

May 12, 2023, NEWS QUIZ

1. What else did King Charles III swear to do besides being a “faithful Protestant”?

- ☐ To serve the people.
- ☐ To be served by the people.
- ☐ To be faithful to his wife, Camilla.

2. What did the jury rule in the E. Jean Carroll Vs. Donald Trump assault trial’?

- ☐ Sexual abuse and defamation.
- ☐ Fraud and conspiracy.
- ☐ Nothing. Trump was acquitted.

3. Which of these is actually true about George Santos?

- ☐ He is a proud American Jew who fled persecution in Ukraine and Belgium.
- ☐ He was accused of using stolen checks to buy clothes in Brazil at 19.
- ☐ He donated \$750,000 of his own money to his campaign.

4. Piers Morgan was the editor of which British newspaper?

- ☐ The Daily Mail.
- ☐ The Daily Planet.
- ☐ The Daily Mirror.

5. Where is Tucker Carlson planning his next show?

- ☐ Twitter.
- ☐ Newsmax.
- ☐ NBC.

6. Who was J. Robert Oppenheimer?

- ☐ The author of "American Prometheus" and the "father of the Pulitzer Prize."
- ☐ The inventor of the hydrogen bomb and the "father of the nuclear age."
- ☐ The director of the Los Alamos Laboratory and the "father of the atomic bomb."

7. What is Egypt’s beef with Netflix’s 2023 Cleopatra?

- ☐ Netflix portrays Cleopatra as a man.
- ☐ Netflix portrays Cleopatra as an alien.
- ☐ Netflix portrays Cleopatra as Black.

8. Which evil overlord inspired this genus of butterflies?

- ☐ Voldemort.
- ☐ Sauron.
- ☐ Putin.



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9. Who authored “The Making of Another Major Motion Picture Masterpiece”?

- ☐ Tom Cruise.
- ☐ Tom Hanks.
- ☐ Tom Clancy.

10. Which Liverpool band made a brief comeback at the Eurovision opening concert 36 years after their last gig?

- ☐ The remaining Beatles.
- ☐ Atomic Kitten.
- ☐ Frankie goes to Hollywood.

11. Who was the star of the original 1988 ghost comedy Beetlejuice, which gets a sequel in 2024 after 36 years?

- ☐ Michael Keaton.
- ☐ Johnny Depp.
- ☐ Jim Carrey.

12. How many children does Robert De Niro have as of May 2023?

- ☐ Three.
- ☐ Six.
- ☐ Seven.

ANSWERS

1. What else did King Charles III swear to do besides being a “faithful Protestant” during his coronation?

- To serve the people.

The coronation occurred on Saturday, [May 6, 2023, at Westminster Abbey](#). King Charles III solemnly swore to be a faithful Protestant and serve the people, [not to be served by them](#). He did not vow about his personal life, environmental causes, or political reforms. **Fun fact:** Prince Harry flew in from California for the coronation and [stayed 28 hours](#). He [missed the balcony appearance at Buckingham Palace](#) and raced to the airport in his [Dior coronation suit and medals](#).

2. Writer E. Jean Carroll alleged in her 2019 memoir that Donald Trump sexually assaulted her in 1996. Trump responded by calling her a ‘nut job.’ What did the jury rule?

- Sexual abuse and defamation.

E. Jean Carroll alleged in her 2019 memoir that [Donald Trump raped her in a Bergdorf Goodman store](#) in New York City in 1996. Trump denied the allegation and [called her a “nut job.”](#) Carroll sued for defamation and battery [under a New York law that allowed her to file a civil lawsuit despite the expired statute of limitations](#). The trial began on April 24, 2023, and lasted three weeks. On May 9, 2023, the [jury found Trump liable for sexual abuse and defamation](#) but not rape. They awarded Carroll [\\$5 million in damages](#): \$2 million for sexual abuse, \$1 million for defamation, and \$2 million in punitive damages.

3. Which of these is actually true about US Rep. George Santos?

- He was accused of using stolen checks to buy clothes in Brazil at 19.

According to records uncovered by The New York Times, [Santos was the subject of a criminal investigation in Brazil in 2008](#). This was over allegations he used stolen checks to buy items at a clothing shop in Niteroi, near Rio de Janeiro. Brazilian authorities have [reopened the case](#). On May 9, 2023, [Santos was charged with 13 federal criminal offenses by the Justice Department](#) in the Eastern District of New York. The other options are all lies Santos told about himself: He is not Jewish, he never worked at Citigroup or Goldman Sachs, and he did not loan his campaign \$750,000 from his own company.

4. Piers Morgan was the editor of which famous British newspaper?

- The Daily Mirror.

Piers Morgan was the editor of the Daily Mirror from 1995 to 2004, when [he was fired for publishing fake photos of Iraqi prisoner abuse](#). He now [faces allegations of phone hacking](#) at the Mirror in a high court trial that began on May 10, 2023. The trial was [brought by Prince Harry and other celebrities](#) who claimed the newspaper violated their privacy. Morgan has [denied any knowledge of phone hacking or illegal activity at the newspaper](#). He said he had never hacked a phone or told anyone to do so.

5. Where is Tucker Carlson planning his next show?

- Twitter.

