

1940's CLASSIC MOVIES TRIVIA QUIZ



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1> Name the 1944 movie in which the character portrayed by John Wayne dies?

- a. Flying Tigers
- b. The Longest Day
- c. The Green Berets
- d. The Fighting SeaBees

2> Which film won seven Academy Awards in 1946, including Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Supporting Actor and Best Original Score?

- a. The Best Years of Our Lives
- b. The Treasure of the Sierra Madre
- c. How Green Was My Valley
- d. Bicycle Thieves

3> Who directed "Yankee Doodle Dandy"?

- a. William Wyler
- b. Carl Laemmle Jr.
- c. Michael Curtiz
- d. Frank Capra

4> What 1940 Disney film features the song "When You Wish upon a Star"?

- a. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
- b. Bambi
- c. Dumbo
- d. Pinocchio

5> Which of the following movies from the 40's starred Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall?

- a. The Big Sleep
- b. The Third Man
- c. The Great Dictator
- d. Notorious

6> Who played Gig Young in the 1942 movie "The Gay Sisters"?

- a. George Brent
- b. Gig Young
- c. Donald Crisp
- d. Donald Woods

7> In the 1943 movie "Jack London", who played Jack London?

- a. John Hodiak
- b. John Garfield
- c. Michael O'Shea
- d. Wayne Morris

8> What movie won the Oscar for Best Picture the year "Citizen Kane" was eligible (1941)?

- a. The Maltese Falcon
- b. Here Comes Mr. Jordan
- c. Blossoms in the Dust
- d. How Green Was My Valley

9> What were the two fake names used by Brigid O'Shaughnessy (Mary Astor) in the 1941 film "The Maltese Falcon"?

- a. Miss Hanks and Grace Elkins
- b. Miss Wonderly and Miss Le Blanc
- c. Gertude Wilson and Agnes Arthur
- d. Miss B. Havin and Miss Lanthrop

10> What did Tom Drake's character tell Judy Garland's character about her scent in "Meet me in St Louis"?

- a. Reminded him of his mother's parlor
- b. Thought she smelled like his grandmother

- c. Reminded him of a spring day
- d. Made him feel romantic

11> Released in 1940, which Alfred Hitchcock movie won the Academy Award for Best Picture?

- a. Rope
- b. The Lady Vanishes
- c. The Lady Vanishes
- d. Rebecca

12> Directed by John Ford, which 1940 drama film was based on a Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by John Steinbeck?

- a. Mildred Pierce
- b. The Philadelphia Story
- c. The Big Sleep
- d. The Grapes of Wrath

13> Based on the short story "The Greatest Gift", what movie stars James Stewart as George Bailey, a man who has given up his dreams in order to help others?

- a. The Philadelphia Story
- b. Easter Parade
- c. It's a Wonderful Life
- d. Fantasia

14> Which of the following actors did NOT star in Casablanca?

- a. Paul Henreid
- b. Cary Grant
- c. Ingrid Bergman
- d. Humphrey Bogart

15> Which of the following 40's movies did NOT star John Wayne?

- a. The Fighting Kentuckian
- b. Tall in the Saddle
- c. Rancho Grande
- d. Three Faces West

Answers:

- 1> The Fighting SeaBees - John Wayne played the role of Lt. Cmdr. Wedge Donovan.
- 2> The Best Years of Our Lives - The film is about three US servicemen trying to piece their lives back together after World War II.
- 3> Michael Curtiz - Released in 1942, Yankee Doodle Dandy was a huge box office success.
- 4> Pinocchio - It was the second animated film released by Walt Disney. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs was the first in 1937.
- 5> The Big Sleep - The Big Sleep was based on Raymond Chandler's 1939 novel of the same name.
- 6> Gig Young - The film was based on a novel by Stephen Longstreet.
- 7> Michael O'Shea - The movie also starred Susan Hayward.
- 8> How Green Was My Valley - How Green Was My Valley was nominated for ten Academy Awards and won five.
- 9> Miss Wonderly and Miss Le Blanc - The Maltese Falcon was based on a novel of the same name by Dashiell Hammett.
- 10> Thought she smelled like his grandmother - Directed by Vincente Minnelli, the film was released in 1944.
- 11> Rebecca - The movie stars Laurence Olivier, Joan Fontaine and Judith Anderson.
- 12> The Grapes of Wrath - The movie starred Henry Fonda and Jane Darwell.
- 13> It's a Wonderful Life - The film was nominated for five Oscars.
- 14> Cary Grant - Casablanca was released in 1942.
- 15> Rancho Grande - Released in 1940, Rancho Grande starred Gene Autry, Smiley Burnette and June Storey.