

Nov. 24 News Quiz

1. When Was Joe Biden Born?

- 1933 – Amid the Great Depression.
- 1942 – Just before the release of "Casablanca."
- 1950 – When the first credit card was introduced.

2. In the Israel-Hamas Truce of Nov. 2023, Which Country Played the Role of Mediator to Broker A 4-Day Ceasefire?

- The US – The #1 most trusted superpower.
- Switzerland – Because who doesn't love neutrality?
- Qatar – Known for more than just its love for soccer.

3. Why Was Susan Sarandon Dropped from Her Talent Agency In 2023?

- For choosing a professional wrestling career.
- For controversial remarks at pro-Palestinian rallies.
- For deliberately mixing up her script lines at an award show.

4. Which of These Happened When Elon Musk Tweeted that He Agreed Jewish People "Hate White People"?

- Twitter/X's stock price skyrocketed.
- Several major companies have paused their Twitter/X advertising.
- Musk was invited to host a FOX News show about social media.

5. Where Is Sam Altman, The Ousted CEO Of OpenAI, Setting Up Office?

- He swiftly returned to OpenAI.
- Leading Microsoft's advanced AI research team.
- Overseeing Google's chatbot, Bard.

6. Whose Iconic Hat Sold for A Record-Breaking €1.932 Million In A High-Profile Auction?

- Napoleon Bonaparte
- Abraham Lincoln
- Indiana Jones



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7. Where Did Napoleon Bonaparte Meet His End?

- On Normandy's beaches.
- In Paris.
- On the island of Saint Helena.

8. Before being elected as Argentina's President, What Was Javier Milei Famous For?

- A Professional Soccer Player
- A Professional Wrestler
- An Economic Pundit on TV

9. Who Holds the Record for The Longest-Serving Leader in Netherlands History?

- Mark Rutte
- Frans Timmermans
- Johan Cruyff

10. When Was Rosalynn Carter Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for Her Trailblazing Mental Health Advocacy?

- In 1977, by her husband.
- In 1988, by Ronald Reagan.
- In 1999, by Bill Clinton.

11. According to A Resurfaced Banksy Interview, What Is His Real First Name?

- Robert
- Robbie
- Robin

ANSWERS

1. When Was Joe Biden Born?

- 1942 - Just before the release of "Casablanca."

[Joe Biden was born on Nov. 20, 1942](#), just days before [the classic film "Casablanca" premiered](#). Biden, stepping onto the world stage in Scranton, Pennsylvania, became [the oldest President of the United States](#). He celebrated his 81st birthday with the [traditional Thanksgiving turkey pardon](#).

2. In the Israel-Hamas Truce Saga of Nov. 2023, Which Country Played the Role of Mediator to Broker A 4-Day Ceasefire?

- Qatar - Known for more than just its love for soccer.

[Qatar emerged as an effective mediator between Israel and Hamas](#). This small but influential Gulf state, known for its soccer passion and soaring skyscrapers, became a peacemaker. The truce, agreed upon on Nov. 22, 2023, [a 4-day ceasefire](#), is intended to facilitate the [exchange of 50 hostages held in Gaza for 150 Palestinian prisoners in Israel](#). This agreement also opened the gates for much-needed humanitarian aid to flow into Gaza.

3. Why Was Susan Sarandon Dropped from Her Talent Agency In 2023?

- For controversial remarks at pro-Palestinian rallies.

Susan Sarandon, an Oscar-winning actor known for her iconic films and political activism roles, was in a whirlwind of controversy amid her participation in several pro-Palestinian rallies. Sarandon's remarks, particularly her statement that ["There are a lot of people afraid of being Jewish at this time and are getting a taste of what it feels like to be a Muslim in this country."](#) led to her being dropped by United Talent Agency (UTA), a significant move in the industry.

4. Which of These Happened When Elon Musk Tweeted His Agreement with A Statement Accusing Jewish People Of “Hating White People”?

- Several major companies have paused their Twitter/X advertising.

When Elon Musk, the owner of Twitter/X, [tweeted his agreement with a controversial statement accusing Jewish people of “hating white people”](#) in November 2023, major companies like IBM, Apple, Lionsgate, Comcast/NBCUniversal, Paramount Global, Warner Bros Discovery, and The Walt Disney Company announced they have [stopped advertising on the platform](#). Soon after, X announced it was suing Media Matters, an organization monitoring hate speech in social media, for defamation.

5. In the Latest Twist of Silicon Valley’s AI Soap Opera, Where Is Sam Altman, The Ousted CEO Of OpenAI, Setting Up His New Tech Fortress?