Tucker Carlson said he would bring [a revised version of his show to Twitter](#) after being fired by Fox News in April 2023. [He announced it on May 9, 2023](#), in a Twitter video praising the social platform for free speech. He also received a cool welcome from Elon Musk, Twitter's owner, who [clarified he hadn't signed any deal with Carlson](#).

6. Who was J. Robert Oppenheimer?

- The director of the Los Alamos Laboratory and the "father of the atomic bomb."

J. Robert Oppenheimer was an American physicist who [led the Manhattan Project](#), which produced the first nuclear weapons during World War II. He oversaw [the design and testing of atomic bombs](#) at Los Alamos, New Mexico, and is often credited as the ["father of the atomic bomb."](#) Oppenheimer's legacy is now explored in a [biographical film by Christopher Nolan](#). The film is based on the 2005 Pulitzer-winning book ["American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer."](#) [Cillian Murphy stars as Oppenheimer alongside Matt Damon](#). "Oppenheimer" [opens in theaters on July 21, 2023](#).

7. What is Egypt's beef with Netflix's 2023 Cleopatra?

- Netflix cast a Black actress to play the ancient Egyptian queen.

Egyptian officials have complained that Netflix's docudrama series "African Queens: Queen Cleopatra," which depicts Cleopatra as a Black woman played by British actress Adele James, erases Egyptian identity and falsifies history. They argue that Cleopatra was of Greek origin and had light skin and Hellenistic features, as confirmed by statues and coins. A lawyer named Mahmoud El-Semiry has filed a lawsuit against Netflix and demanded its ban in Egypt. State-owned broadcaster Al Wathaeqya has announced plans to produce its own documentary about Cleopatra's true story. **Fun fact:** Gal Gadot's Cleopatra is still in pre-production limbo. The film's announcement has faced backlash from Egyptians who accused it of whitewashing, as Gadot is of Israeli and European descent. Gadot defended her casting by saying Cleopatra was Macedonian.

8. Which evil overlord inspired this genus of butterflies with fiery eyes on their wings?

- Sauron, the dark Lord from Lord of the Rings.

Sauron is the main antagonist of J.R.R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings fantasy series, looking to conquer Middle earth with his army of orcs and all-seeing eye. A team of scientists named an entire group of butterflies after him in a paper published in May 2023 because of the black rings on their orange hindwings, resembling Sauron's eye. Sauron butterflies belong to a group called Euptychiina in the southwest Amazon rainforest. **Fun Fact:** Sauron is not the only Lord of the Rings character to inspire species names; others include Gandalf, Gollum, and Bilbo. Sauron is also the name of a dung beetle, a frog, a dinosaur, and a galaxy.

9. Who is the author of the novel "The Making of Another Major Motion Picture Masterpiece"?

- Tom Hanks.

Academy Award-winning actor and aspiring best-selling author Tom Hanks published his first novel, "The Making of Another Major Motion Picture Masterpiece," on May 9, 2023. The novel details the creation of a Marvel-style superhero movie. The book also pays tribute to the workers behind Hollywood's scenes and captures the changes in America and American culture since 1947.

10. Which Liverpool band made a brief comeback at the Eurovision opening concert in 2023, 36 years after their last gig?

- Frankie goes to Hollywood.

Frankie Goes to Hollywood, famous for their gay anthems and “Frankie Says Relax” T-shirts, reunited for the first time since 1987. The band members are now in their 60s, and some fans were puzzled by their brief performance. They played only one song, Welcome to the Pleasuredome, to a crowd of 25,000 Eurovision fans [in their home city of Liverpool on May 7, 2023](#). **Fun Fact:** The Eurovision 2023 opening concert’s lineup also featured artists like 90s sensation Atomic Kitten, Eurovision winner Conchita Wurst, Jamala, and the Lightning Seeds.

11. Who was the star of the original 1988 ghost comedy Beetlejuice, which gets a sequel in 2024 after 36 years?

- Michael Keaton.

[Michael Keaton played the titular role of Beetlejuice](#), a mischievous and foul-mouthed spirit who helps a couple of nerdy ghosts (Geena Davis and Alec Baldwin) scare away the new owners of their house. The film was directed by Tim Burton and [featured Winona Ryder as the goth daughter of the new family](#). [Keaton, Burton, and Ryder return for the sequel](#), which started production in London on May 10, 2023. The sequel will also star [Jenna Ortega \(Wednesday\) as Ryder’s daughter and Justin Theroux](#). Beetlejuice 2 is set to hit theaters on Sept. 6, 2024, 36 years after the original.

12. How many children does Robert De Niro have as of May 2023?

- Seven.

In [an interview with ET Canada on May 9, 2023](#), Robert De Niro [revealed that he had just welcomed his seventh child at 79](#). The baby’s mother is reportedly martial arts instructor Tiffany Chen, [35 years younger than De Niro](#). [De Niro has six other children from previous relationships](#): Drena, 51, and Raphael, 46, with first wife Diahanne Abbott; Aaron and Julian, 27, with ex-girlfriend Toukie Smith; and Elliot, 25, and Helen, 11, with ex-wife Grace Hightower. De Niro is [promoting his 20th movie in ten years](#), “About My Father,” which opens on May 26.