Québec Quiz

Try our Québec Quiz & see how well you know Québec. Answers appear at the bottom.

1. The first French explorer to reach Quebec was who?
   A) Jacques Cartier
   B) Étienne Brûlé
   C) Jacques Plante
   D) Samuel de Champlain

2. After 1627, King Louis XIII of France introduced the seigneurial system and forbade settlement in New France by anyone other than Roman Catholics. What kind of clerics founded missions in Trois-Rivières and Montreal?
   A) Jesuits
   B) Dominicans
   C) Franciscans
   D) Benedictines

3. On September 13, 1759, General Wolfe defeated who on the Plains of Abraham outside Québec City?
   A) St. Laurent
   B) Geoffrion
   C) Montcalm
   D) Beliveau

4. Which Canadian Prime Minister was not from Québec?
   A) Mulroney
   B) Martin
   C) Chrétien
   D) Turner

5. The Quiet Revolution was a period of dramatic social and political change that saw the decline of Anglo supremacy in the Québec economy, the decline of the Roman Catholic Church's influence, the nationalization of hydro-electric companies under Hydro-Québec and the emergence of a pro-sovereignty movement under whom?
   A) Maurice Richard
   B) René Lévesque
   C) Dollard St. Laurent
   D) Douglas Harvey

6. Beginning in 1963, this paramilitary group launched a decade-long series of propaganda and terrorism that included bombings, robberies and attacks directed primarily at English institutions, resulting in at least five deaths?
   A) PQ
   B) QLQ
   C) RSQ
   D) FLQ

7. The Oka Crisis was a land dispute from July 11, 1990 - September 26, 1990 between the town of Oka and who?
   A) Conrad Black
   B) Stephen Harper
   C) Mohawks
   D) RCMP
8. On October 30, 1995, with the Parti Québécois in power since 1994, a second Québec referendum on sovereignty took place, rejected by how much of the vote?
   A) 50.6%
   B) 83.4%
   C) 95.2%
   D) 71.8%

9. After Montréal and Québec City, where is the largest population?
   A) Gatineau
   B) Sherbrooke
   C) Saguenay
   D) Trois-Rivières

10. Bombardier is known for making what?
    A) Matches
    B) Maple Syrup
    C) Airplanes
    D) Beaver traps

11. What was the principal occupation of Québecker Marc Garneau?
    A) Singer
    B) TV Newscaster
    C) CBC reporter
    D) Astronaut

12. Which of the following is not a French-Canadian singer?
    A) Celine Dion
    B) James Reimer
    C) Roch Voisine
    D) Kate McGarrigle

13. Which of the following is not a Quebec-based writer?
    A) Mavis Gallant
    B) Mordecai Richler
    C) Gabrielle Roy
    D) Morley Callaghan

14. Cirque du Soleil was founded in Baie-Saint-Paul in 1984 by two former street performers, Guy Laliberté and who?
    A) Martine Soleil
    B) Gilles Ste-Croix
    C) Alice Parizeau
    D) Louis Riel

15. Québec cuisine: Québec is most famous for its Tourtière, Pâté Chinois and what?
    A) Bagels
    B) Poutine
    C) Ham and Potato Soup
    D) Bouillabaisse

16. The 1976 Olympic Games in Montréal were opened by whom?
    A) Elizabeth II
    B) Pierre Trudeau
    C) Brian Mulroney
    D) Celine Dion
17. Since 1987 the avian emblem of Québec has been what?
   A) Scarlet Tanager  
   B) Hummingbird  
   C) Peregrine Falcon  
   D) Snowy Owl

18. Which state does not border Québec?
   A) Maine  
   B) New Hampshire  
   C) Vermont  
   D) Massachusetts

19. What flower is on the Québec coat of arms?
   A) Fleur-de-lis  
   B) Poppy  
   C) Sunflower  
   D) Iris

20. “Québec” comes from the Algonquin word kébec meaning what?
   A) Water of the spirits  
   B) Where the river narrows  
   C) Place of peace  
   D) Stream coming from small jack-pine windfalls

Answers

Ratings
20/20: Congratulations; Celine Dion is proud of you.  
15-19: Très bien! Not too shabby; you could reside in Québec and seem like a native.  
10-14: Probably the political questions, right?  
>10: Best stay in Winnipeg please.

Suggested Reading  
Anything by Mordecai Richler  
Québec: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quebec

Suggested Viewing  
Winter Carnival in Québec, Québec, Canada: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSNlydgFl18  
Québec History 2 - 1608 Samuel de Champlain: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0e2Jr00kSU  
Québec History 28 - Quiet Revolution and FLQ: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PihGpM9-yi4  
Montreal Canadiens 1993 Road to the Cup: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9EkEQk-z0eU  
Aerial High Bar Act - ALEGRIA (Cirque du Soleil): http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hgLdrDFuaHg  
Celine Dion - Because You Loved Me lyrics: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CkKuA86Mis  
The Blue Snake: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-z3snd_GzKU  
RetroBites: Mordecai Richler (1971): http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=byF2xLVcxsU  
Pierre Trudeau - Just Watch me: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-7_a2wa2id4  
Leonard Cohen – Hallelujah: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrLk4vdY28Q  
First perfect ten - Nadia Comaneci - Montreal 1976 Olympic Games: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yo_5xbd5xdE  
The Expos Say Goodbye to Canada... http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CaJNFtUoz0A

Rocket Richard
When I was a kid, one night I went to Maple Leaf Gardens to watch the Leafs vs the ‘Habs. I loved the Montréal Canadiens, and from high up in the grays, I watched my favourite hockey player, “The Rocket,”
Maurice Richard. Even in practise, every shot that he took was labeled. He was thrilling to watch, even during warm ups. To see Montréal play with the Rocket was a highlight of my young life!

The Rocket Richard Riot... (part ONE of four) A Quebec Stand for Recognition
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I24DnHrYxfY
The Rocket Richard Riot (part TWO of four)... so much more than about hockey...
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2tVKak0eANc
The Rocket Richard Riot... (part THREE of four) The Attack at The Forum
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ew-wQEMbo4
The Rocket Richard Riot... (part FOUR of four) Quebec's Stand for Recognition
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D95wlB98I7o