



AUTOMOBILE HISTORY TRIVIA QUIZ

Directions: Do this activity at home with the help of an adult or work with a partner. The Internet would be a great place to help you find the answers.



- Which was the first United States carmaker to make cars with standardized parts?

A GM	B Chrysler
C Ford	D Oldsmobile
- This model of car had no options, not even the color. "You can have any color, as long as it is black!" said the company owner. What car was this?

A Model A Ford	B Model T Ford	C Model S Ford	D Model G Ford
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- In 1908, William C. Durant offered to sell stock in a new company he was forming. He then used the cash and stock to buy four existing automakers. What was the name of this new company?

A Ford Motor Company	B Chrysler Corporation
C General Motors	D The International Motor Car Company
- A car was named for this French adventurer who founded the city of Detroit in 1701. Who was it?

A Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac	B Anthony Wayne
C Napoleon	D George Rogers Clark
- The fifth car company to be acquired by General Motors in 1911 was named for this Swiss-born race car driver. Who was it?

A Louis Chevrolet	B Mario Andretti	C Barney Oldfield	D Jeff Gordon
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- Charles Kettering of Dayton Engineering Laboratories Co. invented one of the most important advancements the auto industry has ever known. It first appeared on Cadillacs in 1912. Cars equipped with his invention sold like crazy. What was his invention?

A power steering	B automatic transmission	C fuel pump	D the electric starter
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- Following a dispute with stockholders, Ransom E. Olds quit Oldsmobile even before it was bought by General Motors. He then built cars and trucks under which brand name?

A Buick	B REO	C Tucker	D Lincoln Motor Car
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- What do the initials A.C. stand for in A.C. Spark Plug?

A Albert Cole	B Albert Cunningham	C Albert Champion	D Albert Chesterfield
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- This man was a chief engineer for General Motors. He quit, bought the Maxwell Automobile Works and changed the car name to his own. Who was it?

A Billy Durant	B Henry Leland
C James Couzens	D Walter P. Chrysler

"Don't put on the brakes until you've ANTswered..."





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10. The German automaker Daimler named a car for the daughter of one of his employees. What was the girl's name?

- A Marsella
- B Jupiter
- C Porsche
- D Mercedes



11. What is the origin of the name Jeep®?

- A Jeepers Creepers
- B From saying aloud "G.P." or "general purpose" vehicle
- C Just easy, easy please
- D It was made on Jeep® street.

12. Which of these brothers sold their company to Chrysler in 1928?

- A Dodge Brothers
- B Daimler Brothers
- C Ford Brothers
- D General Brothers

13. Ford named a line of cars for the son of Henry Ford. What was the son's name?

- A Ernie
- B Earl
- C Diesel
- D Edsel

14. America's Interstate Highway System was established by which U.S. President?

- A Washington
- B Eisenhower
- C Bush
- D Carter

15. In the 1950s, this new smaller car was such a success for American Motors, it soon stopped making the big Nash and Hudson cars. Which car was it?

- A Rambler
- B Rustler
- C Gambler
- D Gustler

16. The Yellow Coach Company would eventually become which brand of trucks?

- A GMC
- B Dodge
- C Ford
- D Toyota

17. John F. Kennedy was riding in which brand of vehicle in Dallas when he was fatally shot?

- A Bonneville
- B Aurora
- C Rivera
- D Lincoln Continental

18. Which onetime general manager of Pontiac Division wanted to start a company to build sports cars?

- A Preston Tucker
- B Walter P. Chrysler
- C John DeLorean
- D Lee Iacocca

19. What car company produced a truck that was changed and used in the t.v. show, the *Beverly Hillbillies*?

- A GM
- B Chrysler
- C Ford
- D Oldsmobile

20. In the Beach Boys' song "*Little Old Lady From Pasadena*," what brand of car did she drive?

- A Chevrolet
- B Dodge
- C Toyota
- D Honda

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