

Top Ten Hilarious, Jokes from History

The Philogelos or "Laughter-lover" is probably the oldest compilation of jokes in existence; it contains some 265 jokes. It is said that the famous Monty Python Parrot sketch has its origins in a joke told in the Philogelos.

- 1) Why were the early days of history called the dark ages? Because there were so many knights.
- 2) It appears that shortest war on record was between Zanzibar and Britain in 1896. Zanzibar [now part of Tanzania] surrendered after 38 minutes.
- 3) What kind of lighting did Noah use for the ark? Floodlights and Ark lights
- 4) What English King invented the fireplace ? Alfred the Grate.
- 5) How was the Roman Empire cut in half? With a pair of Caesars.
- 6) I'm desperately trying to establish why kamikaze pilots wore helmets.
- 7) Last words from a general in the American Civil War, 'Nonsense. They couldn't hit an elephant at this dist.....'
- 8) Asked by the court barber how he wanted his hair cut, the king replied, 'In silence.' [From the Philogelos]
- 9) What's the difference between Joan of Arc and a canoe? One is Maid of Orleans and the other is made of wood. [The Victorians enjoyed jokes like this one]
- 10) Wishing to teach his donkey not to eat, a pedant (*a person who adheres rigidly to book knowledge without regard to common sense*) did not offer him any food. When the donkey died of hunger, he said, 'I've had a great loss. Just when he had learned not to eat, he died.' - Dated to the *Philogelos 4th Century AD

If you need something put on the **Highway sign**, leave it with Audrey at the cafe and she will pass it on to the people looking after the sign.

Another History Funny

A bus load of tourists arrives at Runnymede*. They gather around the Robin, the guide, who explains, 'This is the spot where the Barons forced King John to sign the Magna Carta.' A fellow at the front of the group asks, 'When did that happen?' '1215,' answers Robin the guide. The man looks at his watch and says, 'Gee, hey everybody - we just missed it by a half hour.'

=====
An American Tourist
Mary (the tour guide) was struggling to make herself heard over the roar of low flying aircraft coming into land at nearby London Heathrow Airport, one of the busiest in the world. She was interrupted by an elderly American tourist who demanded what was wrong with the town planners, and why had they built the Royal Castle so close to the airport.

=====
In an American history discussion group, Professor Langer was trying to explain how society's ideal of beauty changes with time. 'For example, he said, 'take the 1921 Miss America. She stood five-feet, one-inch tall, weighed 108 pounds and had measurements of 30-25-32. How do you think she'd do in today's version of the contest?' The class fell silent for a moment. Then Freddie piped up, 'Not very well.' 'Why is that?' asked Professor Langer. 'For one thing,' Freddie added, 'She'd be way too old.'

Teacher: Paul. Give me a sentence beginning with "I".
Paul: I is the...
Teacher: No, Paul . You must say "I am" not "I is."
John: All right. I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.

July 2, 2013 vol 4 -22

<http://www.pelly.ca/about/the-pelly-coffee-pot.html>

Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with that expensive casement type with shutters. Today, I got a call from the contractor who installed them. He was complaining that the work had been completed a whole year ago and I still hadn't paid for them.

Hellloo..... Just because I have fair hair doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I told him just what his fast talking sales guy had told me last year, that in ONE YEAR these windows would pay for themselves!

Hellloo? It's been a year! I told him. There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally just hung up. He never called back.

I bet he felt like an idiot.



A dog thinks: Hey, these people I live with feed me, love me, provide me with a nice warm, dry house, pet me, and take good care of me ... They must be Gods!

A cat thinks: Hey, these people I live with feed me, love me, provide me with a nice warm, dry house, pet me, and take good care of me ... I must be a God!

- Events - 2013
- July 1 - Fireworks in Pelly - dusk
 - July 5 - Calgary @ Roughriders
 - July 9 - Village meeting re Main Street tax levy - 7 pm at the Hall
 - July 11 - Roughriders @ Toronto
 - July 16 - Vote on tax levy.
 - Aug - relax and weed the garden
 - Sept 2 - Labour Day
 - Sept 3 - school starts
 - Sept 16 - Lions Club meeting
 - Sept 22 - Fall equinox at 12:43:27 pm
 - Nov 3 - Daylight saving time

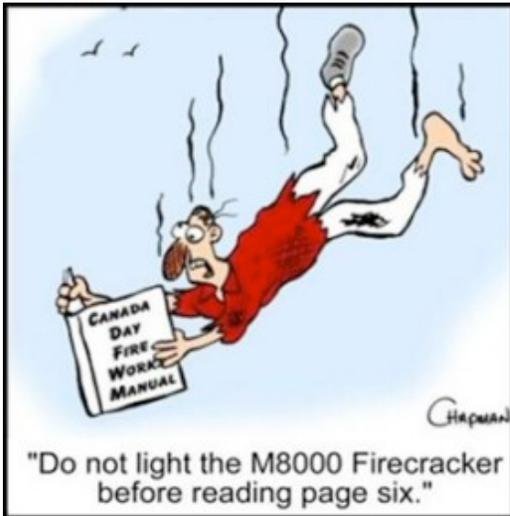
A big Pelly welcome for the new FLS Principal, Mr. David Van Torre, from Ontario.

