

The Ultimate "Famous Firsts & Quirky History" Pub Quiz

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Q1: Before becoming a staple of Thanksgiving dinners and British Sunday roasts, wild turkeys were actually domesticated by indigenous peoples for a completely different reason. What was it?

- [A] Their feathers for ceremonial clothing
- [B] To act as alarm animals against predators
- [C] Their eggs, to make durable paint binder
- [D] Pest control in corn fields

Q2: If you order a pint in a traditional British pub, you might notice the barman filling it up to a small glass line near the top. Which famous historic monarch's crown logo is stamped next to official UK government pint measures?

- [A] Queen Victoria
- [B] Queen Elizabeth II
- [C] King Charles III
- [D] Crown of St. Edward (with the monarch's initials)

Q3: In 1997, Netflix was founded as a DVD-by-mail service. Legend has it that founder Reed Hastings got the idea after receiving a massive \$40 late fee from Blockbuster for returning which movie late?

- [A] Titanic
- [B] Apollo 13
- [C] Apollo 11
- [D] Jurassic Park

Q4: Which iconic American landmark was so heavily discolored and dark brown when it arrived from France in 1885 that it took roughly 20 years to turn its famous signature sea-green color?

- [A] The Brooklyn Bridge
- [B] The Statue of Liberty
- [C] The Washington Monument
- [D] The Golden Gate Bridge

Q5: In classic UK pub trivia, food names can be wonderfully confusing. If you order "Toad in the Hole" at a British gastro-pub, what are you actually eating?

- [A] Sausages baked in Yorkshire pudding batter
- [B] Fried eggs inside a sliced loaf of sourdough
- [C] Minced beef cooked in a suet crust pastry
- [D] Deep-fried cod wrapped in crisp bacon

Q6: Today we use Bluetooth technology every day to connect wireless headphones and devices. What was Bluetooth named after?

- [A] A 10th-century Viking king who united Scandinavian tribes
- [B] An early naval submarine sonar code name
- [C] The blue indicator light on early radio transmitters
- [D] An acronym for 'Broadband Local Unified Transfer System'

Q7: Which popular carbonated soft drink was originally invented by a pharmacist in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1886 as a nerve tonic to cure headaches and fatigue?

- [A] Dr Pepper
- [B] Pepsi-Cola
- [C] Coca-Cola
- [D] Mountain Dew

Q8: If you are traveling through London on the Underground (the "Tube"), you might hear the iconic announcement warning passengers to "Mind the Gap." In which decade was this famous phrase first recorded and introduced?

- [A] 1940s
- [B] 1960s
- [C] 1980s
- [D] 2000s

Q9: Astronauts on Apollo 11 famously left a plaque on the Moon reading "We came in peace for all mankind." But what item did Alan Shepard famously sneak onto the Moon during the Apollo 14 mission in 1971?

- [A] A collapsible golf club and two golf balls
- [B] A deck of playing cards
- [C] A bottle of Scotch whiskey
- [D] A harmonica

Q10: Monopoly is one of the world's best-selling board games. During World War II, British Intelligence secret service (MI9) secretly distributed special Monopoly sets to Allied prisoners of war in Germany. What was hidden inside the board game pieces?

- [A] Real currency, silk maps, and small metal compasses
- [B] Microfilm containing cipher keys
- [C] Miniature radio receivers
- [D] Hacksaw blades molded into the plastic houses