

History of Conspiracy Theories and Debunking

History And Science · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Which mission successfully landed humans on the Moon for the first time in 1969?

A) Apollo 11

B) Apollo 13

C) Apollo 1

D) Gemini 8

2. What is the name of the chemical element used in carbon dating to determine the age of ancient artifacts?

A) Carbon-12

B) Carbon-14

C) Oxygen-16

D) Nitrogen-14

3. The 'Great Moon Hoax' of 1835 was a series of articles published by which New York newspaper?

A) The New York Times

B) The Sun

C) The Wall Street Journal

D) New York Post

4. Which astronomical event occurs when the Moon passes directly between the Earth and the Sun?

A) Lunar Eclipse

B) Solar Eclipse

C) Equinox

D) Solstice

5. What was the name of the official commission established to investigate the assassination of President John F. Kennedy?

A) The Warren Commission

B) The 9/11 Commission

C) The Church Committee

D) The Tower Commission

6. The 'Flat Earth' theory has been scientifically debunked for centuries; which ancient Greek philosopher calculated the Earth's circumference using shadows?

- A) Aristotle
- B) Plato
- C) Eratosthenes**
- D) Socrates

7. Which atmospheric phenomenon is often mistaken for extraterrestrial spacecraft when observed at high altitudes?

- A) Ball lightning
- B) Northern Lights
- C) Lenticular clouds**
- D) Mirages

8. What is the primary gas that makes up the majority of Earth's atmosphere?

- A) Oxygen
- B) Carbon Dioxide
- C) Nitrogen**
- D) Hydrogen

9. The 1938 radio broadcast of 'The War of the Worlds' famously caused panic because listeners mistook it for what?

- A) A comedy show
- B) A real news report**
- C) A historical documentary
- D) A presidential address

10. Which technological invention allows scientists to see high-resolution images of the Apollo landing sites from space?

- A) Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter**
- B) Hubble Space Telescope
- C) International Space Station
- D) Voyager 1

11. The 'Pizzagate' conspiracy theory, which claimed a child sex ring operated out of a pizzeria, was debunked by law enforcement for what reason?

- A) Lack of evidence
- B) It was a movie set
- C) The building didn't have a basement**
- D) The restaurant was closed

12. Which organization is responsible for tracking near-Earth asteroids to ensure they do not pose a collision threat?

- A) NASA**
- B) UNICEF
- C) WHO
- D) UNESCO

13. What is the term for a logical fallacy where someone attacks the person making an argument rather than the argument itself?

- A) Ad hominem**
- B) Straw man
- C) Circular reasoning
- D) False dilemma

14. How many astronauts walked on the surface of the Moon during the various Apollo missions?

- A) 6
- B) 12**
- C) 24
- D) 3

15. The 'Birds Aren't Real' movement is a modern example of what?

- A) A real scientific study
- B) A parody movement**
- C) A classified government project
- D) A historical event