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Welcome to Soldier Week. This week we'll be tipping our hat to the army of fighters that have proliferated throughout the game. While doing research for this column (yes, I actually do research), I realized that there were a lot of interesting little tidbits. This set off Trivia Mark.

Who is Trivia Mark you ask? Well, I'm sort of R&D's answer to Sybil. Tucked inside my head are a variety of different personalities. This might explain how my column goes from goofy goblin jokes one week to deep insight in some philosophy of the game. Anyway, Trivia Mark is the part of me that's fascinating by all the interesting little tidbits of the game. Trivia Mark runs a daily trivia column over on the [Sideboard](#) called "[Question Mark](#)". He also does live trivia game shows at every Pro Tour.



Trivia Mark brought it to my attention that in the sixteen months that "Making Magic" has been around (yeah, it's really been [sixteen months](#)), I've never let him have a column. I felt it was only fair, so I'm turning this column over to Trivia Mark. Please remember to check the answers even if you don't know them (that's where the article will be secretly snuck in). With that said, take it away Trivia Mark.

Hello everyone. It's time to test how much you know about soldiers. After each question is the answer for that question, hidden from view. Click the words "See answer" to see it. Click "Hide answer" if you feel like making it disappear again. Please read each answer before progressing onto the next question. I hope you have fun.

One last thing. The point of this quiz is for you to answer the questions without the aid of anything else. Okay, if someone else is in the room, I guess you can ask them, but no looking up databases online or anything. You're on your honor.

(Note: This article uses technology that may not work in all web browsers. If the answers do not appear for you, you can go [here](#) to see the static version with all the answers revealed.)

The Quiz

1) What was the first expansion to have a Soldier in it?

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2) How many colors have had Soldiers?

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3) Rank the colors in order from the most Soldiers to the least. (Based on their number in Type I tournament legal expansions.)

[See answer](#) | [Hide answer](#)

4) What was the first card to have the word "Soldier(s)" in its title? (Hint: It's before *Fallen Empires*.)

[See answer](#) | [Hide answer](#)

5) Following this trend of non-Soldier "soldiers", can you name a blue card with "soldier(s)" in its title that is not a Soldier?

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6) How about green? What non-Soldier does it have with "Soldier" in the name?

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7) How about red? Red has two non-Soldier "Soldiers". Name them.

[See answer](#) | [Hide answer](#)

8) There have been numerous Soldiers with numerous abilities. Four of the most common keyword abilities are banding, first strike, flying, and protection. Can you put the abilities in order based on how many Soldiers they've appeared on from most to least. (And yes, I'm

counting creatures that can activate to give themselves the ability or conditionally can have the ability.)

[See answer](#) | [Hide answer](#)

9) How about some of the lesser used keywords? Can you name the two Soldiers that have trample?

[See answer](#) | [Hide answer](#)

10) Can you name the two Soldiers that have haste?

[See answer](#) | [Hide answer](#)

11) Can you name the one Soldier with regeneration?

[See answer](#) | [Hide answer](#)

12) I talked about mono-colored Soldiers, but **Ranger en-Vec brings up the existence of multi-color Soldiers. There are five total. What are the other four?**

[See answer](#) | [Hide answer](#)

13) Of all expansions every produced (and I mean all the expansions), which one has the most Soldiers?

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14) Of the Type I tournament legal expansions, which one has the most Soldiers?

[See answer](#) | [Hide answer](#)

15) What expansion has Soldiers appearing all of five colors? As a clue, this expansion also happens to be the tournament legal set with the most Soldiers after *Onslaught*.

[See answer](#) | [Hide answer](#)

16) Can you name the set that only had two Soldiers, one blue and one green?

[See answer](#) | [Hide answer](#)

17) *Sixth Edition* reprinted and functionally changed three cards by turning them into Soldiers. What are the cards? And what type were they all originally?

[See answer](#) | [Hide answer](#)

18) I've talked a lot about Soldiers. How about cards that affect Soldiers? Can you name the four cards in *Onslaught* that have the words "target Soldier" in their text box?

[See answer](#) | [Hide answer](#)

19) But wait there's more. What is the one card not in *Onslaught* (or even the whole *Onslaught* block) that has "target Soldier" in its rules text?

[See answer](#) | [Hide answer](#)

20) Now we get to some trivia about random Soldiers. What Soldier shares its name with a giant?

[See answer](#) | [Hide answer](#)

21) The look of Gerrard of the Weatherlight crew was based off the illustration of what Soldier?

[See answer](#) | [Hide answer](#)

22) What Soldier could never die in combat?

[See answer](#) | [Hide answer](#)

23) What Soldier has two abilities that are identical except the +'s in the first ability are -'s in the second?

[See answer](#) | [Hide answer](#)

24) What Soldier is a 1/1 when alone but a 2/1 when two of them are in play? (Hint: it's not a Sliver.)

[See answer](#) | [Hide answer](#)

25) And let's end with an extra tough question. Besides **Dream Fighter**, what other Soldier is not destroyed when blocked by a **Thicket Basilisk**?

[See answer](#) | [Hide answer](#)

Scoring

For those of you that need to grade yourselves, here you go:

Each question is worth 4 points.

90-100 - You're good! I'm talking "I'm a little skeptical, I think you might have cheated" good. But if you did this honestly (and those of you that did know who you are), good job. You are among the trivia elite. I salute you.

80-89 - Not bad. Hell, pretty damn good. You don't get a salute, but I will nod in your direction.

70-79 - Still pretty good. Remember this is C range in school and hey, C's are respectable (okay, not in my house growing up, but I hear there are many parents who get excited by C's.)

60-69 - Think of it this way. If you were taking this column pass/fail, you would have passed.

40-59 - No matter what anyone says, this isn't that bad. Sure, all the guys who did better will tease you, but deep in your heart, you know you're not really a trivia person. Hey, **Magic** trivia is hard. You did okay.

20-49 - You don't even get my pity speech. You suck.

1-19 - I admire the fact that you did this badly and managed to read it all the way to the end.


0 - Zero? You couldn't get one question right? A few of them were gimmees. I don't even think you were trying. Get out of my sight. I don't want to talk to you. Good day. I said, good day! (Yeah, I also like That 70's Show.)

I hope you all had some fun today. Join me next week when I explain why **Magic** has formats.

Until then, may you whisper "I knew that" to yourself when you hear the answer to a question.

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