Father’s Day Trivia

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. Which date rule does the United States Code specify for Father’s Day?
   - A. The third Sunday in June
   - B. The second Sunday in May
   - C. The first Sunday in September
   - D. June 30 every year

   Correct answer: A. The third Sunday in June
   Section 109 of Title 36 designates the third Sunday in June as Father’s Day in the United States.

2. In Australia, Father’s Day falls on the first Sunday of which month?
   - A. August
   - B. June
   - C. September
   - D. November

   Correct answer: C. September
   The Australian Bureau of Statistics describes the custom as the first Sunday in September. The numbered date can fall anywhere from the first to the seventh.

3. Which saint’s feast does the Spanish municipality of Salinas mark alongside Father’s Day on March 19?
   - A. Saint Patrick’s Day
   - B. Saint Joseph’s Day
   - C. Saint Nicholas Day
   - D. Saint George’s Day

   Correct answer: B. Saint Joseph’s Day
   The municipality marks Día del Padre and San José together on March 19. San José is the Spanish name for Saint Joseph.

4. What status did Finland give Father’s Day in a 2019 change to its flag-flying decree?
   - A. A day left out of the flag calendar
   - B. A customary flag day only
   - C. An official flag day in Helsinki only
   - D. An official flag day

   Correct answer: D. An official flag day
   Finland had previously listed Father’s Day as a customary flag day. The 2019 change gave it official status.

5. Thailand marks Father’s Day on December 5. Whose birthday anniversary does the Thai government commemorate on that date?

A. King Chulalongkorn
B. King Bhumibol Adulyadej
C. King Mongkut
D. King Vajiravudh

Correct answer: B. King Bhumibol Adulyadej
Thailand’s government identifies December 5 as King Bhumibol Adulyadej’s birthday anniversary. It also observes National Day and Father’s Day on that date.

6. Who enlisted support from Spokane church leaders and the local YMCA for a Father’s Day observance in 1910?

A. Sonora Smart Dodd
B. Grace Golden Clayton
C. Anna Jarvis
D. Jane Addams

Correct answer: A. Sonora Smart Dodd
The City of Spokane records that Sonora Smart Dodd gained the support of local ministers and the YMCA. Spokane observed the day on June 19, 1910.

7. The West Virginia state archive records a July 5, 1908 service honoring fathers, proposed by Grace Golden Clayton. In which city did it take place?

A. Parkersburg
B. Morgantown
C. Wheeling
D. Fairmont

Correct answer: D. Fairmont
The archive’s account places the July 1908 service in Fairmont. It describes the service as a local observance proposed by Clayton.

8. Which U.S. president issued Proclamation 3730, marking Sunday, June 19, 1966, as Father’s Day?

A. Richard Nixon
B. John F. Kennedy
C. Lyndon B. Johnson
D. Dwight D. Eisenhower

Correct answer: C. Lyndon B. Johnson
Johnson’s proclamation named June 19, 1966. It also requested that officials arrange to fly the U.S. flag on federal government buildings that day.

9. Berlin’s city guide says many parts of Germany observe Vatertag, Father’s Day, on which holiday?

A. Ascension Day
B. Good Friday
C. Epiphany
D. Whit Monday

Correct answer: A. Ascension Day
The guide puts Vatertag on Christi Himmelfahrt, the German name for Ascension Day. The date changes from year to year.

10. The Nordic Museum traces Sweden’s Father’s Day to an American example. When does the museum say the observance reached Sweden?

A. 1963
B. 1910
C. 1949
D. 1931

Correct answer: D. 1931
The museum dates Sweden’s adoption of Father’s Day to 1931. It separately records a Nordic merchants’ committee organized to promote the custom in 1949.

11. Richard Nixon’s May 1972 proclamation refers to a recent joint resolution of Congress. Which summary keeps the two actions straight?

A. Congress issued the presidential proclamation, and Nixon approved the resolution for 1973 only.
B. Congress recognized only June 18, 1972, and Nixon created the recurring observance by proclamation.
C. Congress gave legal recognition to the annual observance, and Nixon proclaimed June 18 for 1972.
D. Congress designated June 18 every year, and Nixon applied that fixed date in 1972.

Correct answer: C. Congress gave legal recognition to the annual observance, and Nixon proclaimed June 18 for 1972.
Nixon credits the congressional resolution with giving the annual custom the force of law. His own proclamation specifies June 18 for that year.

12. A fictional caption says a photo of Spokane’s John and Sonora Dodd House shows the building during the city’s 1910 Father’s Day observance. Which detail from the historic property record challenges that date?

A. The house’s garage was built before the house.
B. The house was built in 1913, after the observance.
C. The house was used only as a city office in 1910.
D. The Dodd family lived in the house before 1910.

Correct answer: B. The house was built in 1913, after the observance.
Spokane’s historic preservation record dates the house to 1913. A photograph showing the completed house would therefore come after the 1910 observance.

13. In a fictional U.S. calendar, June 1 is a Tuesday. On which date is Father’s Day under the U.S. rule?

A. June 21
B. June 13
C. June 19
D. June 20

Correct answer: D. June 20
The Sundays start on June 6, then June 13 and June 20. The third one is June 20.

14. A fictional Australian calendar correctly marks Father’s Day on September 7, the first Sunday of that month. What weekday was September 1?

A. Monday
B. Sunday
C. Tuesday
D. Saturday

Correct answer: A. Monday
September 1 is six days before September 7. Counting back six days from Sunday lands on Monday.

15. In a fictional calendar, November starts on a Sunday and has 30 days. Finland’s Father’s Day is the second Sunday that month, and Thailand’s is December 5. How many days elapse between the two dates?

A. 26 days
B. 22 days
C. 27 days
D. 28 days

Correct answer: C. 27 days
The second Sunday is November 8. There are 22 days from November 8 to November 30 and five more to December 5, for 27 days in total.