

# MEDICAL HISTORY: FACT OR FICTION?

Fill in the blank with “true” if the statement is a fact about medical history, or “false” if the statement is fiction regarding medical history. If the underlined word makes the statement fiction, type the word to make it a correct statement at the end of the statement.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The French established the first hospitals when physicians cared for soldiers and ill people in their homes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. In ancient times, it was believed that illness and disease were punishment from the Gods.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Ancient Romans were the first to record health records.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. During the Middle Ages, the Bubonic Plague killed 75% of the population in Europe and Asia.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The Renaissance is called “the rebirth of the science of medicine.”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The Greeks were the first to require physicians to pass examinations and obtain licenses.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The Chinese are credited with establishing “Holistic Health” methods that treat the mind, body, and soul.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Formal training for nurses was started in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. A medication called morphine that is used today to treat pain is made from the poppy plant.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Clara Barton is known as the “founder of nursing.”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. The first pharmacies were started in the Middle Ages.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. The development of television helped medical knowledge spread more rapidly during the Renaissance.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Once microorganisms were associated with disease in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, methods of infection control were developed by scientists such as Joseph Lister and Louis Pasteur.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. The first vaccine which was made to prevent smallpox, was developed by William Harvey.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. The discovery of DNA in the 1950's began the search for gene therapy to cure inherited diseases.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. The Ancient Greeks were the first to believe illness was a result of natural causes as well as diet and cleanliness could prevent disease.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. In ancient times government laws prohibited dissection of bodies.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Hippocrates is credited with doing some of the first dissections and anatomical drawings.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. The stethoscope and X-rays were diagnostic tools both developed in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. The first health insurance plans were developed in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.