

1. On This Day In History

This week we've taken a number of events which happened on one day, November 22nd, and set up a group A/B task that students can use to test each other's memory.

Level

Elementary and upwards

How to use the lesson

1. Tell the students they are going to prepare a test for each other. Divide the class into two teams, A and B. Give one copy of Worksheet A to each student. Ask your students to read the stories that happened on that day in history and find the story that they find most interesting. Allow ten minutes for your students to read through it and then ask them to compare their most interesting stories in pairs.

2. Cut Worksheet B in half and give each member of each team the corresponding half. Tell the teams that they have ten questions which they need to complete, and then find answers for from the text in Worksheet A. Make it clear that they can only make the questions from the information in Worksheet A, not from their own ideas. See below for suggested questions. Depending on the level of the class, close monitoring may be necessary while the students are preparing this stage.

3. When both teams have finished preparing their questions, ask them to turn Worksheet A over so that they can't see it.

4. Teams now take it in turns to ask each other the questions and to answer them. Before answering, the team can discuss their answer, but once they have given an answer, they cannot change it. Keep the score on the board. The team with the highest number of correct answers is the winner.

Questions.....

..... and answers

Team A

1. **Who** sailed around the Cape of Good Hope in 1497?
3. **When** was George Eliot born?
5. **Where** was Andre Gide from?
7. **What** made its debut on Nov 22nd this week?
9. **What** colour is the cover of the 1968 Beatles album?
11. **Where** did the Concorde service run?
(or) **When** did the Concorde service run?
13. **Who** had a heart attack in 2000?
15. **How old** is Jamie Lee Curtis this week?

Vasco de Gama
1819
France
Bolero
white
New York-London
1977
Dick Cheney
47

Team B

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| 2. What was Edward Teach better known as? | <i>Blackbeard</i> |
| 4. Where is Mount St Helens? | <i>Washington State, USA</i> |
| 6. Who (or) What first appeared on Nov 22 nd 1914? | <i>Tarzan (of the Apes)</i> |
| 8. How old was Kennedy when he was assassinated in Dallas? | <i>46</i> |
| 10. When did General Franco die? | <i>(Nov 20th) 1975</i> |
| 12. Where did Mae West live from the age of 40? | <i>Hollywood</i> |
| 14. What is the name of Terry Gilliam's latest film? | <i>The Brothers Grimm</i> |
| 16. How old is Boris Becker this week? | <i>38</i> |

Follow up

Students can visit the websites below and prepare an 'On This Day In History' quiz for each other, either in class or for homework. Alternatively, ask your students to research what events happened in history on their birthday.

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

Here are three great reference sites that tell you what happened on this day in history:

<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/>

<http://www.infoplease.com/cgi-bin/dayinhistory>

<http://www.historychannel.com/tdih/tdih.jsp?category=leadstory>