SAMPLE HISTORY BEE QUESTIONS

Below are sample questions for the History Bee Competition. Most questions are about U.S. History and could come from ANY time period in American History. The sample questions are provided simply to allow students to become accustomed to the STYLE of questions. These questions and their respective topics are not meant to be a complete list of topics and/or questions.

1. Who formed the Friends of the Everglades, a group that works to protect the Everglades?

   Marjory Stoneman Douglas

2. What is the name of the Native American culture group that lived in the northern part of Florida between the Atlantic coast and the Aucilla River?

   Timucuas

3. What Native American culture group lived in southeastern Florida, with their main village located near the mouth of the Miami River?

   Tequestas

4. Who was the first known conquistador to arrive in Florida in 1513?

   Juan Ponce de Leon

5. What was the name of the French Huguenot settlement located near the St. Johns River in the 1500s?

   Fort Caroline

6. What is the name of the first free African settlement in North America, which was located near St. Augustine?

   Fort Mose

7. Who founded St. Augustine?

   Pedro Menendez de Aviles
8. What is the name of the treaty that gave Florida to the United States?

Adams-Onis Treaty OR Transcontinental Treaty of 1819

9. Who was the first territorial governor of Florida?

William Pope DuVal

10. Who was the Seminole leader during the Second Seminole War?

Osceola

11. What is the name given to the part of Tampa where many cigar makers set up factories in the 1800s?

Ybor City

12. What ship exploded February 15, 1898, in Havana, Cuba, causing the United States to declare war on Spain?

The Maine

13. What controversial act was submitted by the George W. Bush administration and re-approved in 2005 by the U.S. Congress in reaction to terrorist threats in the United States after September 11, 2001?

The Patriot Act

14. The Vietnam conflict with the United States in the 1960's actually started with a war between Vietnam and what Western European nation?

France

15. Who was the Civil Rights leader who became impatient with nonviolence and called for “Black Power?”

Stokely Carmichael

16. Who was the Black Muslim leader who urged blacks to separate from white society during the 1960's Civil Rights Era?

Malcolm X
17. Who was the activist whose protest helped spark the Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott?

Rosa Parks

18. What was the Supreme Court Case Roe v. Wade mainly about?

Abortion

19. Who is famous for the use of non-violent means in organizing the labor strikes of Mexican-American farm workers?

Cesar Chavez

20. What organization of oil producers cut off oil sales to the United States after the United States sent aid to Israel during the Yom Kippur War?

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