



## The Who Was? History Bee Sample Questions

The questions in each round of The Who Was? History Bee are all based on the books in the #1 *New York Times* Bestselling Who Was? series. All questions have been reviewed by a board of teachers and educational professionals.

### CLASS/SCHOOL-LEVEL BEES

Class and school Bees consist of oral multiple-choice questions, and a final round consisting of oral factual questions. Bee Administrators will be provided with detailed instructions on how to promote, plan, and execute their school's Bee.

### SAMPLE QUESTIONS

William Shakespeare was born in which year?

- (a) 1564
- (b) 1620
- (c) 1800

Which of these men spent a whole year stranded on an ice shelf?

- (a) Henry Ford
- (b) Ernest Shackleton
- (c) Christopher Columbus

This famous chef filmed French cooking lessons in her own apartment.

- (a) Beatrix Potter
- (b) Laura Ingalls Wilder
- (c) Julia Child

Which of these women was NOT born in America?

- (a) Eleanor Roosevelt
- (b) Jane Goodall
- (c) Sally Ride

Answers: a; b; c; b



## FINAL ROUND

Beatrix Potter and Queen Victoria were both born in the same city in England. Name that city.

Who led an army into battle when she was only a teenager?

Thomas Edison had over 1,000 patents for his inventions. What was his FIRST invention?

## PROCTORED EXAM

One winner from each school will move on to the Proctored Exam. This written exam consists of 30 factual questions and one short essay question. The students with the top ten scores will move on to The Who Was? History Bee final, which will take place LIVE in New York City during the week of May 4th, 2020.

## SAMPLE FACTUAL QUESTIONS

Name the last three U.S. presidents.

This woman founded the Red Cross in 1881.

During the Revolutionary War, one side was called the Loyalists. What was the other side called?

What year did the Civil War end?

Louis Armstrong was famous for playing which musical instrument?

Who was the first woman to fly across the Pacific Ocean?

The mischievous boy, Samuel Clemens, grew up to be a famous writer. What was that writer's name?

## SAMPLE ESSAY QUESTIONS

America has had 45 Presidents, and they've all made their marks on history. Write a short paragraph about one of those presidents, and something important they did while in office.

Imagine you could go back in time and live through any event in world history. Which event would you choose? Why did you choose it?

Name someone from history that you consider a hero. Explain why you chose them. What makes them a hero to you?

