - Mission Apollo 11*
- 20) What is the name of the 1st and only President of the USA who resigned from office on August 9, 1974 following the Watergate Scandal ? *Richard Milhous Nixon*

FAMOUS QUOTES BY FAMOUS PEOPLE

Each of these persons became famous :

Neil Amstrong, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Albert Einstein, Abraham Lincoln, Groucho Marx, Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, George W. Bush, Mark Twain, Ronald Reagan.

Which one of them said one of the following sentences :

One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind	<i>Neil Amstrong</i>
The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits	<i>Albert Einstein</i>
I don't want to belong to any club that will accept me as a member	<i>Groucho Marx</i>
I choose a lazy person to do a hard job because a lazy person will find an easy way to do it	<i>Bill Gates</i>
Recession is when a neighbour loses his job. Depression is when you lose yours	<i>Ronald Reagan</i>
Go to the Heaven for the climate, Hell for the company	<i>Mark Twain</i>
Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves	<i>Abraham Lincoln</i>
Let's go invent tomorrow instead of worrying about what happened yesterday	<i>Steve Jobs</i>
Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country	<i>John Fitzgerald Kennedy</i>
I do not need to explain why I say things. That's the interesting thing about being President	<i>George W. Bush</i>

FAMOUS (AND INFAMOUS) PEOPLE

Why did each of these 20 persons (listed in alphabetical order) become famous-or infamous -?

1) Susan B. ANTHONY : 15/02/1820 - 15/03/1906

The most famous leader of the women's rights movement (known as "suffragists") and a representative of the American Anti-Slavery Society.

2) John Wilkes BOOTH : 10/05/1838 - 26/04/1865

An actor who shot Abraham Lincoln on April 14, 1865 while the President was attending a play at Ford's Theatre in Washington.

3) Al CAPONE : 17/01/1891 - 26/01/1947

A gangster who led a prohibition-era crime syndicate in Chicago from the early 1920s to 1931. His activities were crime, smuggling and bootlegging liquor, bribery of officials, prostitution.

4) Walt DISNEY : 05/12/0905 - 15/12/1966

The creator of Mickey Mouse. A popular animator and entrepreneur, he was particularly noted as a film producer and a showman, as well as an innovator in animation and theme park design.

5) Amelia EARHART : 24/07/1897 - 18/10/1931

An aviation pioneer, she was the first female pilot to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.

6) Thomas EDISON : 11/02/1847 - 18/10/1931

A prolific inventor and businessman, he is mainly known as being the inventor of the electric light bulb. He also invented the phonograph and a motion picture camera : the kinetoscope.

7) Henry FORD : 30/07/1863 - 07/04/1947

The founder of the Ford Motor Company a sponsor of mass production, he developed and manufactured the first automobile that many middle - class Americans could afford :

The T - Model.

8) Benjamin FRANKLIN : 17/01/1706 - 17/04/1770

One of the Founding Fathers of the United States, he was an author, printer, politician, statesman, scientist and inventor. His 2 most famous inventions are the lightning rod and the bifocals.

9) J. Edgar HOOVER : 01/01/1895 - 02/05/1972

The first director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

10) Steve JOBS : 24/02/1955 - 05/10/2011

The co-founder, chairman and CEO of Apple Inc. He is widely recognized as a charismatic pioneer of the personal computer revolution.

11) Earwin JOHNSON (Magic Johnson) : 14/08/1959

A professional basketball player who won 5 championships with the Los Angeles Lakers in the 1980s. He also was a member of "The Dream Team" which won the Olympic Gold medal in 1992.

12) Robert E. LEE : 19/01/1807 - 12/10/1870

The General who commanded the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia during the American Civil War. He surrendered to General Grant at Appomattox but remains one of the most revered iconic figures of American military leadership.

13) Lucky LUCIANO : 24/11/1897 - 26/01/1962

An Italian-born American mobster. He is considered as the father of modern organised crime in the USA and the most powerful Mafia boss of all times.

14) Joseph Mc CARTY : 14/11/1908 - 02/05/1957

A Republican US Senator from the state of Wisconsin. He was the initiator and led the "Red Scare" by making various charges of communism, communist sympathies, disloyalty or homosexuality to attack a number of politicians and other individuals. He died an alcoholic, totally discredited.

15) Marilyn MONROE : 01/06/1926 - 05/08/1962

Real name : Norma Jeane Mortenson. An American actress, model and singer who became a major sex symbol during the 1950s and early 1960s. She died of an overdose of barbiturates and was later ranked as the sixth - greatest female star of all time by the American Film Institute.

