

Historical Facts Game



1. Use the verbs in the box complete the historical facts below. Change the verbs to the past simple.

kill	wear	fail
think	invent	explode
land	found	originate

- a) Paper was *invented* in China in the year 220.
- b) Vikings *wore* horned helmets.
- c) The black death *killed* approximately 25 million people.
- d) Neil Armstrong *landed* on the moon in 1969.
- e) A nuclear bomb *exploded* in Chernobyl in 1986.
- f) General Electric was *founded* by Thomas Edison.
- g) Albert Einstein *failed* the subject of math in school.
- h) The Spanish flu *originated* in Spain in 1918.
- i) Many people *thought* The Titanic was “unsinkable” before it sank.

Round 1: Four of the facts above are false. In pairs discuss which facts are true and which facts are false. You have 100 dollars to bet on your answers. You can bet \$10, \$20, or \$30 on your answer. If you are correct your money doubles. If you are wrong, you lose your money. The team with the most money wins. Mark down your answers and bets below.

- a) true/false bet:.....
- b) true/false bet:.....
- c) true/false bet:.....
- d) true/false bet:.....
- e) true/false bet:.....
- f) true/false bet:.....
- g) true/false bet:.....
- h) true/false bet:.....
- i) true/false bet:.....

 **2. Use the verbs in the box complete the historical facts below. Change the verbs to the past simple.**

create	predict	leave
die	ban	shoot
be	ask	purchase

- a) Queen Victoria *banned* visible table legs in her palace because she thought visible legs were too sexy.
- b) The game “Monopoly” was *created* in the 1930s and was intended to be played by unemployed people during the great depression
- c) In 1952 Albert Einstein was *asked* to be the President of Israel. He said no.
- d) Frank Oz, the voice of Yoda from Star Wars, *was* also the voice of Miss Piggy from Sesame street.
- e) The island of Manhattan was *purchased* for \$24 worth of beads.
- f) Teddy Roosevelt (former US president) was once *shot* while he was making a speech, and only went to hospital after he had finished making the speech.
- g) Nostradamus correctly *predicted* which day he would die on.
- h) Penicillin was invented by mistake when Alexander Fleming *left* dirty dishes in his lab while he was on holiday.
- i) James Fixx, the creator of the word “jogging”, *died* from a heart attack while jogging.

Round 2: Four of the “facts” above are false. Bet again with the same rules as before. The team with the most money from both rounds wins.

- a) true/false bet:.....
- b) true/false bet:.....
- c) true/false bet:.....
- d) true/false bet:.....
- e) true/false bet:.....
- f) true/false bet:.....
- g) true/false bet:.....
- h) true/false bet:.....
- i) true/false bet:.....

Answers

Round 1: a) True b) False c) True d) True e) False f) True g) False h) False i) True

Round 2: a) False b) False c) True d) True e) False f) True g) False h) True i) True