



The Bee 2022 HISTORY BEE

Sample Questions

PRELIMINARIES

Format: Three 5-minute speed rounds comprised of 10 multiple-choice questions each (30 total questions)

- 1) **Which of the following is NOT true about Harriet Tubman?**
 - a. Led a military expedition
 - b. Acted as a spy
 - c. Worked as a nurse
 - d. All are true

- 2) **Katherine Johnson, NASA mathematician and physicist, helped send which astronaut around the Earth for the first time?**
 - a. Buzz Aldrin
 - b. John Glenn
 - c. Sally Ride
 - d. Christa McAuliffe

- 3) **In what year was the Scripp's Spelling Bee first broadcast on television?**
 - a. 1925
 - b. 1946
 - c. 2011
 - d. 2020

- 4) **In what year did United Way of Greater Lorain County move to their current offices in downtown Lorain?**
 - a. 2000
 - b. 2015
 - c. 2017
 - d. 2020

- 5) **Which couple of former vaudevillians appeared as Lucy and Ricky's landlords and friends in I Love Lucy?**
 - a. Frank and Sarah Williams
 - b. Abe and Sidney Taylor
 - c. John and Jane Johnson
 - d. Fred and Ethel Mertz

SEMIFINALS (Top 4 teams after preliminaries)

Format: 5 rounds, 5 questions per round during a 60-second time period (each team will have the opportunity to answer 25 questions if time allows.)

- 2) **Who was the first democratically elected President of Russia?**
 - a. Khrushchev
 - b. Gorbachev
 - c. Yeltsin
 - d. Putin

- 3) **Which of the following religions is the oldest?**
 - a. Buddhism
 - b. Christianity
 - c. Islam
 - d. Judaism

- 4) **What was the first city to reach a population of one million?**
 - a. New York
 - b. Beijing
 - c. Rome
 - d. London

- 5) **How many United States presidents are from Ohio?**
 - a. 5
 - b. 7
 - c. 8
 - d. 10

- 6) **The tuba was invented by Wilhelm Friedrich Wieprecht and Johann Gottfried Moritz. How old is this brass instrument?**
 - a. 106 years old
 - b. 204 years old
 - c. 149 years old
 - d. 186 years old

FINALS (Top 2 teams after semifinals)

Format: 1 open-ended question in rotating order.

- 1) **Which state became the first to legalize civil unions in the year 2000?**

- 2) **The sinking of what ship in 1915 eventually led to the United States entering World War I?**

- 3) **What was the first professional baseball team in Cleveland?**

- 4) **Which college was the first in the USA to admit women in 1833 and African Americans in 1835? Oberlin College**

- 5) **What is the name of the Lake Erie Monster?**

ANSWER KEY

PRELIMINARIES

- 1) D
- 2) B
- 3) B
- 4) C
- 5) D

SEMIFINALS

- 1) C
- 2) D
- 3) C
- 4) B
- 5) D

FINALS

- 1) Vermont
- 2) Lusitania
- 3) The Spiders
- 4) Oberlin College
- 5) Bessie (South Bay Bessie)