

The 1900 Challenge

Test your knowledge of everyday life at the turn of the century

- 1. Which of the following was not available in 1900?**
 - A. Coca Cola
 - B. Dr. Pepper
 - C. Gum
 - D. Solid Chocolate Bars
 - E. Cornflakes
- 2. What medical products were state-of-the-art at the turn of the century?**
 - A. Rubber surgical gloves
 - B. Leeches
 - C. Tonics such as Pal-Pinto Water
 - D. Q-Tips
 - E. Band-Aids
- 3. What was a common punishment for boys caught skinny-dipping at Galveston beach?**
 - A. Getting their mouths washed out with soap
 - B. A whipping
 - C. Policemen carried off their clothes
- 4. What toys were popular at Christmas time?**
 - A. Roller skates
 - B. Wooden tops
 - C. Teddy Bears
 - D. Crayons
 - E. Bicycles
- 5. Which Jello flavor was not available in 1900?**
 - A. Raspberry
 - B. Orange
 - C. Cherry
 - D. Lemon
 - E. Strawberry
- 6. What product was available in the summer of 1900?**
 - A. Crossword puzzle
 - B. Spiral-bound notebooks
 - C. The Brownie camera
 - D. Zipper
- 7. Who were the Houston "Mud Cats"?**
 - A. A labor union of railroad workers
 - B. A baseball team
 - C. A colony of feral cats that prowled the ship channel area
- 8. Which amusement park ride was invented first?**
 - A. The roller coaster
 - B. The Ferris Wheel
- 9. Which of these products was invented first?**
 - A. Paper drinking straws
 - B. Barbed wire
 - C. Toilet paper
 - D. Singer sewing machine

Historical trivia quiz compiled by Julie Lake, author of *Galveston's Summer of the Storm*, an historical children's novel that chronicles the Galveston hurricane of 1900.