

Sinterklaas Quiz

- 1) Sinterklaas is based on what historical figure?
 - a) Pastor Klaas, a Protestant Minister
 - b) Saint Nicholas, a Greek Bishop
 - c) Pope Klaas, a Catholic Pope
 - d) Dr. Nicholas, a Dutch Physician

- 2) Which town/city did the historical Sinterklaas figure come from/serve in?
 - a) Myra
 - b) Amsterdam
 - c) Rome
 - d) Jerusalem

- 3) What years did the historical Sinterklaas live?
 - a) 270-343
 - b) 995-1068
 - c) 1342-1415
 - d) 1589-1662

- 4) Today in the Netherlands, Sinterklaas Dag is observed on what day?
 - a) The first Saturday after November 11
 - b) The first Saturday in December
 - c) December 6
 - d) December 25

- 5) Sinterklaas rides on a:
 - a) Black horse
 - b) White donkey
 - c) Roan donkey
 - d) White horse

- 6) Each year Sinterklaas and his mount arrives in the Netherlands:
 - a) On a train from Belgium
 - b) On a steamboat from Spain
 - c) On a ship from the Mediterranean
 - d) On a boat from Rome

- 7) Sinterklaas has a helper named:
 - a) Hans
 - b) Augustine
 - c) Piet
 - d) Johannes

- 8) On Sinterklaas Eve, children in the Netherlands set out their _____ by the fireplace.
- a) Stockings
 - b) Shoes
 - c) Baskets
 - d) Bowls
- 9) Consider your answer to question #8. What do children typically put in there on Sinterklaas Eve?
- a) Cookies and bars
 - b) Straw and potatoes
 - c) Sugar and tea
 - d) Hay and carrots
- 10) During the night, Sinterklaas and his helper will replace the items with gifts. Which of the following is **not** typically left as a gift?
- a) Mandarin oranges
 - b) Chocolate coins
 - c) Chocolate letters
 - d) Peppermints
 - e) Humorous Poems
- 11) According to legend, Sinterklaas helped out a poor farmer by giving him _____.
- a) Three bags of seeds for planting his and his neighbors' crops that year
 - b) Three small bags of gold so he could afford the dowry for his daughters
 - c) Three young milk cows so he could have milk, cream, and butter for his extended family
 - d) Three bushels of apples so his wife could bake pies for sale in the market
 - e) Three young sheep so he and his wife could have wool for the coming winter
 - f) All the above; he helped many poor farmers over his life
- 12) Sinterklaas is typically seen carrying which of the following items?
- a) A scepter
 - b) A wooden shoe
 - c) A scroll
 - d) A diadem
 - e) A shepherd's staff
 - f) A sack of silver