

History of Russia Quiz

- Who founded the state of Kievan Rus?
 - King Rurik
 - Prince Oleg
 - Vladimir the Great
 - Peter the Great
- What happened in 1237?
 - Moscow was attacked and burned down by the Mongols
 - Oleg moved the capital of the Rus from Novgorod to Kiev
 - Christianity was adopted in Russia
 - Ivan IV was crowned the first tsar of all Russia
- Of the following Russian tsars, who was the earliest ruler?
 - Peter I (the Great)
 - Nicholas II
 - Catherine II (the Great)
 - Ivan IV (the Terrible)
- Which ruler converted Russia to Christianity?
 - Vladimir the Great
 - King Rurik
 - Prince Oleg of Novgorod
 - Peter the Great
- Who was the first Russian tsar of the Romanov dynasty?
 - Alexei
 - Oleg
 - Michael
 - Alexander
- Which Russian tsar married Princess Dagmar of Denmark?
 - Peter I
 - Nicholas II
 - Alexander III
 - Ivan IV
- How many centuries did the Romanov family rule Russia as tsars (emperors)?
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 7
- In what year did Napoleon capture the evacuated city of Moscow, only to retreat weeks later?
 - 1811
 - 1812
 - 1814
 - 1815
- When was the Soviet Union established?
 - in 1905
 - in 1917
 - in 1922
 - in 1941
- In 1941 the city of Leningrad (as St. Petersburg was then called) was besieged by German forces. How long did the siege last?
 - 500 days
 - 700 days
 - 900 days
 - 1000 days
- Who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990?
 - Michail Gorbachev
 - George Bush
 - Boris Yeltsin
 - Ronald Reagan

12. Who was the first democratically elected President of Russia?
- a. Dmitry Medvedev
 - b. Michail Gorbachev
 - c. Boris Yeltsin
 - d. Vladimir Putin
13. How many countries did the Soviet Union split into?
- a. 11
 - b. 12
 - c. 14
 - d. 15
14. When did Michail Gorbachev resign from office?
- a. in 1989
 - b. in 1991
 - c. in 1999
 - d. in 2000
15. Which of these events happened first?
- a. The Soviet Union broke up
 - b. The Malta meetings marked the end of the Cold War
 - c. Michail Gorbachev came to power
 - d. Boris Yeltsin left office

Quiz Answer Key

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| 1. b | 6. c | 11.a |
| 2. a | 7. c | 12.c |
| 3. d | 8. b | 13.d |
| 4. a | 9. c | 14.b |
| 5. c | 10.c | 15.c |