

20th Century Historical Events Quiz

History · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which event marked the start of World War I?

- A) Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand**
- B) Invasion of Poland
- C) Sinking of the Lusitania
- D) The Zimmerman Telegram

2. What year did World War II begin?

- A) 1939**
- B) 1941
- C) 1945
- D) 1936

3. The Cold War was primarily a conflict between which two superpowers?

- A) USA and USSR**
- B) Germany and Japan
- C) France and Britain
- D) China and India

4. What was the main purpose of the Berlin Wall?

- A) To prevent East Germans from fleeing to West Germany**
- B) To beautify the city of Berlin
- C) To control trade between East and West Berlin
- D) To protect East Berlin from invasion

5. Which of these events occurred first?

- A) Korean War
- B) Vietnam War
- C) Gulf War
- D) World War II**

6. Nelson Mandela was a key figure in the fight against what?

- A) Apartheid in South Africa**
- B) Communism in Vietnam
- C) Dictatorship in Chile
- D) Fascism in Italy

7. The Cuban Missile Crisis brought the world close to what?

- A) Nuclear war**
- B) Economic collapse
- C) Environmental disaster
- D) A new pandemic

8. What year did the Soviet Union collapse?

- A) 1991**
- B) 1989
- C) 1985
- D) 2000

9. The creation of the European Union was primarily aimed at what?

- A) Economic and political integration**
- B) Military alliance
- C) Cultural exchange
- D) Space exploration

10. Which country launched the first artificial satellite, Sputnik, into space?

- A) Soviet Union**
- B) United States
- C) Germany
- D) China