A bigger Pelly thank you for Mrs. Tara Blosha, Principal for the 2012-13 school year, who is returning to the classroom.

Former Principal, Ms Jana Thomas, who was vice-principal of Victoria School in Kamsack, takes over as Principal of Victoria School.

The nation of Monaco consists of 370 acres.

King Henry III of France, Louis XVI of France and Napoleon all suffered from ailurophobia--fear of cats.



Three may keep a secret, if two of them are dead.

The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.

Helen confiscated a rubber band pistol from her algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you don't have a leg to stand on.

Historical Trivia and Fun Facts

1. The Romans ate lead as a cure for diarrhea. Lead is poisonous and thus killed off the entire Roman upper class within two centuries.
2. George Washington's "wooden" dentures were reputedly made from hippopotamus ivory and were mounted on gold.
3. Queen Elizabeth I of England was completely bald. She lost her hair after suffering from smallpox at the age of 29. To disguise her loss she always wore a wig.
4. After failing to cure the daughter of the Emperor Yizong [860-874] of a fever, the 20 best doctors in China were all beheaded.
5. William Pitt the Younger [1759-1806], former British Prime Minister, was advised by his doctors to cure his gout by drinking a bottle of port a day. He died from cirrhosis of the liver, aged 46.
6. When the grey exterior of the Presidential mansion was painted white to cover the fire damage caused by British forces in the War of 1812, the change in colour brought about the change in name of the building to the White House.
7. The designer of the Statue of Liberty, French sculptor Frederic-Auguste Bartholdi, used his wife as the model for the body and his mother as the model for the face.
8. In the nursery rhyme *Jack and Jill, Jack represented the French King, Louis XVI and Jill, his wife, was Marie Antoinette.
9. In 1912 the Titanic was sailing at 22 knots when she hit the iceberg.
10. George Washington wrote in 1774 that 'no thinking man' in America wanted independence from England?

I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure - Clarence Darrow

Canadian Habits

There are two seasons in Canada - winter and July. Hence the celebrations on July 1st.

In Canada, the local paper covers national and international headlines on two pages, but requires five pages for ice hockey.

Canada is a country whose main exports are hockey players and cold fronts. Our main imports are baseball players and acid rain. - Pierre Trudeau

Maisie, an elderly woman lived on a small farm in Canada, just yards away from the North Dakota border. Their land had been the subject of a minor dispute between the United States and Canada for years. The widowed woman lived on the farm with her son and three grandchildren. One day, Albert, her son came into her room holding a letter. 'I just got some news, Mom,' he said, 'the government has come to an agreement with the people in North Dakota. They've decided that our land is really part of the United States. We have the right to approve or disapprove of the agreement. What do you think?' 'What do I think?' sighed Maisie, 'sign it. Call them right now and tell them we accept. I don't think I can stand another Canadian winter.'

Here is the scene: The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Church elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and put it on the apple tray... 'Take only ONE. God is watching.' Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples.'

If you attempted to count to stars in the Milky Way galaxy at a rate of one every second it would take around 3,000 years to count them all.

I refuse to answer that question on the grounds that I don't know the answer - Douglas Adams

To do is to be - Descartes
To be is to do - Voltaire
Do be do be do - Frank Sinatra

This tale is based on a true story told by a nursery schoolteacher in Drayton near Portsmouth; names have been changed to protect the guilty.

Marlon asked the teacher to help him get his shoes on at the end of a busy day. After quite a struggle with the shoes, which were a little tight, Tessa finally got them on. 'They're on the wrong way round, Miss,' mumbled Marlon. She realises that he is right; they are on the wrong feet. Staying calm she and swaps them over for him. 'They're not my shoes, Miss,' Marlon murmurs again. Tessa fights hard to keep her cool and asks Marlon why he hadn't told her before. She then kneels down again and helps him pull the shoes off. 'These aren't my shoes, they're my brother's and Mum told me not to tell anyone.' At this point Tessa can feel tears coming. She helps him back into his shoes. She gets him into his coat and wraps his scarf round his neck. 'Where are your gloves, Marlon?' asks Tessa quietly. 'Oh, Miss, I always put them in my shoes!'

Beauties of the Past

Ancient Egypt

To be a fashion-monger in ancient Egypt you would have to be bald-headed! The beautiful shape of the skull was one of the forms of beauty. Those days if your skull was not so perfectly shaped to boast, you would have to wear a lace from wool and flax.

Ancient Rome

To be beautiful in Ancient Rome you would have to be a blond. (That's where it all started!) Girls were thoroughly dyeing their hair with various substances trying to reach the needed effect. Since some of the colorants were poisonous, at the end you could have ended up being bald instead of blond.

Medieval ladies

Medieval ladies had to wear tight corsets from early childhood. By adulthood they looked like they were suffering from rachitis also known as rickets. The other fashion trend was the big size of the pupil. Believe it or not, women were instilling the juice of belladonna into the eyes. (Most of you might know that it's a poisonous plant containing atropine). By the way, "belladonna" means "beautiful women" in Italian.

Kermit the Frog is left-handed.

9 out of 10 people believe Thomas Edison invented the light bulb. This isn't true; Joseph Swan did.



The largest cabbage weighed 144 pounds.



The national orchestra of Monaco (a nation in Europe) has more individuals than its army.