- He swiftly returned to OpenAI.

After the dramatic boardroom shuffle at OpenAI, which saw Sam Altman ousted from his CEO throne on Nov. 17, 2023, [he didn’t have to wander the tech wilderness for long](#). While [Microsoft swiftly announced they scooped up Altman](#) and his comrade-in-AI, Greg Brockman, by Nov. 22, [Altman was back at OpenAI’s CEO seat](#).

6. Whose Iconic Hat Sold for A Record-Breaking €1.932 Million In A High-Profile Auction?

- Napoleon Bonaparte

The hat in question, a bicorne hat, was [famously worn by Napoleon Bonaparte](#), the French emperor known for his military prowess and distinctive fashion style. This particular hat [fetched €1.932 million \(\\$2.1 million\) at a Paris auction](#) on Nov. 19, 2023. The hat’s unique sideways style, [known as “en bataille,”](#) made Napoleon easily recognizable on the battlefield. It’s one of approximately 20 remaining hats out of 120 that Napoleon is believed to have owned. The hat’s sale set an unprecedented record, [surpassing the previous €1.884 million record for a Napoleon hat](#) sold in 2014. The auction occurred amidst renewed interest in Napoleon, partly fueled by [Ridley Scott’s biopic](#) starring Joaquin Phoenix.

7. Where Did Napoleon Bonaparte Meet His End?

- On the island of Saint Helena.

Napoleon Bonaparte, the central figure of [Ridley Scott's latest cinematic spectacle](#), [died on the remote island of Saint Helena](#). This was after his rollercoaster career, which saw him [rise from the French Revolution to become Emperor of France](#), only to be [defeated at Waterloo in 1815](#). Following this defeat, [the British exiled him to Saint Helena](#), a tiny dot in the South Atlantic Ocean, where he lived his last years in isolation. [He died there on May 5, 1821](#), far from the glory of the European battlefields he once dominated. Ridley Scott's film was [released on Nov. 22, 2023](#).

8. Before Taking the Political Stage by Storm, What Was Javier Milei, Argentina's Newly Elected President, Famous For?

- An Economic Pundit on TV

Before Javier Milei, AKA El Loco, became President of Argentina, he [was a well-known figure on Argentine television](#). The [far-right libertarian](#) made a name for himself as a financial pundit, a role that allowed him to blend his economic expertise with a flair for the dramatic. Milei was known for his enthusiastic and flamboyant delivery. Milei's victory in the presidential election, [with nearly 56% of the votes in a run-off](#), proved his popularity and unconventional approach to politics. His swearing-in on Dec. 10 marks the beginning of the next chapter in Argentina's political history. He has proposed [closing several ministries, including culture, women, health, and education](#), as part of his plan to slash bureaucracy. He has also proposed loosening gun laws, abolishing abortion, and allowing human organ sale and purchase.

9. Who Holds the Record for The Longest-Serving Leader in Netherlands History?

- Mark Rutte

[Mark Rutte](#), the answer we're looking for, has been the face of Dutch politics for what seems like forever but is 13 in actual years. He became Prime Minister on Oct. 14, 2010. Known for his pragmatic leadership and fondness for cycling to work (because, let's face it, who needs a limo when you have a bike in the Netherlands?), Rutte has been a steady hand at the Dutch political wheel. [In July 2023, Rutte announced his resignation](#). The Dutch parliamentary elections were [held on Nov. 22, 2023](#), paving the way for the first leader to take the helm in over a decade. Forming the next government will probably take months, as no party took over 20% of the vote.

10. When Was Rosalynn Carter Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for Her Trailblazing Mental Health Advocacy?

- In 1999, by Bill Clinton.

Rosalynn Carter, the compassionate and determined former First Lady, [was honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1999](#). This is the highest civilian honor in the United States. [Bill Clinton recognized her unwavering commitment to mental health advocacy](#), which began during her tenure in the White House (1977-1981) and continued robustly afterward. This was not just a token gesture; [She was instrumental in the Mental Health Systems Act of 1980](#), transforming American mental health treatment. On Nov. 19, 2023, [Rosalynn Carter passed away at 96](#).

11. According to A Resurfaced Banksy Interview, What Is His Real First Name?

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In a recently unearthed BBC interview from 2003, the elusive street artist [Banksy revealed his first name was "Robbie."](#) Despite various theories and guesses over the years, including names like Robin Gunningham, [this is the only instance where Banksy has provided any hint about his real name](#). The interview also sheds light on his distinct approach to art, emphasizing speed and impact, much like the quick convenience of microwaving meals.