

News Quiz of The Week - Jan. 6, 2023

1. Pope Benedict XVI was the first pope in 600 years to do what?

- To resign.
- To live outside the papal apartments.
- To be from the Americas.
- To be from outside Europe.

2. Who was known in Brazil as "O Rei" or "The King"?

- Pelé.
- Paulo Coelho.
- Neymar.
- Lula da Silva.

3. What was one of the most famous questions that Barbara Walters asked President Jimmy Carter during her interview?

- "What is your favorite color?"
- "If you could have dinner with any three people, who would they be?"
- "Do you and your wife sleep separately?"
- "What is your biggest fear?"

4. According to his tax returns, how many countries did Ex-President Trump have accounts in until 2018?

- None.
- 7.
- 5.
- 3.

5. What was one of the companies Trump reported owning in 2020?

- The Boring Company.
- Smart investments.
- Unreimbursed expenses.
- Golf All Day LLC.

6. Who is the first Black politician to lead a party in the US Congress?

- Kevin McCarthy.
- Hakeem Jeffries.
- James Enos Clyburn.
- Pete Aguilar.

7. Before adopting the euro on Jan. 1, 2023, what was Croatia's currency?

- Dinar.
- Forint.
- Koruna.
- Kuna.

8. What's the title of Prince Harry's 2023 memoir?

- Spare.
- Reserve.
- Fallback.
- Inessential.

9. Which 1970s group sang "I'm So Excited"?

- Sister Sledge.
- The Pointer Sisters.
- Chic.
- The Weather Girls.

10. Which singer WASN'T in Rolling Stone's 2023 Greatest Singers list?

- Lana Del Rey.
- Mariah Carey.
- Whitney Houston.
- Celine Dion.

11. What's unusual about Netflix's Kaleidoscope?

- Each character speaks a different language.
- It's interactive.
- Its episodes are randomized.
- An AI conceived it

ANSWERS

1. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI was the first pope in 600 years to do what?

- **To resign.**

Nine years after resigning for the first time in 600 years, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI passed away on Dec. 31, 2022. Benedict resigned on Feb. 11, 2013, saying he was “lacking the strength of mind and body” because of his advanced age. His resignation was the first by a pope since Gregory XII in 1415 and the first on the pope’s initiative since Celestine V in 1294.

2. Who was known in Brazil as “O Rei” or “The King”?

- **Pelé.**

Known in Brazil as “O Rei” or “The King,” legendary professional footballer Edson Arantes do Nascimento, AKA Pelé, died on Dec. 29, 2022, at 82, following a battle with colon cancer.

3. What was one of the most famous questions that Barbara Walters asked President Jimmy Carter during her interview?

- **"Do you and your wife sleep separately?"**

Walters was known for asking intimate questions during her interviews, including asking President Jimmy Carter if he and his wife slept separately. The first female co-host of “Today” and first female anchor of a network evening news program, Walters died at her Manhattan home on Dec. 30, 2022. She was 93.

4. According to his tax returns, how many foreign countries did Ex-US President Trump have accounts in until 2018?

- **7.**

The House of Representatives released Donald Trump's tax returns on Dec. 30, 2022. The thousands of financial documents became the subject of a lengthy legal battle after Trump broke a precedent by not releasing his tax returns while running for president. According to his tax returns, Trump had accounts in China, the United Kingdom, southern Ireland, and the Caribbean island nation of St. Martin. As of 2017, Trump earned \$55 million from countries such as Azerbaijan, India, Indonesia, Panama, the Philippines, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates. By 2018, he had closed all his overseas accounts except the one in the UK.

5. What was one of the companies Trump reported owning in 2020 called?

- **Unreimbursed expenses.**

One of the 150 companies Trump reported in 2020 was called "Unreimbursed expenses." This company claimed losses of \$438,000 through gift card redemptions, and the Joint Committee on Taxation called on the IRS to investigate.

