

August IQ

This quiz is hot, hot, hot. Come test your August IQ.

- Which August event happened first?
 - Sports Illustrated* magazine debuted.
 - The first Major League Baseball game was televised.
 - Gertrude Ederle swam the English Channel.
 - Jesse Owens won four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics.
- True or false? The zodiac sign Leo is August 23 to September 22.
- August is National Golf Month in the U.S. Which of the following is **NOT** a phrase used in golf?
 - "Enjoy the 19th hole."
 - "Have a great round."
 - "Keep it in the short stuff."
 - "Knock it out of the park."
- What actress was born on August 29, 1915, and famously plays Ilsa Lund in the 1942 film *Casablanca*?

- Which of the following did **NOT** become a state during the month of August?
 - Delaware
 - Missouri
 - Colorado
 - Hawaii
- Which of August's birthstones is widely recognized by its brilliant lime green glow?
 - Sardonyx
 - Peridot
 - Ruby
 - Spinel
- Born on August 3, 1926, whose signature song is "I Left My Heart in San Francisco"?

- True or false? August is named after the Greek emperor Augustus.



9. Which of August's birth flowers is a symbol of remembrance for those who lost their lives in World War I?
- A. Poppy
 - B. Aster
 - C. Gladiolus
 - D. Daffodil
10. Born on August 9, 1963, Whitney Houston was an American singer and actress. Which of the following was **NOT** an award she received?
- A. BET Lifetime Achievement Award
 - B. Grammy
 - C. Academy Award
 - D. Primetime Emmy
11. We celebrate World Mosquito Day on August 20 because Sir Ronald Ross discovered the link between mosquito bites and what disease?
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12. True or false? Lammas Day is a wheat harvest festival celebrated on August 1.
13. The ancient Roman city of Pompeii was destroyed on August 24, 79 AD, by what volcano?
- A. Mount St. Helens
 - B. Mount Krakatoa
 - C. Mount Etna
 - D. Mount Vesuvius
14. Born on August 4, 1971, which race car driver is a four-time NASCAR Cup Series champion, three-time Daytona 500 winner, and five-time Brickyard 400 winner?
- A. Dale Earnhardt Jr.
 - B. Jeff Gordon
 - C. Tony Stewart
 - D. Dale Earnhardt
15. Jackie Joyner-Kersey made history on August 2, 1992, winning the Olympic gold medal in the heptathlon for a second time. How many events are involved in the heptathlon?

Answers

1. (C) Gertrude Ederle swam the English Channel on August 6, 1926. Jesse Owens won four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics on August 9, 1936. The first Major League Baseball game was televised on August 26, 1939. *Sports Illustrated* magazine debuted on August 16, 1954.
2. False. Leo is July 23 to August 22. Virgo is August 23 to September 22.
3. (D) "Knock it out of the park." This phrase is said in baseball, not golf. It refers to hitting a home run.
4. Ingrid Bergman. She won three Oscars, two Emmy Awards, four Golden Globes, a BAFTA, and many other accolades over the course of her career.
5. (A) Delaware. Missouri became a state on August 10, 1821. Colorado became a state on August 1, 1876. Hawaii became a state on August 21, 1959.
6. (B) Peridot. It is sometimes called the "evening emerald."
7. Tony Bennett. He released the song in 1962.
8. False. It gets its name from the Roman emperor, not Greek.
9. (A) Poppy. The bright red flower is actually classified as a weed and flourished in the churned-up soil of the battlefields the preceding spring.
10. (C) Academy Award. Though she never won an Oscar, Houston did win two Emmy Awards, six Grammy Awards, 16 Billboard Music Awards,
11. 22 American Music Awards, and many more.
12. Malaria. World Mosquito Day was created to raise awareness about the disease. Did you know that mosquitoes are considered one of the world's deadliest animals?
13. True. It is also known as Loaf Mass Day because a loaf of bread is supposed to be taken to mass on this day. However, according to Irish tradition, harvesting grain before Lammass is bad luck.
14. (D) Mount Vesuvius. The volcano had been dormant for centuries before that fateful day.
15. (B) Jeff Gordon. **Fun fact:** At the age of four, he started racing BMX bikes.
16. Seven. The events are 100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200-meter dash, long jump, javelin, and 800-meter run.