

New York State History Month

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Someone declared November "New York History Month." So I thought I'd give you a pop quiz. See how well you do.

1. Dutch colonists established a small settlement at Fort Orange in: 1620 1624 1730 or 1734?

2. New Netherland was captured in 1664 by: the Indians – the Dutch – the French - the English?

3. In the 18th century, in 1720, New York's population consisted of 16%: Swedish – German – Irish – Slaves?

4. The trial of John Peter Zenger in 1735 established the rights of: freemen – women – the press – churches?

5. In August 1776, the largest fleet assembled in the 18th century – over 30,000 British sailors and soldiers were moored at Staten Island. New York City remained under British control throughout the Revolution after the city was abandoned by: General George Washington – General Gates – General Benedict Arnold - General Sullivan?

6. The Revolutionary War event which came closest to LeRoy was: Battle of Ticonderoga – Battle of Saratoga – Clinton-Sullivan Campaign – Battle of Black Rock?

7. The first elected Governor was: Dewitt Clinton – Alexander Hamilton – George Clinton – Robert Morris?

8. In 1785, New York City became: the largest city in the United States – the National Capital – the capital of New York?

9. The largest lake in New York is: Oneida – Canandaigua – Champlain – Onondaga?

10. How many cities are in New York State: 102 - 40 - 62 - 32?

11. The Erie Canal, connecting Buffalo and Albany, opened in: 1825 – 1827 – 1830 – 1835?

12. New York has sent how many men to the White House? 3 - 4 - 5 - 6?

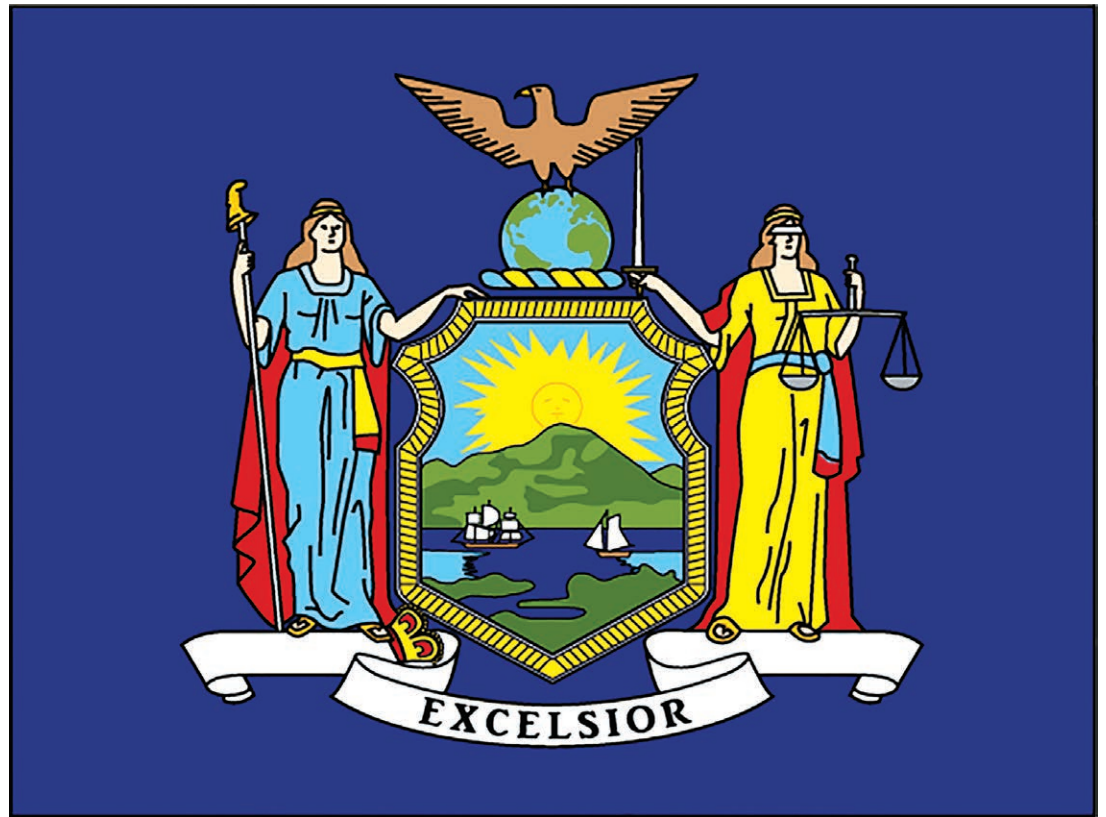
13. Name the United States Presidents from New York State from question 12:

14. Name the State insect:

15. New York State has how many counties: 42 – 52 -62 – 72

16. Name the five states that border New York State:

17. Name the state the shares a maritime border with New York



18. Name the two Canadian provinces that border New York State:

19. Name the two Great Lakes that border New York State:

20. Name the six members of the Iroquois Nation: Which is the Guardian of the Western Door? Which is the Guardian of the Eastern Door?

21. Which state park is larger than Yellowstone, Yosemite, Grand Canyon, Glacier and Olympic National parks combined?

22. The first State Park was established in 1885 where? Niagara Falls – Central Park – Adirondacks – Letchworth?

23. Harriet Tubman was famous because: she had a beautiful voice – she was the first woman elected to Congress – she was a famous conductor on the underground railroad.

24. The tallest mountain in New York State is?

25. The state motto:

26. The official State snack:

27. The State tree:

28. The State flower:

29. The State animal:

30. The State gem:

31. Name the last five governors:

32. The State bird:

33. The first State capital:

34. The New York State Thruway is the longest _____

in the United States.

35. Name the two New York State Senators:

36. New York State made slavery illegal in: 1776 – 1820 – 1827 – 1864:

37. The New York State nick name:

38. In 1807, the Claremont became the first successful: hotel - steamboat - stagecoach - paddleboat ?

39. In 1854, Joseph Gayetty of New York City invented: Gatling gun - subway car – toilet paper or safety pin?

40. In New York State there are 58 different varieties of wild: - geese – roses – orchids - mushrooms.

41. Which of the following

were invented in New York: Life Savers; Mr. Potato Head; Campbell Soup; Air conditioning; Fig Newtons; the Segway; bubble gum?

42. Which of these people were born in New York: Ogden Nash; Norman Rockwell; Tom Cruise; Lucille Ball; Humphrey Bogart; Sammy Davis Jr.; Lou Gerhig; Vince Lombardi; Benjamin Franklin; Annie Oakley; Thomas Edison?

43. Which is the newest New York county, formed in 1914: Bronx – Westchester – Montgomery - Suffolk?

44. The first railroad in the United States ran from Albany to: New York City – Buffalo – Schenectady - Poughkeepsie?

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