6) Elliot NESS : 19/04/1903 - 16/05/1957

A prohibition agent famous for his efforts to enforce prohibition in Chicago and the leader of a legendary team of law enforcement agents nicknamed "The Untouchables".

17) Lee Harvey OSWALD : 18/10/1939 - 24/11/1963

According to 5 government investigations was the sniper who assassinated President John Fitzgerald Kennedy in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963.

18) Jesse OWENS : 12/09/1913 - 31/03/1980

A track and field athlete and 4 times gold medalist at the Berlin 1936 Olympic Games. He has been credited with "Single - handedly crushing Hitler's myth of Aryan supremacy".

19) Andy WARHOL : 06/08/1928 - 22/02/1967

An artist who was a leading figure in the visual art movement known as "pop art". His famous cans of Campbells' soup sold for \$ 1,500 each in the 1960s and for \$ 10,000 in 1971. In 2013, the diptych "Silver Car Crash" was auctioned for \$ 105.4 Million.

20) Walt WHITMAN : 31/05/1819 - 26/03/1892

A poet, essayist and journalist. His most famous work is the poetry collection "Leaves of Grass".

NEW YORK CITY QUIZ

1) Before being called “ New York” its name was :

- New Amsterdam
- New Holland
- New Netherlands

2) New York is familiarly called “ The Big Apple “ because :

- During the great depression unemployed men sold apples for 5 cents each
- The expression was used by jazzmen to express that they had obtained a contract which paid big money
- The boroughs around Manhatan were planted with apple tree orchards

3) “Wall Street” owes its name to :

- The dutch expression “De Waal Straat” as families of Walloons resided there
- The wall which the Dutch built to protect themselves from the Indians and the English
- It is an alteration of the word “wallow” as this area originally was a muddy bog

4) In Battery Park at the southern tip of Manhattan, is a National Monument called Castle Clinton. This circular fort owes its name to :

- President Bill Clinton
- New York City Mayor Dewitt Clinton
- Henry Clinton a British general

5) The Verazzano Narrows Bridge connecting Brooklyn to Staten Island was the longest suspension bridge in the world when it opened in 1964

- Is a narrow bridge open to foot traffic only
- Owes its name to the architect who built it
- Has been given this name as a homage to the Italian navigator who first entered the Hudson Bay

6) In Bowling Green Park, near Wall Street is the bronze statue of a charging bull

- It symbolizes the energy, strength and unpredictability of the stock market
- It is meant to remind people that on this spot there used to be fields with cattle grazing
- It has been placed there in memory of one George Bull, a famous stock broker

7) The day when 2 planes crashed into the WTC is commonly called 9/11 because :

- 9 of the 11 buildings were destroyed
- The disaster happened on the 11th of September
- The 1st crash took place in the morning, at 11 minutes after 9

8) The “Flat Iron Building”, one of downtown Manhattan landmarks got its name due to the fact that :

- It employed a steel skeleton
- Its triangular shape is similar to that of a clothes iron
- It houses the headquarters of a steel and iron company

9) The expression “Ground Zero” commonly used to designate the site where the World Trade Center stood :

- Is a military expression for the exact site where an explosion happens
- Is because nothing has been left of the towers after the ground was cleared of the rubble
- The explosion and the crash were so powerful that even the ground was vaporised

9) Harlem is :

- One of New York’s 5 boroughs
- A couple of blocks south of Central Park
- A large neighborhood in the borough of Manhattan

NEW YORK LANDMARKS

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY

1) Was a gift to the United States from the people of France :

Right Wrong

2) Got its name from the island where it stands :

Right Wrong

The original name of the island was Bedloe's Island

3) It represents the Roman goddess of freedom :

Right Wrong

4) It holds a tablet evoking the law on which is inscribed the date of the American Constitution :

Right Wrong

It is the date of the American Declaration of Independence

5) After closing to undergo extensive restoration it was rededicated on July 4, 1986 by Presidents Ronald Reagan & François Mitterand :

Right Wrong

BROOKLYN BRIDGE

1) Completed in 1883, it connects the borough of Manhattan and Brooklyn

Right Wrong

2) All types of motor vehicles are permitted to cross the bridge :

Right Wrong

Commercial vehicles and buses are prohibited from using the bridge

3) In 2002, the mayor of New York sold the bridge to a private company :

Right Wrong

He suggested it but this proved to be impossible as the bridge is a National Landmark

4) When a great number of pedestrians cross the bridge, it sways :

Right Wrong

5) "Love Locks" is a practice by which couples inscribe a date and their initials onto a lock, attach it to the bridge and throw the key into the river as a sign of their everlasting love :

