HOMETOWN TRIVIA · BOSTON, MA

How well do you know Boston?

Circle the answer you think is right. Answers are on the last page.

1. Which famous writer was born in Boston in 1932?

A. John Cheever
B. Sylvia Plath
C. Anne Sexton

2. Which famous public figure was born in Boston in 1942?

A. Mike Gravel
B. Richard Neal
C. Michael Bloomberg

3. About how many people lived in Boston in 1950?

A. 320,000
B. 801,000
C. 1,842,000

How well do you know Boston?

4. Boston's Massachusetts State House dates back to about which year?

A. 1768
B. 1798
C. 1743

5. Between 2010 and 2020, did Boston grow or shrink?

A. It grew
B. It shrank

REMEMBER WHEN · BOSTON

Let's talk about home

Read one aloud and let the stories come. There are no wrong answers on this page.

- Sylvia Plath was born right here in Boston in 1932. Has anyone here read something by Sylvia Plath?
- Michael Bloomberg was born right here in Boston in 1942. Do you remember Michael Bloomberg from the news?
- In 1950 about 801,000 people lived in Boston. What is the biggest change you have seen in town since then?
- Boston's Massachusetts State House dates back to 1798. Have you ever been there, or driven past it?
- Where did people in Boston go for an ice cream cone on a summer night?
- What was downtown Boston like on a Saturday when you were young?

WORD SEARCH · BOSTON

Around Boston

B L F C T A B A H P Y E M G K
S P O S T O F F I C E W B N H
R L N A E E F I M D S H U N Y
B A N M T A G P R S H H U P K
O T R Y U F R L R E T R O M T
S H N A K E R I S E H A Y G R
T A B L O O M B E R G O T T O
O B K T E U B R R P K E U E L
N S L L O Y T A M U E Y I S L
P A R M R S C R K Y C O E R E
N H D I N E R Y D E C Y W M Y
I O M I A L A K R M R T W A A
B P A R A D E A H A A Y N H C
S M P N D N I C E C R E A M V
R E R E L D B A N D S T A N D

- ☐ BAKERY
- ☐ BANDSTAND
- ☐ BLOOMBERG
- ☐ BOSTON
- ☐ DINER
- ☐ FIREHOUSE
- ☐ ICECREAM
- ☐ LIBRARY
- ☐ MAINSTREET
- ☐ PARADE
- ☐ PLATH
- ☐ POSTOFFICE
- ☐ STATE
- ☐ TROLLEY

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Answers and sources

1. Sylvia Plath Sylvia Plath was born in Boston in 1932.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q133054 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sylvia_Plath

2. Michael Bloomberg Michael Bloomberg was born in Boston in 1942.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q607 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Bloomberg

3. 801,000 The 1950 census counted 801,444 people in Boston.

Sources: https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/decennial/1960/pc-s1-supplementary-reports/pc-s1-9.pdf · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston

4. 1798 Boston's Massachusetts State House dates back to 1798.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q1150259 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Massachusetts_State_House

5. It grew Boston counted 617,594 people in 2010 and 675,647 in 2020.

Sources: https://api.census.gov/data/2020/dec/pl · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston

Word search answers. Every word reads left to right, top to bottom, or diagonally downward. None run backwards.

B	L	F	C	T	A	B	A	H	P	Y	E	M	G	K
S	P	O	S	T	O	F	F	I	C	E	W	B	N	H
R	L	N	A	E	E	F	I	M	D	S	H	U	N	Y
B	A	N	M	T	A	G	P	R	S	H	H	U	P	K
O	T	R	Y	U	F	R	L	R	E	T	R	O	M	T
S	H	N	A	K	E	R	I	S	E	H	A	Y	G	R
T	A	B	L	O	O	M	B	E	R	G	O	T	T	O
O	B	K	T	E	U	B	R	R	P	K	E	U	E	L
N	S	L	L	O	Y	T	A	M	U	E	Y	I	S	L
P	A	R	M	R	S	C	R	K	Y	C	O	E	R	E
N	H	D	I	N	E	R	Y	D	E	C	Y	W	M	Y
I	O	M	I	A	L	A	K	R	M	R	T	W	A	A
B	P	A	R	A	D	E	A	H	A	A	Y	N	H	C
S	M	P	N	D	N	I	C	E	C	R	E	A	M	V
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