

New Mexico Trivia
P.E.O. State Convention
April 23-24

1. What is the state tree of New Mexico?
 - a. Pecan
 - b. Pine
 - c. Pinon

2. What is the title of Governor Lew Wallace's famous novel?
 - a. Frankenstein
 - b. Ben Hur
 - c. The Picture of Dorian Gray

3. Which famous hotel baron is from New Mexico?
 - a. Conrad Hilton
 - b. Fred Harvey
 - c. Donald Trump

4. Santa Fe is the capital of New Mexico and is the oldest capital in the U.S. What year was it established?
 - a. 1723
 - b. 1610
 - c. 1912

5. What famous gunfighter had a dental office and saloon and gambling hall in Las Vegas NM?
 - a. Wild Bill Hickok
 - b. Wyatt Earp
 - c. Doc Holliday

6. What famous country and western singer cut hair in Roy, NM before his career took off?
 - a. Bob Wills
 - b. Slim Pickens
 - c. Hank Williams

7. What is the oldest seat of government in the U.S.?
 - a. The Palace of the Governors
 - b. San Miguel Mission
 - c. San Felipe Parrish

8. In 1861, what town served as the western headquarters for the Confederacy?
 - a. Madrid
 - b. Las Cruces
 - c. Mesilla

9. What New Mexican from Tularosa has held the federal position of U.S. Treasurer?
 - a. Manual Lujan, Jr.
 - b. Deb Haaland
 - c. Katherine Ortega

10. What was the first territorial capital of New Mexico?
 - a. Carrizozo
 - b. Silver City
 - c. Las Vegas

11. What is the oldest continually occupied dwelling in America?
 - a. Acoma Pueblo
 - b. Taos Pueblo
 - c. Zuni Pueblo

12. Bones of what animal were recently discovered in Lea county?
 - a. Tyrannasaurus (T-Rex)
 - b. Triceratops
 - c. Wooly Mammoth

13. New Mexico was colonized by what country and became a U.S. Territory as part of the Gadsden Purchase in 1853?
 - a. Mexico
 - b. Portugal
 - c. Spain

14. What does the New Mexican custom of luminaries symbolize?
 - a. Lighting the way for Carolers
 - b. Lighting the way for Father Christmas
 - c. Lighting the way for the Christ Child

15. In most European folk tales, witches ride brooms, but in New Mexico folklore witches ride what:
 - a. Fireballs
 - b. Space Craft
 - c. Rainbows

16. The remains of what writer were exhumed from a grave in the Mediterranean, cremated, and then brought to Lobo Peak?
 - a. Mabel Dodge Luhan
 - b. Georgia O'Keefe
 - c. D.H. Lawrence

17. Where is Lobo Peak?
 - a. Sangre de Cristo Range
 - b. Sacramento Mountains
 - c. Sierra Blanca Ski Range

18. The famous "Squash Blossom" jewelry is designed from what blossom?
 - a. Blossoms from the Century Plant
 - b. Squash Blossoms
 - c. Pomegranate Blossoms

19. What ghost town in New Mexico shares its name with an English playwright?
 - a. Steins
 - b. Mogollan
 - c. Shakespeare

20. White Sands National Park is made of what mineral?
 - a. Gypsum
 - b. Quartz
 - c. Sodium Chloride

21. Near what oil town in New Mexico is the Denton Oil Pool located?
 - a. Hobbs
 - b. Lovington
 - c. Eunice

22. Who is the famous rocket scientist who made Roswell famous?
 - a. Werner von Braun
 - b. Robert Goddard
 - c. Leonardo da Vinci

23. What is the first opera performed at the Santa Fe Opera?
 - a. Pireate of Penzance
 - b. The Barber of Seville
 - c. Madame Butterfly

24. What was the Number 1 song for 1963 that was recorded in N.M. at the Norman Petty Studios?
 - a. Surfin' USA (Beach Boys)
 - b. Sugarshack (Fireballs)
 - c. Peggy Sue (Buddy Holly)

25. What N.M. resident won the 1942 Best Actress Oscar?
 - a. Bette Davis
 - b. Greer Garson
 - c. Olivia de Havilland

26. Where in the state did Burl Ives live for many years?
 - a. Galisteo
 - b. Espanola
 - c. Belen

27. What cartoon animator lived in Melrose, NM?
- a. Willima Hanna
 - b. Joseph Barbera
 - c. Walt Disney
28. What NM city is mentioned in the song "Get Your Kicks on Route 66"?
- a. Tucumcari
 - b. Grants
 - c. Gallup
29. True or False, before 1925, guests of Carlsbad Caverns were lowered into the caves in a big bucket?
- a. True
 - b. False
30. True or False, New Mexico has more PhD's per capita than any other state in the nation?
- a. True
 - b. False