

## Latin American History Trivia: Questions, Answers, and Facts Printable Trivia Pack

Latin American History trivia highlights the region's long arc of change, from Indigenous empires and colonial rule to revolutions, nation-building, and contemporary politics. It offers a lively way to test what you know about major figures, defining moments, and cultural milestones across Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, and South America.

### HARD LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY TRIVIA

1. Which 1494 agreement formally divided overseas lands between Spain and Portugal?  
Answer: The Treaty of Tordesillas
2. What was the name of the 1550-1551 dispute over Spanish treatment of Indigenous peoples?  
Answer: The Valladolid debate
3. Which 1542 reform package sought to curb abuses in the encomienda system?  
Answer: The New Laws
4. In Peru, the rebellion launched in 1780 under a name later remembered across anti-colonial history was led by whom?  
Answer: Tupac Amaru II
5. The uprising that broke out in New Granada in 1781 is known by what name?  
Answer: The Comuneros Revolt
6. Promulgated in 1812 during the Napoleonic era, which constitution became a major political reference point in the Spanish world?  
Answer: The Cádiz Constitution
7. Which 1819 battle proved decisive for the independence of New Granada?  
Answer: The Battle of Boyacá
8. What battle in 1824 effectively ended major Spanish rule in South America?  
Answer: The Battle of Ayacucho
9. Which conflict that began in 1847 is specifically associated with Yucatán and caste tensions?  
Answer: The Caste War of Yucatán
10. Paraguay fought Brazil, Argentina, and Uruguay in which devastating war from 1864 to 1870?  
Answer: The War of the Triple Alliance
11. The term for the long rule of Porfirio Díaz in Mexico is what?  
Answer: The Porfiriato
12. Which coup period unfolded in Mexico City in February 1913 under the grim label of ten tragic days?

Answer: The Ten Tragic Days

13. The 1914 mediation effort known by a three-letter label drew its name from which countries?

Answer: Argentina, Brazil, and Chile

14. What was the name of the Mexican conflict that lasted from 1926 to 1929?

Answer: The Cristero War

#### FUNNY LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY TRIVIA

1. Which explorer got the ultimate scenic overlook in 1513 by becoming the first recorded European to see the Pacific Ocean from the Americas?

Answer: Vasco Nûnez de Balboa

2. Who is traditionally linked to the legend of the Fountain of Youth, history's most suspicious spa advertisement?

Answer: Ponce de Leñn

3. What was the legendary city supposedly so loaded with gold that it became the original 'too good to be true' destination?

Answer: El Dorado

4. Which famously violent expedition leader went hunting for El Dorado in the 1560s as if bad decisions were a travel plan?

Answer: Lope de Aguirre

5. The English word 'barbecue' traces back to which Tañno term, proving delicious words can travel too?

Answer: barbacoa

6. If a stormy vocabulary test asked for the Tañno deity behind the word 'hurricane,' what would you answer?

Answer: Huracñn

7. Which everyday food first got its start in the Andes before becoming the world champion of side dishes?

Answer: potato

8. Which fruit-that-acts-like-a-vegetable was domesticated in Mesoamerica before going global and invading salads everywhere?

Answer: tomato

9. Chocolate begins with which crop first cultivated in ancient Mesoamerica, long before it became an emergency snack?

Answer: cacao

10. What Peruvian export was basically bird-dropping gold for 19th-century agriculture?

Answer: guano

11. Upper Peru got a rebrand in 1825. What new country name did it receive, in honor of Simón Bolívar?

Answer: Bolivia

12. From 1932 to 1935, Bolivia and Paraguay fought which conflict, sounding more like a board game than a war?

Answer: Chaco War

13. The 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion targeted which island nation?

Answer: Cuba

#### FUN LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY TRIVIA

1. What name is given to the Spaniards' not-so-triumphant 1520 retreat from Tenochtitlan?

Answer: La Noche Triste

2. When Hernán Cortés arrived in Mexico, who was ruling the Aztec Empire?

Answer: Moctezuma II

3. Who completed the first known navigation of the Amazon River in 1542?

Answer: Francisco de Orellana

4. If someone in colonial South America said "the silver mountain," which famous place at Potosí were they talking about?

Answer: Cerro Rico

5. The Manila galleons connected Manila in the Philippines with which port in New Spain?

Answer: Acapulco

6. What was the name of the large maroon settlement in colonial Brazil?

Answer: Palmares

7. Before Brazil became independent, Dom Pedro I reportedly let out what famous shout?

Answer: The Ipiranga Cry

8. In 1819, which notable congress met in what is now Ciudad Bolívar, Venezuela?

Answer: The Congress of Angostura

9. Which U.S. policy, proclaimed in 1823, basically announced a big hemispheric warning?

Answer: The Monroe Doctrine

10. Which war broke out in 1879 involving Chile, Peru, and Bolivia?

Answer: The War of the Pacific

11. What U.S. ship exploded in Havana harbor in 1898?

Answer: The USS Maine

12. After 1901, which amendment gave the United States the right to intervene in Cuba?

Answer: The Platt Amendment

13. In 1916, which revolutionary leader made a raid into Columbus, New Mexico?

Answer: Pancho Villa

#### LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY FAMILY TRIVIA

1. On Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula, which famous Maya city can visitors explore today?

Answer: Chichén Itzá

2. Which ancient civilization is especially famous for carving giant stone heads?

Answer: The Olmec civilization

3. What is the name of the huge geoglyphs found in southern Peru?

Answer: The Nazca Lines

4. Which lake lies on the border of Peru and Bolivia?

Answer: Lake Titicaca

5. Which independence leader helped secure freedom for Argentina, Chile, and Peru?

Answer: José de San Martín

6. Who became the first emperor of independent Brazil in 1822?

Answer: Pedro I

7. Who was a leading figure in the Haitian Revolution?

Answer: Toussaint Louverture

8. Which major leader is closely connected with the Mexican Revolution?

Answer: Emiliano Zapata

9. The Mexican Constitution adopted during the Mexican Revolution came in what year?

Answer: 1917

10. Juan Perón first became president of Argentina in which year?

Answer: 1946

11. Eva Perón was the wife of which Argentine president?

Answer: Juan Perón

12. Which group took power in Nicaragua in 1979?

Answer: The Sandinista National Liberation Front

#### EASY LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY TRIVIA

1. Who reached the Caribbean in 1492 on his first Atlantic voyage?

Answer: Christopher Columbus

2. Tenochtitlan was built on an island in what lake?

Answer: Lake Texcoco

3. Which priest issued the Grito de Dolores in 1810, helping launch Mexico's independence movement?

Answer: Miguel Hidalgo

4. In what year did Haiti declare independence from France?

Answer: 1804

5. Which famous leader helped lead independence movements in northern South America?

Answer: Simón Bolívar

6. Brazil declared independence from Portugal in what year?

Answer: 1822

7. Who was Mexico's first Indigenous president?

Answer: Benito Juárez

8. The Mexican Revolution began in what year?

Answer: 1910

9. Which leader came to power after the Cuban Revolution in 1959?

Answer: Fidel Castro

10. Who seized power in Chile in a 1973 coup?

Answer: Augusto Pinochet

11. What is the name of the famous Inca site in the Peruvian Andes?

Answer: Machu Picchu

12. Which city was the capital of the Viceroyalty of Peru?

Answer: Lima

13. What major canal opened in 1914?

Answer: The Panama Canal

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