

History Quiz

1. Who was the first vice president of the United States to become president?
2. What vice president, who got his promotion when Warren Harding died, was the only president born on the Fourth of July?
3. Who killed Alexander Hamilton in a duel while serving as vice president?
4. Who were the only two vice presidents to resign their office?
5. Who was the only president to have three vice presidents?
For extra credit, can you name them?
6. How many times in U.S. history have a major party's presidential and vice presidential candidates shared the same first name?
7. Which Republican and which Democrat ran for election as president and vice president on the same ticket and won?
8. Which two Presidents died on July 4, 1826, exactly fifty years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence?
9. The vice president of the United States is also president of what?
10. Which U. S. President became president without ever having been elected either president or vice president?
11. What was the Secret Service code name for the following presidents and first ladies?
 - A. Richard Nixon
 - B. Gerald Ford
 - C. Betty Ford
 - D. Jimmy Carter
 - E. Rosalyn Carter
 - F. Ronald Reagan
 - G. Nancy Reagan
 - H. George Bush
 - I. Barbara Bush
 - J. Bill Clinton
12. Six Presidents were named "James." Who were they?
13. Who was the general who fought at Little Big Horn?
14. He was a Virginian, a war hero, a general, and the only U.S. President who never voted in a Presidential election. Who was he?

Answers:

1. John Adams
2. Calvin Coolidge
3. Aaron Burr
4. Spiro Agnew (under Richard Nixon) and John C. Calhoun (under Andrew Jackson)
5. Franklin Roosevelt
 John Nance Garner, Henry Wallace, Harry Truman
6. Three times (and all unsuccessful).
 1864 George McClellan and George Hunt (Democrats)
 1916 Charles Hughes and Charles Fairbanks (Republicans)
 2004 John Kerry and John Edwards (Democrats)
7. Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson (1864)
8. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson
 (James Monroe also died on July 4, five years later)
9. The U.S. Senate
10. Gerald Ford
11. Secret Service code names

A. Richard Nixon	--	Searchlight
B. Gerald Ford	--	Passkey
C. Betty Ford	--	Pinafore
D. Jimmy Carter	--	Deacon
E. Rosalyn Carter	--	Dancer
F. Ronald Reagan	--	Rawhide
G. Nancy Reagan	--	Rainbow
H. George Bush	--	Timberwolf
I. Barbara Bush	--	Tranquility
J. Bill Clinton	--	Eagle
12. Madison, Monroe, Carter, Garfield, Polk, and Buchanan
13. No general fought at Custer's Last Stand. The Commander of the Seventh Cavalry was Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer. He served in the Civil War as a brevet (i.e., temporary) major general, and reverted to his permanent rank of captain after the war. By the time of his "last stand" at Little Big Horn, Custer had been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

14. Zachary Taylor, 12th President of the United States and hero of the Mexican and Seminole wars. Eligible to vote in 10 Presidential elections, Taylor never voted ... not even for himself.