

**Franklin Township Elementary School
Knowledge-A-Thon
4th Grade Questions**

1. What plant is the most common cause of hay fever? **Ragweed**
2. What is the water-filled ditch around a castle called? **A moat**
3. What do you call a person who studies people and things of the past? **Archeologist**
4. What is Old Man River? **The Mississippi River**
5. What state is known as the Aloha State? **Hawaii**
6. From what country does the legend of Leprechauns come? **Ireland**
7. If you are facing North, what direction is behind you? **South**
8. What do you call the time of day when darkness is just setting? **Dusk**
9. Which is the highest, coldest, windiest, loneliest continent in the entire world? **Antarctica**
10. What are Poplar, Sugar Maple, White Birch, Weeping Willow, and Dogwood kinds of? **Trees**
11. When you hear the terms “love, ace, and fault,” what game is being played? **Tennis**
12. What is a music conservatory? **A school that teaches music**
13. Name the pirate in Robert Louis Stevenson’s Treasure Island. **Long John Silver**
14. What is it called when you have a path that allows electricity to flow? **Closed circuit**
15. Shakespeare wrote in *Romeo and Juliet* that “parting is such sweet _____.” **Sorrow**
16. In the old folk song, who is the King of the Wild Frontier? **Davy Crockett**
17. In what country in North America do people have a siesta? **Mexico**
18. Where is the Great Barrier Reef? **Australia**
19. Which signers of the Constitution have been president of the United States? **Madison and Washington**
20. What is an electrical conductor? Give an example. **Something that allows the flow of electricity. Example – metal, such as copper or aluminum**
21. Name the animal whose foot covers the most ground. **Elephant**

22. Which monster is said to be living in a Scottish lake? **Loch Ness Monster**
23. What does a seismologist study? **Earthquakes**
24. What does a camel store in its hump? **Fat**
25. What land mammal has the largest mouth? **Hippopotamus**
26. How long is a National Football League field, including the end zones? **120 Yards**
27. What element combines with hydrogen to make water? **Oxygen**
28. What waves can transmit telephone calls and cook food? **Microwaves**
29. For what kind of literature is Robert Frost famous? **Poetry**
30. Name the chemical that broadleaf trees stop making in autumn that causes their leaves to change color. **Chlorophyll**
31. How many sides does a pentagon have? **5**
32. What bird lays the largest egg? **Ostrich**
33. What is believed to be created when a star burns out? **A black hole**
34. How long is a U.S. Senator's term of office? **6 years**
35. Name the railroad that was the first to cross the United States. **Union Pacific**
36. Name the four major landforms. **Plains, hills, mountains, and plateaus**
37. What is one of the oldest substances used for drawing? **Charcoal**
38. What state has given us the most U.S. presidents? **Virginia**
39. Who made George Washington's false teeth? **Paul Revere**
40. What was the name given to Northerners who traveled south to seek new fortunes after the Civil War? **Carpetbaggers**
41. What song is sung more often than any other song in the world? **"Happy Birthday to You"**
42. How many years are in a score? **20 years**
43. The Mason-Dixon line divides which two states? **Pennsylvania and Maryland**
44. Who was the founder of Pennsylvania? **William Penn**

45. What is a group of lions called? **Pride** Fish? **School** Cattle? **Herd**
46. What is a baby whale called? **Calf**
47. What five-letter word describes something that is an exact copy of the original? **Clone**
48. Name three kinds of genre. **Historical fiction, realistic fiction, fantasy, mystery, non-fiction, biography, auto biography**
49. What is added to the beginning of a base word? **Prefix**
50. What is added to the end of a base word? **Suffix**
51. What is our National Anthem and who wrote it? **Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key**
52. Where are the only two places that dogs have sweat glands? **Tongue and paws**
53. Who carried a sword named Excalibur? **King Arthur**
54. What is the lowest point by elevation in the United States? **Death Valley, California**
55. Glass is made up mostly of what? **Sand**
56. A hurricane in the far east is called a _____. **Typhoon**
57. Name the seven (7) continents of the world. **North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and Antarctica**
58. Name the five (5) oceans of the world. **Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern, Arctic**
59. What city is known as the City of Brotherly Love? **Philadelphia**
60. What Revolutionary War leader said this: "I know not course what others may take. But as for me, give me liberty or give me death"? **Patrick Henry**
61. Who was the only president of the United States that was from Pennsylvania? **James Buchanan**
62. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence? **Thomas Jefferson**
63. Name the three (3) branches of the U.S. government. **Executive, legislative, and judicial**
64. What type of fencing ended the open range of the American West? **Barbed wire**
65. How many justices are on the U.S. Supreme Court? **Nine (9)**
66. In which county do you live? **Adams**

67. Name the two Major League baseball teams from Pennsylvania. **Philadelphia Phillies and Pittsburgh Pirates**
68. What three rivers meet in Pittsburgh? **Allegheny, Ohio, Monongahela**
69. What is the name of the paragraph at the beginning of the Constitution of the United States which states its purpose? **The Preamble**
70. In which state were 60% of the Civil War battles fought? **Virginia**
71. What happened on July 4, 1776? **The United States declared its independence from England.**
72. How many permanent teeth does the average adult have? **32**
73. Which U.S. war was called the Blue vs. Gray? **The Civil War**
74. Where was the first shot of the Civil War fired? **Fort Sumter, South Carolina**
75. Name two (2) kinds of figurative language. **Similes, metaphors, alliteration, onomatopoeia, idiom**
76. Who invented the cotton gin, a machine which helped the cotton industry prosper? **Eli Whitney**
77. Who was Clara Barton? **She founded the American Red Cross**
78. What was the document passed by Lincoln stating that all blacks were to be free? **Emancipation Proclamation**
79. What sailing instrument was used by early explorers? **The compass**
80. Who was the first person to circumnavigate the world? **Ferdinand Magellan**
81. What was the only war in which U.S. citizens fought against one another? **The Civil War**
82. How many counties are in Pennsylvania? **67**
83. How many consecutive terms can a president of the United States serve? **2**
84. Who was known as “Moses” on the Freedom Train? **Harriet Tubman**
85. What was the Freedom Train? **A network of safe houses for runaway slaves as they made their way north to freedom**
86. Which U.S. president is best remembered for freeing slaves? **Abraham Lincoln**
87. Name the six major bone groups. **Skull, spine, ribcage, arms, legs, pelvis**
88. What was the first permanent English settlement in the New World? **Jamestown**

89. What is the name of the huge bell in Philadelphia? **The Liberty Bell**
90. What year did Christopher Columbus discover America? **1492**
91. What is Pennsylvania's state bird? **Ruffed grouse**
92. What is Pennsylvania's state animal? **White-tailed deer**
93. What is Pennsylvania's state tree? **Hemlock**
94. What is Pennsylvania's insect? **Firefly**
95. What is personification? **Giving an inhuman object human characteristics**
96. What do you call an animal that eats nothing but meat? **Carnivore**
97. Did the "Redcoats" fight in the British army or the American army? **British**
98. Name two (2) three-dimensional figures. **Cube, sphere, rectangular prism, pyramid**
99. What kind of graph gives information using pictures? **Pictograph**
100. Recite the following portion of the Gettysburg Address:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. That we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain – that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.