

March IQ

Test your March IQ to see if you're ready for spring.

- Which March event occurred last in history?
 - "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the national anthem.
 - Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points in a single game.
 - Mickey Mantle retired from baseball.
 - Puerto Ricans became U.S. citizens.
 - True or false? March used to be the first month of the year.
 - Which is **NOT** considered one of the symbolic meanings of March's birth flower the daffodil?
 - New beginnings
 - Good luck
 - Prosperity
 - Royalty
 - What sport does March Madness center around?
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- Robert Frost was born on March 26, 1874. Which of the following is **NOT** one of his poems?
 - "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening"
 - "O Captain! My Captain!"
 - "The Road Not Taken"
 - "Nothing Gold Can Stay"
 - True or false? One of March's birthstones gets its name from the Latin word *aqua*, meaning "water," and *marina*, meaning "the sea."
 - Christopher Walken was born on March 31, 1943. For what movie did he win the Academy Award for Best Actor in a Supporting Role?
 - The Deer Hunter*
 - Seven Psychopaths*
 - Pulp Fiction*
 - A View to a Kill*



8. Born on March 31, 1929, who was the first woman to found a company that made it onto the Fortune 500 list?
- A. Estée Lauder
 - B. Coco Chanel
 - C. Mary Kay Ash
 - D. Liz Claiborne
9. On March 6, 1981, Walter Cronkite signed off with his trademark phrase, "And that's the way it is," for the last time. What news show was he leaving?
- A. *Meet the Press*
 - B. *NBC Nightly News*
 - C. *ABC World News Tonight*
 - D. *CBS Evening News*
10. Born on March 25, 1942, what singer is known as the Queen of Soul and famously sang the songs "Respect" and "You Make Me Feel Like a Natural Woman"?
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11. True or false? March's zodiac sign Aries is represented by two fish.
12. Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen was born on March 20, 1828. Which of the following plays was **NOT** written by him?
- A. *Peer Gynt*
 - B. *Miss Julie*
 - C. *A Doll's House*
 - D. *Hedda Gabler*
13. What big Francis Ford Coppola film opened on March 15, 1972?
- A. *Apocalypse Now*
 - B. *The Godfather*
 - C. *Finian's Rainbow*
 - D. *The Outsiders*
14. What couple was convicted of espionage on March 29, 1951?
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15. True or false? March gets its name from the ancient Greek god of war named Mars.

Answers

1. (C) Mickey Mantle retired from baseball on March 1, 1969. Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points in a single game on March 2, 1962. "The Star-Spangled Banner" officially became the national anthem on March 3, 1931. Puerto Ricans became U.S. citizens on March 2, 1917.
2. True. When the Roman king Numa Pompilius revised the Roman calendar, he made January the first month.
3. (D) Royalty. Daffodils are typically white, orange, or pale yellow blooms.
4. Basketball. The first NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament was played in 1939 and had only eight teams. Today, the event includes 68 teams.
5. (B) "O Captain! My Captain!" was written by Walt Whitman.
6. True. The birthstone is aquamarine.
7. (A) *The Deer Hunter*. **Fun fact:** In 1959, he began his professional career using the name Ronnie Walken.
8. (D) Liz Claiborne. The company made the list in 1986, and Claiborne was elected chairman of the board and CEO of the company the following year.
9. (D) *CBS Evening News*. He had worked on the show for 19 years and established himself as "the most trusted man in America." Dan Rather replaced Cronkite and went on to anchor the *CBS Evening News* even longer—a whopping 24 years.
10. Aretha Franklin. In 1987, she became the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.
11. False. March's zodiac sign Pisces runs from February 19 to March 20 and is represented by two fish. March's zodiac sign Aries is represented by a ram and runs from March 21 to April 19.
12. (B) *Miss Julie*. *Miss Julie* was written by August Strindberg.
13. (B) *The Godfather*. For his work on *The Godfather* trilogy series, Coppola won four of the seven Oscars for which he was nominated.
14. Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. Both President Harry Truman and President Dwight Eisenhower denied their requests for clemency, and the Rosenbergs were executed in June 1953.
15. False. Mars was the ancient Roman god of war, not Greek.