

New York State Quiz

Try our New York State Quiz & see how well you know the USA. Answers appear at the bottom.

1. What was the gateway for millions of immigrants to the United States as the nation's busiest immigrant inspection station from 1892-1924?

- A) Botany Bay
- B) Pier 21
- C) Alcatraz
- D) Ellis Island



2. In 1609, the region was first claimed for the Dutch by which of the following explorers?

- A) John Cabot
- B) Henry Hudson
- C) Christopher Columbus
- D) Sir Edmund Hillary



3. The Sons of Liberty were organized in New York City during the 1760s, largely in response to what act passed by the in 1765?

- A) Animal Husbandry Act
- B) Windermere Fan Act
- C) Stamp Act
- D) Tobacco Tax & Export Act



4. On July 30, 1777, who was inaugurated as the first Governor of New York at Kingston?

- A) Reginald Regan
- B) Arthur Bush
- C) William Obama
- D) George Clinton



5. New York's official motto translated from Latin is what?

- A) Ever Upward
- B) Never look Back
- C) For God and Glory
- D) Go Jets



6. There are two women represented on the state flag. One holds a staff; the other holds what?

- A) The scales of justice
- B) Bread and wine
- C) A floral arrangement
- D) A bear cub



7. Who has not been governor of New York?

- A) Spitzer
- B) Pataki
- C) Allen
- D) Cuomo



8. What enabled Great Lakes port cities such as Buffalo and Rochester to grow and prosper?

- A) Cotton Jenny
- B) Route 66
- C) Erie Canal
- D) Flour Mills



9. This long-time Buffalo Bills owner was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2009.

- A) Marv Levy
- B) Ralph Wilson
- C) Paul Brown
- D) Cookie Gilchrist



10. This ex-Bill quarterback was elected to Congress from Western New York almost immediately after his playing career ended and remained there for nearly three decades, serving as the Republican nominee for Vice President of the United States under Bob Dole in 1996.

- A) Joe Ferguson
- B) Jim Kelly
- C) Tip O'Neil
- D) Jack Kemp



11. Which Canadian province does New York border?

- A) Manitoba
- B) Nova Scotia
- C) Quebec
- D) New Brunswick



12. The Statue of Liberty was a gift from which country?

- A) Australia
- B) France
- C) England
- D) Spain



13. Syracuse is in what county?

- A) Onondaga
- B) Oneida
- C) Tuscarora
- D) Seneca



14. Cornell University is located where?

- A) Utica
- B) Ithaca
- C) Albany
- D) Rochester



15. The “miracle on Ice” happened where?

- A) Lake Placid
- B) Brooklyn
- C) Queens
- D) Orchard Park



16. After New York, which city boasts the highest population?

- A) Syracuse
- B) Rochester
- C) Albany
- D) Buffalo



17. Which of the following New York Yankees played catcher?

- A) Lou Gehrig
- B) Yogi Berra
- C) Babe Ruth
- D) Mickey Mantle



18. West Point, the service academy of the U.S. Army, is located on the banks of which river?

- A) Allegheny
- B) Susquehanna
- C) Delaware
- D) Hudson



19. President William McKinley was shot and mortally wounded at the Pan-American Exposition in what city on September 6, 1901?

- A) Rochester
- B) Seneca Falls
- C) New York
- D) Buffalo



20. In an attempt to retain their sovereignty and remain an independent nation positioned between the new United States and British North America, four of the nations fought on the side of the British; which nation allied themselves to the Americans?

- A) Oneida
- B) Mohawk
- C) Cayuga
- D) Seneca



Answers

1. D, 2.B, 3.C, 4.D, 5.A, 6.A, 7.C, 8.C, 9.B, 10.D, 11.C, 12.B, 13.A, 14.B, 15.A, 16.D, 17.B, 18.D, 19.D, 20.A

Ratings

20/20: Congratulations; Fiorello La Guardia is proud of you.
15-19: Not too shabby; you could reside in New York and seem like a native.
10-14: Probably the First Nations questions, right?
>10: Best read some history and purchase a map.



Suggested Reading

All of our New York articles at: <http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/destinationUS.html>
New York State: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York

Suggested Viewing

"Empire State of Mind" Jay Z | Alicia Keys: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0UjsXo9l6l8>
NEW YORK, NEW YORK: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqJHLLJDP4>
Shit New Yorkers Say: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRvJylbSg7o>
Hey You! What Song are you Listening to?: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvHRUY0tBcs>
New York City Timelapse (Empty America) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpqjStV2_re
New York State of Mind / Billy Joel: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZb8YjbDjVk>