6. Who is the first Black politician to lead either party in the US Congress?

- **Hakeem Jeffries.**

The House Democrats formally elected Representative Hakeem Jeffries of New York to be their leader on Jan. 3, 2023, uniting around the liberal lawyer to fight a Republican majority. At 52, Jeffries leads a generational shift for House Democrats after two decades under Nancy Pelosi. He's the first black politician to lead either party in Congress. In the first rounds of voting for speaker, Jeffries got more support than the main Republican candidate, Representative Kevin McCarthy of California – but not enough to win.

7. Before adopting the euro on Jan. 1, 2023, what was Croatia's currency?

- **Kuna.**

On January 1, 2023, Croatia joined the eurozone as the 20th member state. Croatia's previous currency, the kuna, had used the euro (and, before that, the German mark) as its main reference since 1994. The dinar was the currency of Croatia between Dec. 1991 and May 1994.

8. What's the title of Prince Harry's 2023 memoir?

- **Spare.**

Prince Harry's 2023 memoir, *Spare*, is expected to reveal details about disagreements with his brother Prince William. "A landmark publication full of insight, revelation, self-examination, and hard-won wisdom about how love overrides grief," Penguin Random House has called the ex-royal's autobiography, released on Jan. 10, 2023.

9. Which 1970s group sang "I'm So Excited"?

- **The Pointer Sisters.**

Anita Pointer, one of four siblings who won Grammys and critical acclaim as The Pointer Sisters, died at 74 on Dec. 31, 2022. Her publicist didn't give a cause of death. Between 1973 and 1985, the group had 13 hit songs on the US top 20, won three Grammys, and recorded hit songs like "I'm So Excited." The Pointer Sisters performed in different lineups, including younger family members, through 1993.

10. Which of these singers was NOT in Rolling Stone's 2023 200 Greatest Singers of All Time list?

- **Celine Dion.**

Aretha Franklin topped Rolling Stone's 200 Greatest Singers of All Time list, published on Jan. 1, 2023. Followed by Whitney Houston (no. 2) and Sam Cooke (no. 3), the list rounds up its top five singers with Billie Holiday (no. 4) and Mariah Carey (no. 5). While Lana Del Rey (no. 175) and many other international stars made it to the chart, Canadian superstar Celine Dion is not on the magazine's updated list.

11. What's unusual about Netflix's Kaleidoscope?

- **Its episodes are randomized.**

"Kaleidoscope" premiered on Jan. 1, 2023, on Netflix. The eight-part robbery drama stars Giancarlo Esposito (of Breaking Bad fame). Each Netflix viewer sees the story in a slightly different order, and each of the eight episodes corresponds with a distinct color – red, orange, white, etc. – instead of a number (but the same finale, "White").

Sources

The facts on the Jan. 6 News Quiz of the Week are crosschecked with the world's finest news outlets, research centers, and NGOs. The following articles inspired this week's news quiz. Consider it as our weekend reading recommendations.

- [Lord, I love you: Aide recounts Benedict's last words \(AP News\)](#)
- [The 'King' and the Queen: Bewitched by Pele, Elizabeth II made him a Knight \(Reuters\)](#)
- [Who Is Hakeem Jeffries? The Democratic Nominee for House Speaker \(nytimes.com\)](#)
- [Trump tax returns: key takeaways from the records' release \(The Guardian\)](#)
- [EU member Croatia joins the eurozone \(DW\)](#)
- [Anita Pointer, a founder of the Pointer Sisters, dead at age 74 \(The Washington Post\)](#)
- [Barbara Walters, a First Among TV Newswomen, Is Dead at 93 \(nytimes.com\)](#)
- [200 Best Singers of All Time \(Rolling Stone\)](#)
- [Prince Harry: 'I want my father and brother back' \(BBC News\)](#)
- ['Kaleidoscope' review: Giancarlo Esposito stars in a bland heist story with a you-pick-the-order gimmick \(CNN\)](#)