

Living History Trivia

The past decade has seen many thought-provoking movements in history. Take a moment to reflect on some of those events and reflect on the long-term effects they have on the world.

Your task is to use your knowledge to solve the clues below and identify the event, movement, or people described. Turn this into a trivia game to play with your friends or members of your household!

Politics and World Events

1. Approximately 1,000 people marched through New York City's Financial District in September 2011 under this banner. The protestors condemned income inequality and the influence of money in politics and called for an overhaul of what many thought of as a failing financial system.
2. In 2013, three activists started using this social media hashtag in response to the acquittal of George Zimmerman, who shot and killed Trayvon Marton, the previous year. Drawing inspiration from other movements of the 1960s, it gained more attention in 2014 and 2015, and again in the summer of 2020 following increased attention and reporting on deaths of black men killed by police.
3. In 2020, this international organization headquartered in New York celebrated its 75th anniversary. The organization is made up of 145-member states with the objective of maintaining and promoting harmony, stability, and world peace. Bonus Question: In addition to New York City, what three other locations are designated as headquarter cities?
4. In mid-2016, amid a mass refugee crisis in Europe and debates over migration, a vote was cast for the United Kingdom to withdraw from the European Union. The contentious issue went through many extensions and two Prime Ministers.
5. In the fall of 2019, a complaint by a whistleblower within the White House sparked this type of inquiry by the House of Representatives. After a series of public hearings led by the House Intelligence and Judiciary Committees, two articles of this inquiry were brought against President Donald Trump: abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. On December 18, the House voted to pass both articles. After a trial on February 5, 2020, the Senate voted to acquit President Trump on both charges.



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Disasters and Violence

6. The deadliest natural disaster of the decade happened in the first month of 2010, when a magnitude 7.0 earthquake struck this location on the afternoon of January 12. Followed by dozens of powerful aftershocks, the quake hit hardest in the poorest country in the western hemisphere, killing an estimated 200,000 to 250,000 people and affecting some 3 million.
7. This decade has seen several of these types of storms hit the United States. Starting in 2012 with 'Sandy' which unleashed record-setting gales and storm surges in the Northeast, the storm killed more than 230 people and caused some \$70 billion in damages. In 2017, three of these occurred ("Harvey", "Irma", and "Maria") which struck Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico, respectively, over five devastating weeks. A year later, 'Michael' became the first Category 5 to hit the United States since 1992, causing more than 50 deaths and \$25 billion in damages on Florida's Gulf Coast. Some scientists have linked the increasing intensity – if not frequency – to climate change-related developments like rising sea levels and warmer oceans, raising the possibility that the next decade may hold more such mega-storms.
8. During the second decade following 9/11, this type of public disturbance occurred in the following places: the Boston Marathon; a music venue, cafes and restaurants in Paris, France; on London Bridge and a crowded Barcelona street; a nightclub in Orlando, Florida; and a Walmart in El Paso, Texas.

People and Culture

9. The decade saw key advances for people around the world, with the legalization of same-sex marriage in 18 countries, including Argentina, France, Great Britain, Australia, Ireland, Germany, and the United States (via Supreme Court's decision in Obergefell v. Hodges). Meanwhile anti-gay laws passed in both Russia and China, and there was an ongoing battle in the United States over laws preventing transgender people from using bathrooms matching their gender identity.
10. With Queen Elizabeth II in her seventh decade on the throne, a new generation made their mark in the 2010s. Prince William, Prince Charles's eldest son with Princess Diana, married Catherine Middleton in 2011, and by decade's end they had three children, including Prince George, now third in line to the throne behind his grandfather and father. In 2018, William's younger brother Prince Harry, wed the biracial, divorced American actress Meghan Markle in a ceremony watched by some 29.2 million TV viewers. Their son, Archie, was born the following year.
11. Though activist Tarana Burke first coined this phrase back in 2006, this movement exploded in late 2017, after a New York Times article exposed long-rumored accusations of sexual harassment and assault against influential Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein made by dozens of women, including many famous actresses. In the aftermath of these revelations, millions of people came forward to express solidarity with the accusers and shared their own experiences with sexual assault, harassment, and sexism in the workplace and beyond.

Sports

12. In 2016, the Chicago Cubs ended the longest drought in baseball by defeating the Cleveland Indians 8-7 in the 10th inning of Game 7 to win this event. Before this historic victory, the last time the Cubs won this event was in 1908, 108 years earlier. Cleveland, who had taken a 3-1 lead in the seven-game series before Chicago came back to win three in a row and took over the title of the longest drought among active baseball teams. Cleveland hasn't won a pennant since 1948.
13. This talented gymnast won four gold medals, including the individual all-around and team titles at the 2016 Olympics' in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, setting a U.S. record for most gold medals in women's gymnastics at a single Games. To close out the decade, this gymnast won five gold medals at the World Championships held in October 2019, bringing their total to 25 world medals and 19 gold medals.
14. This series of events takes place in one location to recognize athletes around the globe for their hard work and perseverance to compete for world titles. The events take place during two seasons alternating every two years. For the first time in history, this event was postponed for a reason other than a world war.

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Answer Key

1. Occupy Wall Street
2. Black Lives Matter
3. The United Nations
4. Brexit
5. Impeachment
6. Haiti
7. Hurricanes
8. Terrorist Attacks
9. LGBTQ+ Rights
10. British Royal Family
11. MeToo
12. The World Series
13. Simone Biles
14. The Olympic Games