

KNOXVAN EVENTS EASTER TRIVIA

ANSWER KEY

Short Answer Round

1) What do Easter Baskets emulate?

Birds Nests. Woven baskets symbolize life and the coming of spring by filling them with colourful eggs, treats and soft, colourful filling

2) What time period does Easter Eggs get their roots as an Easter gift?

The Medieval time period! It is said that priests would give the choir boys a hard boiled egg and as a game the boys would pass the egg among themselves until midnight. At midnight, whoever had the egg would get to eat it. It is important to note however that eggs are and have been a significant symbol of spring for many religions and cultures for much longer than this.

3) This Germanic Goddess of Dawn could be credited for the name Easter. What is her name?

Eostre, who is celebrated during the Spring Equinox. On the old Germanic calendar, the equivalent month to April was called "Östarmānod" Her symbols are the rabbit and the egg.

4) Easter competes with this other North American holiday for the highest candy sales, what is the holiday?

Halloween

5) This common Easter candy is made of marshmallows and colourful sugar topping. The factory in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania makes over 5.5 million of these a day. What are they called?

Peeps

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6) Americans consume enough of these colourful candies to circle the world three times over – which candy are they?

Jellybeans, this classic Easter candy was introduced to the world in the 1930s.

7) Which Country can we thank for the intricate and beautifully died Easter Eggs using a process of wax and dye?

The Ukraine. Pysankas are painstakingly created using wax and dyes, a process Ukrainian immigrants brought with them, a tradition that is passed down through families.

8) In Switzerland, children don't get visited by the Easter Bunny but rather this bird – name the bird.

Cuckoos, in Switzerland a Cuckoo is the symbol of growth and rebirth. Switzerland of course is also the home of the Cuckoo Clock

9) What special historical gift is The Hen Egg?

It is a Fabergé Egg. Tsar Alexander III had Fabergé create it as a gift for Maria Feodorovna in 1885. It was made of white enamel with a gold band around its middle. The egg hid many dazzling surprises: a gold yolk, a golden hen, a diamond miniature of a crown, and a tiny ruby pendant.

10) Queen Elizabeth I decided this bread was so special it could legally only be eaten on Good Friday, at funerals and at Christmas?

Hot Cross Buns. If you were caught eating these on any other day you were forced to give them away to the poor.

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Music Round

11) SONG 1 - "Spring Can Really Hang You Up the Most" - Bette Midler

12) SONG 2 - "I Can See Clearly Now" - Johnny Nash

13) SONG 3 - "He's Alive" - Dolly Parton

14) SONG 4 - "Here Comes Peter Cotton Tail" - Danny Kay

15) SONG 5 - "Here Comes the Sun" - The Beatles

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True or False

16) Originally, Peeps were hand-made individually. There was a painstaking process to create their shape that took approx. 27 hours to make a single peep in 1953.

TRUE! Now they are made by a specialized machine that can crank out 5.5 million a day.

17) When eating a chocolate bunny – most people eat the tail first.

FALSE – it has been found that most eat their chocolate bunny by the ears first.

18) You can keep chocolate (like Easter Eggs and Bunnies) for 8-12 months as long as it is wrapped up in foil

TRUE – it is also recommended to store in a cool, dark and dry space.

19) Mary Magdalene could be the reason we dye Easter Eggs.

TRUE - According to legend, Mary Magdalene brought Emperor Tiberius an egg as a way to talk about the Resurrection, and it miraculously turned bright red as a sign of the blood of Christ

20) Around the world, all Lilies most commonly seen at Easter and funerals.

FALSE – While for many lilies are a common floral at Easter, around the world lilies mean different things. In China and Japan they are said to bring good luck and often included in weddings or given as gifts and in Greece they are associated with motherhood.