

Historical Calendar Facts

Days & Months · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which Roman emperor is credited with the reform of the calendar that introduced the Julian calendar, adding two months to the year?

- A) Augustus
- B) Nero
- C) Julius Caesar**
- D) Constantine

2. The Gregorian calendar, the most widely used civil calendar today, was introduced to correct inaccuracies in which previous calendar system?

- A) Mayan Calendar
- B) Julian Calendar**
- C) Egyptian Calendar
- D) Persian Calendar

3. The month of January was named in honor of which Roman god, the god of beginnings and transitions?

- A) Mars
- B) Jupiter
- C) Janus**
- D) Apollo

4. In which year did Pope Gregory XIII decree the adoption of the Gregorian calendar?

- A) 1582**
- B) 1782
- C) 1682
- D) 1482

5. Which historical event is famously associated with the date 'December 7, 1941'?

- A) The D-Day landings
- B) The attack on Pearl Harbor**
- C) The fall of the Berlin Wall
- D) The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand

6. The month of March was originally the first month of the Roman calendar, named after which Roman god of war?

- A) Neptune
- B) Vulcan
- C) Pluto
- D) Mars**

7. What significant astronomical event led to the creation of the International Date Line, which generally follows the 180th meridian?

- A) The invention of the telescope
- B) The discovery of time zones**
- C) The development of the steam engine
- D) The understanding of Earth's rotation

8. The name 'July' was given to the seventh month in honor of which prominent Roman leader?

- A) Nero
- B) Julius Caesar**
- C) Caligula
- D) Augustus

9. The concept of a leap year was introduced to synchronize the calendar with the Earth's orbit around the sun, which takes approximately how many days?

- A) 355
- B) 360
- C) 365.25**
- D) 370

10. In the traditional Roman calendar, which month was originally the first month of the year before January was established?

- A) February
- B) April
- C) March**
- D) August