Historical Arithmetic: Addition and Subtraction

Mathematics And History · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. The Magna Carta was signed in 1215. If you add 800 years to this date, in what year does it fall?

A) 2015
B) 2020
C) 2025
D) 2010

2. The French Revolution began in 1789. If you subtract 100 years from that date, which year do you get?

A) 1689
B) 1700
C) 1699
D) 1688

3. The first successful powered flight by the Wright brothers took place in 1903. How many years later was the 1969 moon landing?

A) 66 years
B) 64 years
C) 68 years
D) 62 years

4. The US Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776. How many years had passed by the year 1876?

A) 100 years
B) 110 years
C) 90 years
D) 120 years

5. The Great Fire of London occurred in 1666. If you subtract 66 years, what year remains?

A) 1600
B) 1610
C) 1599
D) 1606

6. The Titanic sank in 1912. If you add 100 years to this event, in what year does it land?

A) 2012
B) 2015
C) 2008
D) 2022

7. The Roman Empire is traditionally said to have fallen in 476 AD. If you add 500 years to that, what year is it?

A) 976 AD
B) 980 AD
C) 966 AD
D) 950 AD

8. The Berlin Wall fell in 1989. If you subtract 28 years (the time it stood), in what year was it built?

A) 1961
B) 1959
C) 1963
D) 1957

9. The printing press was invented by Gutenberg around 1440. If you add 50 years to this, what is the resulting year?

A) 1490
B) 1480
C) 1500
D) 1475

10. Australia became a federation in 1901. How many years later was the year 1991?

A) 90 years
B) 80 years
C) 100 years
D) 85 years

11. The Battle of Hastings took place in 1066. If you add 34 years to this date, what year is reached?

A) 1100
B) 1090
C) 1110
D) 1080

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12. World War II ended in 1945. If you subtract 6 years (the duration of the war), in what year did it begin?

A) 1939
B) 1940
C) 1938
D) 1941

13. The Suez Canal opened in 1869. If you add 100 years to this, what year do you get?

A) 1969
B) 1979
C) 1959
D) 1989

14. The Taj Mahal's construction was completed in 1653. If you subtract 21 years from this date, what year do you get?

A) 1632
B) 1640
C) 1625
D) 1645

15. The first Olympic Games of the modern era were held in 1896. How many years later was 1926?

A) 30 years
B) 25 years
C) 35 years
D) 20 years

16. The Magna Carta was issued in 1215. If you add 50 years to this, what is the resulting date?

A) 1265
B) 1270
C) 1260
D) 1275

17. The American Civil War ended in 1865. If you subtract 4 years (the duration of the war), in what year did it start?

A) 1861
B) 1860
C) 1862
D) 1859

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18. The year 2000 was the start of a new millennium. If you subtract 200 years, what year was it?

A) 1800
B) 1750
C) 1850
D) 1900

19. The Eiffel Tower was completed in 1889. If you add 11 years, what year is reached?

A) 1900
B) 1910
C) 1899
D) 1905

20. Captain Cook arrived in Australia in 1770. If you add 200 years to that date, what year is it?

A) 1970
B) 1960
C) 1980
D) 1950

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