

Genealogy World Knowledge Quiz

Genealogy · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which European country is known for its extensive and well-preserved civil registration records dating back centuries, making it a popular destination for genealogical research?

- A) Ireland
- B) Sweden**
- C) Greece
- D) Portugal

2. Ellis Island, a significant historical gateway for immigrants to the United States, is located in the harbor of which major American city?

- A) Boston
- B) San Francisco
- C) New York City**
- D) Chicago

3. The ancestral home of many Scots-Irish immigrants to North America was historically which region of Great Britain?

- A) Wales
- B) Northern England
- C) Scotland**
- D) Cornwall

4. Many early colonial settlers in the Americas originated from regions that are now part of which modern-day country?

- A) France
- B) Spain
- C) The Netherlands**
- D) Russia

5. Before the establishment of its own federal archives, many genealogical records for the United States were housed in regional repositories, often managed by which type of organization?

- A) Universities
- B) Churches
- C) Local historical societies**
- D) Museums

6. The process of tracking lineage often involves researching church records. Which of these countries historically had a dominant Catholic Church with extensive parish records?

- A) Norway
- B) Poland**
- C) Finland
- D) Iceland

7. Many genealogical records from the 19th century are found on microfilm. The largest collection of genealogical microfilms in the world is held by which organization?

- A) The National Archives of Canada
- B) The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**
- C) The British Library
- D) The Library of Congress

8. Ancestors of many Italian immigrants often came from specific regions or provinces within Italy. Which of these is a major historical region in Southern Italy?

- A) Tuscany
- B) Sicily**
- C) Lombardy
- D) Piedmont

9. The 'Great Famine' in the mid-19th century led to significant emigration from which island nation?

- A) Great Britain
- B) France
- C) Ireland**
- D) Germany

10. Many German immigrants historically arrived in the Americas through ports like Hamburg. Hamburg is a major port city in which country?

- A) Austria
- B) Switzerland
- C) Germany**
- D) Denmark

11. The Jewish diaspora has spread Jewish communities globally. Historically, many Jewish families in Eastern Europe originated from areas that are now part of which country?

- A) Sweden
- B) Spain
- C) Poland and surrounding regions**
- D) Italy

12. The ancestral lands of many Eastern European immigrants to North America include regions that were historically part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Which modern country was a significant part of this empire?

- A) Romania
- B) Bulgaria
- C) Hungary**
- D) Greece

13. Ancestors of many people in Australia and New Zealand often trace their origins back to which continent?

- A) Asia
- B) Africa
- C) Europe**
- D) South America

14. When researching French-Canadian ancestry, researchers often look at records from Quebec. Quebec is a province in which country?

- A) United States
- B) Canada**
- C) France
- D) Belgium

15. The surnames of many people in South America have origins primarily from which European country due to historical colonization?

- A) Portugal**
- B) Germany
- C) Italy
- D) France

16. The historical region of Bohemia, from which many people emigrated, is primarily located within which modern European country?

- A) Poland
- B) Germany
- C) Austria

D) Czech Republic

17. Many early settlers in the Cape Colony, which later became part of South Africa, were from which European nation?

- A) England
- B) France

C) The Netherlands

- D) Portugal

18. The vast Russian Empire, from which many people in Eastern Europe and parts of Asia trace their lineage, historically encompassed a large landmass including territory that is now part of which of these countries?

A) Finland

- B) Turkey
- C) Iran
- D) Afghanistan