

Articles Used in This Week's Quiz: "Our History by The Numbers" (page 33); "A Power Outage On Capitol Hill" (page 36); "You Don't Know Bode" (pages 38-44); and "Real Life, No Police Chases" (page 74).

Quiz Answers

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_____ 1. According to Robert J. Samuelson, what do the numbers presented in "Historical Statistics of the United States" reveal?

- a. the bias of historians
- b. Americans' national character
- c. that history is objective
- d. the chronology of American history

_____ 2. Which of the following is NOT among the reasons Samuelson gives for studying history?

- a. History is interesting.
- b. History helps explain who we are.
- c. History makes us cast votes more intelligently.
- d. We may learn from the past.

_____ 3. What is Samuelson trying to prove by presenting data about presidential vetoes?

- a. that Franklin Roosevelt was the country's most popular president
- b. that statistics can tell us the truth about the past
- c. that statistics raise questions about the past
- d. that George W. Bush has vetoed more bills than any other president

_____ 4. Which of the following best describes Judge Samuel Alito?

- a. originalist
- b. liberal
- c. Democrat
- d. traditional conservative

_____ 5. What is the biggest issue the country faces, according to Newsweek's Jonathan Alter?

- a. how powerful the president should be
- b. whether Alito was part of a conservative group at Princeton
- c. how to define conservatism in the United States
- d. how many justices should be on the Supreme Court

_____ 6. Bode Miller says one reason he is going to the Olympics is because he _____.

- a. performed so badly in 2005
- b. wants to party in Italy
- c. wants to outshine his teammates
- d. has a lot of endorsement deals

_____ 7. What is Miller's position on performance-enhancing drugs?

- a. He believes most of them should be legalized.
- b. He admits that he uses them regularly.
- c. He admires people who compete while drunk.
- d. He has no stated position on the drugs.

_____ 8. What word does Miller use to describe his experience in the Salt Lake City Olympics?

- a. unfair
- b. predictable
- c. miracle
- d. disaster

_____ 9. Which of the following questions does Anna Quindlen find most interesting regarding the controversy about James Frey's book?

- a. Why did readers accept Frey's story so easily?
- b. Why did Frey inflate his story so much?
- c. Who cares about a few misstatements?
- d. Why didn't publishers check the facts?

_____ 10. How does Quindlen sum up Oprah Winfrey's point of view about the book?

- a. It is all important that books be well-researched.
- b. It doesn't matter if the book is accurate if it's inspiring.
- c. The book should never have been published.
- d. The book should not have been an Oprah book.

TRUE OR FALSE

_____ 11. According to "Historical Statistics of the United States," the United States has very little open space left.

_____ 12. Robert J. Samuelson says numerical data can help people confirm what they already know.

_____ 13. Samuel Alito believes in trying to understand what the country's founders meant when they wrote the Constitution.

_____ 14. Bode Miller says he is going to the Olympics to win.

_____ 15. Anna Quindlen says that James Frey's inaccuracies are just minor memory lapses.

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| _____ 16. caveat lector | a. thrown out the window |
| _____ 17. defenestrated | b. fantastic but vain hope |
| _____ 18. requisite | c. rigorous appraisal |
| _____ 19. pipe dream | d. warning to readers |
| _____ 20. gestation | e. pregnancy |
| | f. necessary |
| | g. dispensable |