

How Many Questions About USS Indianapolis Can You Answer?

1. How many USS Indianapolis ships have there been?
2. When was USS Indianapolis CA-35 commissioned?
3. Who was her Ship Sponsor?
4. She became the Ship of State for which U.S. President?
5. Name one tour Indy took with this president?
6. The deck of USS Indianapolis CA-35 was made of _____?
7. Was USS Indianapolis CA-35 at Pearl Harbor of December 7, 1941?
8. She was the flagship for which fleet?
9. Who was in command of that fleet?
10. She earned her first battle star when and where?
11. She earned her second battle star when and where?
12. She earned her third battle star when and where?
13. She earned her fourth battle star when and where?
14. She earned her fifth battle star when and where?
15. She earned her sixth battle star when and where?
16. She earned her seventh battle star when and where?
17. She earned her eighth battle star when and where?

18. She earned her ninth battle star when and where?
19. She earned her tenth battle star when and where?
20. What happened on March 31, 1945?
21. How many sailors died as a result of the answer to question 20?
22. Where did Indy go for repairs?
23. When did they leave on their secret mission?
24. Who was their captain?
25. Where were they headed?
26. Did they know what their mission was?
27. What record did they break and still hold today?
28. When did they deliver their mysterious cargo?
29. From Tinian, they went to Guam and then departed from Guam on what day?
30. How many souls were aboard USS Indianapolis CA-35 when the next leg of her journey began?
31. What route did they take?
32. What percentage of sailors were new?
33. Was visibility good the night of July 29, 1945?
34. Was zigzagging recommended?
35. Where were many of the men sleeping that night?

36. Who was the commander of the I-58 submarine?
37. What country was the submarine from?
38. Did the visibility change?
39. How many torpedoes were fired?
40. How many torpedoes hit their intended target?
41. How long before USS Indianapolis CA-35 sank?
42. Approximately how many men went into the water?
43. Approximately how many men went down with the ship?
44. The men face numerous challenges in the water, name as many as you can.
45. How many nights and days were they in the water before rescue came?
46. Name the first pilot to spot the survivors?
47. What nickname did the survivors give this pilot?
48. How many rescue ships eventually arrived?
49. How many survived the sinking of the USS Indianapolis CA-35?
50. Why was no one looking for USS Indianapolis CA-35?
51. While the sailors were recovering and receiving medical care following the disaster, what monumental event took place on August 6, 1945?
52. When did the survivors learn about their role in that monumental event?
53. What was the nickname of the cargo Indy delivered to Tinian?

54. What happened as a result of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki?
55. In August of 1945, what was convened to investigate the sinking of USS Indianapolis CA-35?
56. What happened as a result of the Court of Inquiry?
57. In an unprecedented move, the US Navy brought who in to testify against Captain McVay?
58. What was the result of the court martial?
59. When was the first USS Indianapolis CA-35 reunion?
60. A tragedy occurred on November 6, 1968. What was that tragedy?
61. Did the survivors continue to have reunions?
62. What happened in 1995?
63. In the late 1990's, what middle school student, with help from some important adults, worked to have Captain McVay exonerated?
64. Who signed the bill exonerating Captain McVay?
65. When was the wreckage of USS Indianapolis CA-35 discovered?
66. What medal was awarded to the crew of USS Indianapolis CA-35 in 2020, coinciding with the 75th anniversary of the sinking of the ship?