

Historical Arithmetic: Numbers in History

History And Mathematics · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. The Rosetta Stone was rediscovered in 1799. If you add 21 years to that date, in what year did the British gain possession of it?

- A) 1820**
- B) 1822
- C) 1815
- D) 1818

2. The Roman Empire is traditionally dated to have begun in 27 BCE. If you subtract 753 years (the traditional founding of Rome), how many years passed between the founding and the start of the Empire?

- A) 726**
- B) 780
- C) 800
- D) 750

3. The Wright brothers flew the first powered aircraft in 1903. If you add 66 years to this date, you reach the year of which major historical event?

- A) The fall of the Berlin Wall
- B) The first moon landing**
- C) The end of WWII
- D) The sinking of the Titanic

4. Magna Carta was signed in 1215. If you add 700 years to this date, what year do you reach?

- A) 1815
- B) 1915**
- C) 1925
- D) 1825

5. The American Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776. If you subtract 11 years from this date, what year do you get?

- A) 1765**
- B) 1767
- C) 1760
- D) 1762

6. The Titanic sank in 1912. If you add 73 years to this date, you reach the year of what significant underwater discovery?

A) Discovery of the Titanic wreck

- B) Discovery of the Bismarck
- C) Discovery of the Lusitania
- D) Discovery of the Endurance

7. The French Revolution began in 1789. If you subtract 10 years from this date, what year do you reach?

A) 1779

- B) 1780
- C) 1775
- D) 1781

8. The Berlin Wall fell in 1989. If you add 25 years to this date, what year do you reach?

A) 2010

B) 2014

- C) 2012
- D) 2016

9. The Great Fire of London occurred in 1666. If you subtract 366 years from this date, what year do you get?

A) 1300

- B) 1350
- C) 1400
- D) 1250

10. The Commonwealth of Australia was established in 1901. If you add 107 years to this date, what year do you reach?

A) 2005

B) 2008

- C) 2010
- D) 2002

11. The first modern Olympic Games were held in 1896. If you subtract 28 years from this date, what year do you get?

A) 1868

- B) 1870
- C) 1865
- D) 1872

12. World War I ended in 1918. If you add 21 years to this date, what year do you reach?

A) 1938

B) 1939

C) 1940

D) 1941

13. The printing press was invented by Gutenberg around 1440. If you add 500 years to this date, what year do you reach?

A) 1940

B) 1950

C) 1930

D) 1960

14. Christopher Columbus reached the Americas in 1492. If you subtract 500 years from this date, what year do you get?

A) 992

B) 982

C) 972

D) 962

15. The Suez Canal opened in 1869. If you add 100 years to this date, what year do you reach?

A) 1979

B) 1969

C) 1989

D) 1959