

May 8 Questions: Mostly World Wars

1. In which month of 1914 did the First World War begin?
2. What were people told to “keep burning” in the hit song of 1914?
3. What was the occupation of Edith Cavell, who was shot by the Germans on a spying charge?
4. Who became Prime Minister of Britain in 1916?
5. What did George V ban in his household to encourage others to do the same and help the war effort?
6. In the 1915 song where did you “Pack Up Your Troubles”?
7. How did Lord Kitchener die?
8. At which battle in 1916 was there said to be a million fatalities?
9. Which new weapon was introduced in battle in 1916?
10. What was the 1914—18 war known as until 1939?
11. What was the nationality of dancer Mata Hari, shot as a spy?
12. In which year did the United States enter the First World War?
13. Why were British soldiers called Tommies (short for Tommy Atkins)?
14. Which new British military force was established in 1918?
15. The German attack on which country caused Britain to enter the Second World War?
16. Which German word meaning “lightning war” entered the English language?
17. According to the World War II poster, what did “Careless Talk” do?
18. What was the nickname of the anti-British broadcaster, William Joyce?
19. According to Churchill, he had nothing to offer in 1940 but what?
20. Which great evacuation of 1940 was called Operation Dynamo?
21. What was the German air force called?
22. What were the Local Defence Volunteers renamed?
23. Which fruit was no longer imported after 1940?
24. Which US band-leader went missing over the Channel in 1944?
25. Where did the Bevin Boys work?
26. What was the popular name for pilotless aircraft, V-1s?
27. What was snoek?
28. Who commanded the Allied forces that invaded Europe on D-Day?
29. Which scantily clad female had a daily strip in the “Daily Mirror”?
30. In which French city did Germany surrender in World War II?