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Answer: 1920s. *Time* began in 1923. Henry Luce and Briton Hadden started the magazine. It was the first weekly news magazine in the U.S.

2. What businessman founded the computer software company Microsoft at the age of 19?

Answer: Bill Gates. He dropped out of Harvard to pursue his dream of starting a computer company. Gates is consistently ranked as one of the wealthiest people in the world.

3. What German composer wrote the Brandenburg Concertos?

Answer: Johann Sebastian Bach. There were six concertos. According to many sources, the musical pieces are considered the best of the baroque era.

4. What game uses a black vulcanized rubber disk that is one inch thick and three inches in diameter?

Answer: Ice hockey. The winter sport is very popular in the U.S. and Canada. It is called "the fastest game on Earth" because of the game's quick pace.

5. What team did Ted Williams play for during his 22-year baseball career?

Answer: The Boston Red Sox. The "Splendid Splinter" served in both World War II and the Korean War. He won many batting titles during his baseball career and currently holds the record for the highest career batting average. He also hit more than 500 home runs during his career.

6. Which is the highest: Niagara Falls or Angel Falls in Venezuela?

Answer: Angel Falls in Venezuela. The falls, which are located in southeastern Venezuela, are 3,212 feet. They are the world's tallest. Niagara Falls on the U.S. side is only 167 feet high.

7. What is the fruit of an oak called?

Answer: Acorn. Acorns are an important food source for many animals. However, they can be harmful to some animals, such as horses and dogs, if a large amount is consumed.

8. What planet in our solar system has the most moons?

Answer: Saturn. Titan is the largest of Saturn's 140 moons.

9. Alphabetically, what country falls between Iraq and Israel?

Answer: Ireland. Ireland is the third-largest island in Europe. Iceland is the second largest, and Great Britain is the largest.

10. What plant was used in ancient Egypt as a writing material?

Answer: Papyrus. It was used so much throughout Egypt that its hieroglyph was the symbol for Lower Egypt.

11. What bay in eastern Canada is famous for its tidal bores?

Answer: Bay of Fundy. It is located on the Atlantic coast of Canada. A small portion of the bay touches the U.S. state of Maine.

12. What actress stars as Julie Marsden in the classic film *Jezebel*?

Answer: Bette Davis. She earned her second Academy Award for Best Actress for the role.

13. Who wrote the classic novel *Wuthering Heights*?

Answer: Emily Brontë. It was her first and only novel, as she died soon after it was published at the age of 30.

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Answer: 16. XVI is the value expressed in Roman numerals.

15. What "Take Me Home, Country Roads" singer shares his last name with a city in Colorado?

Answer: John Denver. John Denver lived in Colorado (Aspen) for much of his life. He died in a small aircraft crash in 1997.

16. What city in Italy has the largest population?

Answer: Rome. According to many sources, the capital of Italy has a population of more than 2.7 million.

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Answer: Gale. Wind speed is measured with the Beaufort scale. Forecasters will issue gale warnings when winds of this intensity are expected.