

Famous People and Firsts

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Circle the correct answer for each question about famous people and firsts.

1. Which king of England had six wives?

- (A) Henry VIII (B) George III
(C) Richard III (D) William I

2. Who led a peaceful movement for India's independence?

- (A) Winston Churchill
(B) Nelson Mandela
(C) Mahatma Gandhi
(D) Abraham Lincoln

3. Who was the first person to travel into space?

- (A) Alan Shepard (B) Neil Armstrong
(C) Buzz Aldrin (D) Yuri Gagarin

4. Who was the first African American President of the United States?

- (A) Colin Powell
(B) Barack Obama
(C) Martin Luther King Jr.
(D) Nelson Mandela

5. Who was the first person to fly solo nonstop across the Atlantic Ocean?

- (A) the Wright brothers
(B) Charles Lindbergh
(C) Neil Armstrong
(D) Amelia Earhart

6. Who was the first explorer to reach the South Pole?

- (A) Roald Amundsen
(B) Ernest Shackleton
(C) Edmund Hillary
(D) Robert Scott

7. Who was the first person to walk on the Moon?

- (A) Buzz Aldrin (B) Yuri Gagarin
(C) John Glenn (D) Neil Armstrong

8. Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?

- (A) Leonardo da Vinci
(B) Pablo Picasso
(C) Michelangelo
(D) Claude Monet

- 9.** Which brothers made the first powered airplane flight?
(A) the Montgolfier brothers
(B) the Marx brothers
(C) the Grimm brothers
(D) the Wright brothers
- 11.** The continents of North and South America are named after which explorer?
(A) Christopher Columbus
(B) Ferdinand Magellan
(C) Amerigo Vespucci
(D) Marco Polo
- 13.** Who became South Africa's first Black president?
(A) Mahatma Gandhi
(B) Barack Obama
(C) Nelson Mandela
(D) Martin Luther King Jr.
- 10.** Which composer wrote music as a child and more than 600 pieces in his life?
(A) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(B) Antonio Vivaldi
(C) Johann Sebastian Bach
(D) Ludwig van Beethoven
- 12.** Who composed famous music even after he became deaf?
(A) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(B) Ludwig van Beethoven
(C) Frédéric Chopin
(D) Johann Sebastian Bach
- 14.** Which two climbers first reached the top of Mount Everest?
(A) Amundsen and Scott
(B) Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay
(C) Lewis and Clark
(D) Columbus and Magellan

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