

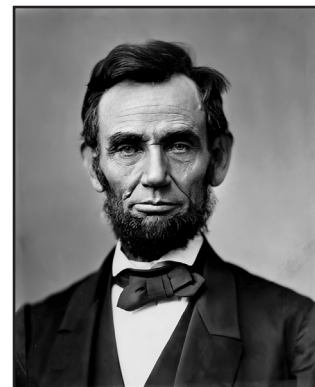
# January IQ

Ring in the new year with our January IQ quiz.

1. What color is often associated with January's birthstone, garnet?
  - A. Blue
  - B. Red
  - C. Yellow
  - D. Green
2. Which January event occurred first in history?
  - A. *The Lone Ranger* debuted on Detroit radio.
  - B. Indira Gandhi became India's prime minister.
  - C. Wham-O produced the first Frisbees.
  - D. The League of Nations was instituted.
3. First published on January 29, 1845, what famous poem begins, "Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary"?
  - A. Robert Frost's "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening"
  - B. William Wordsworth's "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud"
  - C. Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven"
  - D. Rudyard Kipling's "If"
4. True or false? One of January's birth flowers, the snowdrop, used to be considered bad luck.
5. Born on January 15, 1929, who delivered the final speech at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963?

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6. All born in January, which of the following was **NOT** a musician?
  - A. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
  - B. Rod Taylor
  - C. Eartha Kitt
  - D. Elvis Presley
7. On January 1, 1863, Abraham Lincoln issued what proclamation?

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8. True or false? The Canadian province Newfoundland and Labrador will ring in the new year after British Columbia.
9. On January 3, 1924, British archaeologist Howard Carter discovered whose tomb?
  - A. Nefertiti
  - B. King Richard III
  - C. Egyptian Queen Cleopatra
  - D. King Tut
10. On January 23, 1839, Elizabeth Blackwell was the first woman to receive what kind of degree?
  - A. A medical degree
  - B. A secretarial degree
  - C. An engineering degree
  - D. A law degree
11. True or false? The euro debuted on January 4, 1969.
12. The first Super Bowl was held on January 15, 1967. What two teams played?
  - A. New York Giants and the Boston Patriots
  - B. Green Bay Packers and the Kansas City Chiefs
  - C. Dallas Cowboys and the Houston Oilers
  - D. Chicago Cardinals and the Oakland Raiders
13. Born on January 17, 1933, Shari Lewis was known for developing a sock puppet sheep character. What is the sheep's name?

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14. Which of January's astrological signs is represented by the sea-goat?
  - A. Pisces
  - B. Aquarius
  - C. Sagittarius
  - D. Capricorn
15. PBS's *Masterpiece Theatre* first debuted on January 10 of what year?
  - A. 1951
  - B. 1961
  - C. 1971
  - D. 1981

# Answers

1. (B) Red. The term *garnet* comes from the Latin *granatum*, which means “seed”—a reference to their hue being akin to a pomegranate’s seeds.
2. (D) The League of Nations was instituted on January 10, 1920. *The Lone Ranger* debuted on Detroit radio on January 30, 1933. Wham-O produced the first Frisbees on January 23, 1957. Indira Gandhi became India’s first female prime minister on January 19, 1966.
3. (C) Edgar Allan Poe’s “The Raven.” The poem was published in the *New York Evening Mirror*.
4. True. The snowdrop was considered bad luck due to its tendency to grow in graveyards. Today, it is said to represent hope and beauty because it is one of the first flowers to come up through the snow.
5. Martin Luther King Jr. He delivered his famous “I Have a Dream” speech at the Lincoln Memorial to 250,000 people.
6. (B) Rod Taylor. Born on January 11, 1930, Australian actor Rod Taylor was known for playing the lead in movies like Hitchcock’s *The Birds*.
7. The Emancipation Proclamation. It declared all slaves to be free in states that had seceded from the Union.
8. False. Newfoundland and Labrador is the most eastern Canadian province, so they will celebrate the new year before British Columbia.
9. (D) King Tut. Tutankhamen’s tomb was discovered near Luxor, Egypt. The mummy was held in a solid gold coffin.
10. (A) A medical degree. Elizabeth Blackwell received her medical degree from Geneva Medical College in New York.
11. False. The euro is the official currency of the European Union, and it debuted on January 4, 1999.
12. (B) The Green Bay Packers and the Kansas City Chiefs. The National Football League’s Packers beat the American Football League’s Chiefs, 35–10.
13. Lamb Chop. Shari Lewis debuted Lamb Chop in the late 1950s on a program called *Hi Mom*.
14. (D) Capricorn. The sea-goat is a mythological creature with a goat’s body and a fish’s tail. Capricorn is from December 22 to January 19.
15. (C) 1971. *Masterpiece Theatre* debuted with a 12-part miniseries called *The First Churchills*.