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APRIL FOOL

Directions: What do you know about the history of April Fool's Day? Use the information you find at the Web site below to answer the questions on this page. Write your answer on the line beneath each question.

Web Resources:

April Fool's Day Origin and History
<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/aprilfools1.html>



1. When did "April fools" celebrate New Year's?

2. In what year did Great Britain begin to use the new calendar?

3. Who was the Gregorian calendar named after?

4. When was New Year's Day on the Gregorian Calendar?

5. In what country did children often tape pictures of fish on their friends' backs?

Something to Think About: Why do you think some people refused to use the new calendar?

Learn More: Read about History's Greatest Hoaxes at <http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/hoax/hoax.html>. See how many of the questions fool you.