

Famous People and Firsts

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

1. Who published the theory in 1543 that the Earth orbits the Sun?
(A) Johannes Kepler
(B) Isaac Newton
(C) Nicolaus Copernicus
(D) Galileo Galilei
2. Who was the first person to climb all fourteen of the world's highest mountains?
(A) Edmund Hillary
(B) Reinhold Messner
(C) Tenzing Norgay
(D) Junko Tabei
3. Who was the first woman in the world to be elected Prime Minister?
(A) Sirimavo Bandaranaike
(B) Golda Meir
(C) Indira Gandhi
(D) Margaret Thatcher
4. Who was the first woman to become Prime Minister of India?
(A) Margaret Thatcher
(B) Jawaharlal Nehru
(C) Mahatma Gandhi
(D) Indira Gandhi
5. Who made the first telephone call?
(A) Guglielmo Marconi
(B) Samuel Morse
(C) Thomas Edison
(D) Alexander Graham Bell
6. Which explorer first saw the Pacific Ocean after crossing Panama?
(A) Ferdinand Magellan
(B) Vasco Núñez de Balboa
(C) James Cook
(D) Christopher Columbus
7. Who was the first person to reach the deepest part of the ocean, the Challenger Deep, in 1960?
(A) James Cook
(B) Jacques Cousteau
(C) Jacques Piccard and Don Walsh
(D) Robert Ballard
8. Who was the first person to sail alone around the world?
(A) Joshua Slocum
(B) Francis Drake
(C) Ferdinand Magellan
(D) James Cook
9. Who was the first woman to take her seat in the British Parliament?
(A) Queen Victoria
(B) Nancy Astor
(C) Margaret Thatcher
(D) Florence Nightingale
10. Who was the first person to see bacteria through a microscope?
(A) Louis Pasteur
(B) Alexander Fleming
(C) Robert Koch
(D) Antonie van Leeuwenhoek

11. Which country was the first to land people on the Moon?

- (A) the United States
- (B) the United Kingdom
- (C) the Soviet Union
- (D) China

12. Who was the first woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize?

- (A) Malala Yousafzai
- (B) Marie Curie
- (C) Bertha von Suttner
- (D) Mother Teresa

13. Who was the first gymnast to score a perfect 10 at the Olympic Games?

- (A) Simone Biles
- (B) Olga Korbut
- (C) Nadia Comăneci
- (D) Mary Lou Retton

14. Who was the first woman to swim across the English Channel?

- (A) Junko Tabei
- (B) Gertrude Ederle
- (C) Harriet Quimby
- (D) Amelia Earhart

15. Who was the first African American woman to travel into space?

- (A) Mae Jemison
- (B) Sally Ride
- (C) Valentina Tereshkova
- (D) Rosa Parks

16. Who was the first woman to run the Boston Marathon as an official entrant?

- (A) Florence Griffith Joyner
- (B) Wilma Rudolph
- (C) Paula Radcliffe
- (D) Kathrine Switzer

17. Who was the first person to fly an airplane across the English Channel?

- (A) Louis Blériot
- (B) Amelia Earhart
- (C) Charles Lindbergh
- (D) Orville Wright

18. Who was the first runner to win the Olympic marathon twice?

- (A) Usain Bolt
- (B) Abebe Bikila
- (C) Roger Bannister
- (D) Jesse Owens

19. Who was the first deaf and blind person to earn a university degree?

- (A) Anne Sullivan
- (B) Louis Braille
- (C) Helen Keller
- (D) Florence Nightingale

20. Who sent the first radio message across the Atlantic Ocean?

- (A) Nikola Tesla
- (B) Thomas Edison
- (C) Samuel Morse
- (D) Guglielmo Marconi

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