

Test Your Reading Skills

The Great British History Quiz!

Tick below to say which is the correct answer:

1. When was the Battle of Hastings?

- a) 1492
- b) 1066
- c) 1812
- d) Last Tuesday

2. How many wives did King Henry VIII have?

- a) 4
- b) 5
- c) 6
- d) none - he was too shy to ever ask for a date

3. Who came to the throne after Queen Elizabeth I died in 1603?

- a) King Charles I
- b) King Ethelbert the Unready
- c) King James I
- d) King Ethelred the Unsteady

4. The Romans ruled Britain for...

- a) 267 years
- b) 367 years
- c) 467 years
- d) the fun of it

5. According to the saying, King Canute could not...

- a) read
- b) sew
- c) be blamed for his fear of bears
- d) knit

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6. Captain James Cook was a great...

- a) musician
- b) political leader
- c) navigator and explorer
- d) badminton player

7. Queen Victoria was married to a nobleman called Cuthbert

- a) True
- b) False

8. Samuel Pepys is famous for his...

- a) speeches against slavery
- b) speeches against capitalism
- c) speeches against capital punishment
- d) entertaining diaries describing everyday life in London in the 1660's

9. During World War II, Dame Vera Lynn sang: 'There'll be bluebirds over/the white cliffs of...'

- a) Dover
- b) Guernsey
- c) Great Yarmouth
- d) Birmingham

10. In what year did Margaret Thatcher resign as Prime Minister?

- a) 1988
- b) 1989
- c) 1990
- d) You mean she's not still Prime Minister?

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Answers:

1. b) 1066
2. c) 6
3. c) King James I. Note: He was also known as King James VI of Scotland
4. b) 367 years
5. d) knit
6. c) navigator and explorer
7. b) False. Her husband was Prince Albert.
8. d) entertaining diaries describing everyday life in London in the 1660's
9. a) Dover
10. c) 1990