

1970s Trivia Questions and Answers

History

1. Which president resigned in 1974 over the Watergate scandal? **Richard Nixon**
2. During which Apollo space flight did an oxygen tank explode, putting the crew in severe danger even though they managed to survive? **Apollo 13**
3. Which Pennsylvania nuclear generating plant suffered a partial meltdown in 1979? **Three Mile Island**
4. What war ended in April 1975 with the fall of Saigon? **Vietnam**
5. What is the name of the deadly disease that struck a convention in Philadelphia in July 1976 and was named for the convention where it struck? **Legionnaires' disease**
6. Who replaced the Shah of Iran in 1979. **Ayatollah Khomeini**
7. What newspaper heiress took part in a San Francisco bank robbery in April 1974? **Patty Hearst**
8. Who leaked the Pentagon Papers in 1971? **Daniel Ellsberg**
9. In June 1971, the 26th Amendment passed giving 18-year-olds what right? **Right to vote**
10. Paul Allen and Bill Gates founded what company in 1975? **Microsoft**

Sports

1. Which Olympic athlete set a record in 1972 by winning seven gold medals? **Mark Spitz**
2. What major sports award did Stanford quarterback Jim Plunkett win in 1970? **Heisman**
3. Which athlete was the first to earn a perfect score in the history of Olympic gymnastics? **Nadia Comaneci**
4. Who was the first member of the Negro League inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame? **Leroy "Satchel" Paige**
5. In 1979 who became the first man to win the Daytona 500 six times? **Richard Petty**
6. The first back-to-back Triple Crown winners in horse racing history happened in 1977 and 1978. What horses won? **Seattle Slew (1977) Affirmed (1978)**
7. In 1972, Franco Harris put the Steelers in the AFC Championship game with a miracle catch. What was that catch called? **Immaculate reception**
8. What hide was first used to cover baseballs in 1975? **Cowhide**
9. Who beat the Babe Ruth's home run record in 1974? **Hank Aaron**
10. In what park was the New York City Marathon run until 1970? **Central Park**

Pop Culture

1. Which video game system debuted in the 1970s and featured now iconic games like Pong and Pac Man? **Atari**
2. Which book about a bird on a journey of self-discovery topped The New York Times best-seller list for 38 weeks in 1970? **Jonathan Livingston Seagull**
3. Which musical genre featuring a driving eight beat spawned a cultural phenomenon that peaked with the 1977 release of the film *Saturday Night Fever*? **Disco**
4. Which series of musical cartoon shorts aired Saturday mornings and taught children lessons about math, grammar, government and more? **School House Rock**
5. Name the character played by Herve Villechaize in the TV series, *Fantasy Island*. **Tattoo**
6. What singer-songwriter, considered by many to be the greatest electric guitar player of all time died in 1970? **Jimi Hendrix**
7. What was the top selling song of the 1970s decade? **American Pie (Don McLean)**
8. Who created the Muppets? **Jim Henson**
9. What movie from the 1970s made many people afraid to go swimming in the ocean? **Jaws**
10. What was the name of Stephen King's first published novel that came out in 1974? **Carrie**