

Christmas Trivia for Seniors

Christmas Songs

1. Who sang "White Christmas" in the 1942 film Holiday Inn?

2. Who wrote the song "White Christmas"?

3. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer was created in 1939 for a booklet from which department store?

4. Which singing cowboy's 1949 recording of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" became a No. 1 hit?

5. Who wrote the song "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"?

6. Who recorded "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" in 1958, at just 13 years old?

7. Who recorded "Jingle Bell Rock" in 1957?

8. Which singer included "Blue Christmas" on his 1957 Christmas album?

9. Who first sang "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" in the 1944 film Meet Me in St. Louis?

10. Which singer is famous for "The Christmas Song" (Merry Christmas to You)?

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Christmas Songs (continued)

11. Who sang the 1970 hit "Feliz Navidad"?

12. "Silent Night" was first performed in 1818 in which country?

13. "Jingle Bells" was first published in 1857 under what title?

14. Who composed the music for the ballet The Nutcracker?

15. In "The Twelve Days of Christmas," how many lords are a-leaping?

16. Which snowman song did Gene Autry record in 1950?

Christmas Movies and TV

17. Who played George Bailey in It's a Wonderful Life?

18. In what year was It's a Wonderful Life released?

19. In It's a Wonderful Life, what happens every time a bell rings?

20. Miracle on 34th Street (1947) is set around which department store?

21. In what year did A Charlie Brown Christmas first air on TV?

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Christmas Movies and TV (continued)

22. The TV classic How the Grinch Stole Christmas! began as a 1957 book by which author?
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23. Which two male stars led the 1954 film White Christmas?
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24. In A Christmas Story (1983), what does Ralphie want for Christmas?
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25. Which famous dancer co-starred with Bing Crosby in Holiday Inn (1942)?
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Christmas Books and Stories

26. Who wrote A Christmas Carol in 1843?
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27. What is Scrooge's first name?
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28. What was the name of Scrooge's late business partner?
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29. What is Tiny Tim's family name?
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30. What is the formal title of the poem known as "'Twas the Night Before Christmas"?
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31. How many reindeer pull Santa's sleigh in "A Visit from St. Nicholas"?
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Christmas Books and Stories (continued)

32. Which newspaper published "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" in 1897?
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Christmas History and Traditions

33. The poinsettia is named after Joel Roberts Poinsett. What job did he hold?
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34. The poinsettia is native to which country?
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35. In what year did Christmas become a U.S. federal holiday?
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36. Which president lit the first National Christmas Tree in 1923?
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37. In what year was the first official Rockefeller Center Christmas tree lighting?
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38. Which royal couple helped popularize the Christmas tree in Britain?
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39. Under which plant do people traditionally kiss at Christmas?
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40. The name "Santa Claus" comes from the Dutch name for which saint?
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Christmas History and Traditions (continued)

41. Which artist painted Coca-Cola's famous Santa Claus ads starting in 1931?

42. What is the French word for Christmas?

43. What is the Spanish word for Christmas?

Finish the Carol

44. "Deck the halls with boughs of ____"

45. "Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the ____"

46. "Joy to the world, the Lord is ____"

47. "Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is ____"

48. "O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, how lovely are thy ____"

49. "We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new ____"

50. "Away in a manger, no crib for a ____"

Christmas Trivia for Seniors — Answers

1. Bing Crosby
2. Irving Berlin
3. Montgomery Ward
4. Gene Autry
5. Johnny Marks
6. Brenda Lee
7. Bobby Helms
8. Elvis Presley
9. Judy Garland
10. Nat King Cole
11. José Feliciano
12. Austria
13. "One Horse Open Sleigh"
14. Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
15. Ten
16. "Frosty the Snowman"
17. James (Jimmy) Stewart
18. 1946
19. An angel gets his wings
20. Macy's
21. 1965
22. Dr. Seuss
23. Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye
24. A Red Ryder BB gun
25. Fred Astaire
26. Charles Dickens
27. Ebenezer
28. Jacob Marley
29. Cratchit
30. "A Visit from St. Nicholas"
31. Eight
32. The (New York) Sun
33. First U.S. minister to Mexico
34. Mexico (its native range extends into Guatemala)
35. 1870
36. Calvin Coolidge
37. 1933
38. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert
39. Mistletoe
40. Saint Nicholas (Sinterklaas)
41. Haddon Sundblom
42. Noël
43. Navidad
44. holly
45. way
46. come
47. bright
48. branches
49. year
50. bed