Right Wrong

THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING

1) Built in 1931, its name is derived from the nickname for New York “The Empire State” :

Right Wrong

2) With its antenna spire, it stands a total of 443,20 metres (1 454 feet) high :

Right Wrong

3) It never was the world’s tallest building :

Right Wrong

It was, for nearly 40 years

4) Construction took just under 15 months to be completed :

Right Wrong

5) There is an observation deck only situated on the 102rd floor :

Right Wrong

There is another one on the 86th floor

THE ROCKEFELLER CENTRE

1) It is called the “Rockefeller Centre” because it stands right in the very centre of Manhattan :

Right Wrong

It gets its name from the Rockefeller family which built it

2) It is a complex of 19 commercial buildings :

Right Wrong

3) The famous observation deck “Top of the Rock” is situated at the top of the 70 floor GE building :

Right Wrong

4) The Lower Plaza adorned with a bronzed gilded statue of Prometheus is a skating ring all year long :

Right Wrong

It is a skating ring in the fall and in winter

5) Each year over the Christmas period a 75 foot high spruce tree decorated with 16 000 lights is placed on the Rockefeller Centre esplanade :

Right Wrong

CENTRAL PARK

1) Covering an area of 340 ha (840 acres) Central Park is entirely owned by private persons :

Right Wrong

It is owned by the New York City Departement of Parks and Recreation

2) Automobile traffic through the park is forbidden at all times :

Right Wrong

3) With the exception of 5th Avenue, all streets bordering the park change names when they are adjacent to the park :

Right Wrong

4) The park has its own police and its own Medical Unit :

Right Wrong

5) Strawberry Fields dedicated to the memory of John Lennon is named after the Beatles song "Strawberry Fields for Ever" :

Right Wrong

WASHINGTON D.C. QUIZ

1) Washington has always been the Capital city of the USA :

Right Wrong

Washington DC has been the capital since 1800. 8 other cities have served as the meeting place for the congress. Among them : Philadelphia, Baltimore, Lancaster and York (Pennsylvania)

2) The Capital occupies land donated by the states of Maryland and Virginia :

Right Wrong

That was correct originally but in 1848, the congress returned the land that had been ceded by Virginia

3) The letters "DC" mean "District of Columbia". This is because Columbia was a name commonly used for the United States in the 18th century :

Right Wrong

4) The national Capital stands on the banks of the Hudson River :

Right Wrong

It stands along the banks of the Potomac River

5) The Federal District is one of the 50 States of the nation :

Right Wrong

6) The City has had a mayor and 13 members elected since 1973 only :

Right Wrong

7) The overall plan of the City was designed by a French-born architect Pierre-Charles L'Enfant :

Right Wrong

8) The tallest building in the City is the US Capitol :

Right Wrong

It is the Washington Monument

9) The National Mall, a large open park in downtown Washington, stretches between the White House and the Capitol :

Right Wrong

The National Mall stretches between the Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial

10) Many museums stand along the National Mall. They are open to the public free of charge :

Right Wrong

11) The White House situated 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue has been the official residence of American Presidents since 1800

Right Wrong

12) President Thomas Jefferson complained that the White House was “big enough for 2 emperors, one pope and the grand lama in the bargain” :

Right Wrong

13) The reverse side of the \$ 10 banknote features a picture of the White House :

Right Wrong

The White House is on the reverse side of the \$20 banknote

14) The White House may no longer be visited by tourists for security reasons :

Right Wrong

It is for budget reasons

15) Each year, in the spring, the National Cherry Blossom Festival commemorates the gift of Japanese Cherry Trees to the City of Washington by the mayor of Tokyo :

Right Wrong

16) The Marine Corps Memorial or Iwo Jima Memorial was made after a photograph taken during World War 2 :

Right Wrong

17) Arlington National Cemetery is inside the boundaries of the Federal District :

Right Wrong

It is in Virginia, across the Potomac River

18) 6 members of the Kennedy family are buried in Arlington :

Right Wrong

John F; Kennedy, Jacqueline Kennedy, 2 of their children and John's 2 brothers Robert and Edward

19) The Lincoln Memorial built in 1922 to honour the 16th President of the USA, Abraham Lincoln is in the shape of a Roman Temple :

Right Wrong

The Lincoln Memorial is in the shape of a Greek Doric Temple

20) There are 36 fluted doric columns around the Lincoln Memorial, one for each of the 36 states in the Union at the time of Lincoln's death :

Right Wrong

21) The Washington Monument symbolises the fact that the town of Washington is the federal capital of the USA :

Right Wrong

The obelisk was built to commemorate George Washington, the first President of the USA

