

ART AND LITERATURE TRIVIA QUESTIONS V



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1> The pigment primary colors are the secondary colors of light and vice versa. Which of these is a primary color of pigment instead of light?

- a. Yellow
- b. Green
- c. Red
- d. Blue

2> In 2005, the conceptual artist Christo installed the Gates, a series of 16-foot-tall metal grates covered in orange sheets. Where?

- a. Berlin's Tiergarten
- b. London's Hyde Park
- c. New York's Central Park
- d. Paris's Bois de Boulogne

3> In "Twelfth Night", Lady Olivia's uncle is quite mean to head steward Malvolio. What is the uncle's unfortunate name?

- a. Toby Fart
- b. Toby Hiccup
- c. Toby Belch
- d. Toby Cracknuckle

4> In 1504, a 13-foot statue of whom was erected in Piazza della Signoria in Florence?

- a. Saint Mark
- b. David
- c. Virgin Mary
- d. Moses

5> What humorist wrote "The Santaland Diaries", a collection of stories inspired by his experiences as a department store elf?

- a. David Sedaris
- b. PJ O'Rourke
- c. Dave Barry
- d. Steve Martin

6> Because its two towers look vaguely like dancers, Frank Gehry's Nationale-Nederlanden Building has been nicknamed "Fred and Ginger" by the people of what city?

- a. Frankfurt
- b. Barcelona
- c. Prague
- d. Glasgow

7> British feminist writer Fay Weldon sold out when she let a jewelry company do a product placement in one of her books. Which one?

- a. The Cartier Connection
- b. The Harry Winston Connection
- c. The Bulgari Connection
- d. The Hermes Connection

8> How long was Robinson Crusoe stranded on that Caribbean island, along with Friday?

- a. 19 days
- b. 2 months, 19 days
- c. 28 years, 2 months, 19 days
- d. He was never rescued

9> Although he had some success with the 1980 album "Catholic Boy", poet Jim Carroll is best known for what novel, made into a movie starring Leonardo di Caprio?

- a. The Basketball Diaries
- b. What's Eating Gilbert Grape
- c. The Aviator
- d. This Boy's Life

10> In what country did Kazimir Malevich introduce a movement called Suprematism, with such works as "Black Square" (which was, literally, a Black Square)?

- a. Poland
- b. Russia
- c. Germany
- d. United States

11> In what play is a usurped duke forced to flee to the Forest of Arden, even as his daughter Rosalind remains behind?

- a. As You Like It
- b. The Comedy of Errors
- c. Much Ado About Nothing
- d. The Tempest

12> The Dr Seuss book "The Lorax" angered some people, because of the evil Onceler. What does he do?

- a. Sell cigarettes
- b. Cut down trees
- c. Trap animals
- d. Make weapons

13> Regarded as the greatest of Greek sculptors, I worked on the sculpture of Athena in the Parthenon and on the Statue of Zeus at Olympia, which became one of the Wonders of the World. Who am I?

- a. Pericles
- b. Phidias
- c. Critias
- d. Menander

14> Which of Shakespeare's so-called "problem plays", also known as the dark comedies, was cribbed from the ninth story from the third day of Boccaccio's Decameron?

- a. Troilus and Cressida
- b. Measure for Measure

- c. All's Well That Ends Well
- d. Fonzie Jumps the Shark

15> What book was first self-published in 1931 by widowed homemaker Irma Rombauer?

- a. Joy of Cooking
- b. Joy of Music
- c. Joy of Sex
- d. Joy of Tao

Answers:

1> Yellow - Mixing light is considered an additive process, while mixing paint is considered a subtractive process.

2> New York's Central Park - It took years to set up, lasted just 16 days but brought in 4 million people.

3> Toby Belch - The joyless fool Malvolio is the steward of Olivia's household, and the hard-partying Belch is his arch-enemy.

4> David - Until 1873, it stood outside in the Piazza della Signoria, but to protect it from damage, it was moved into the Accademia Gallery and a replacement was made for the piazza.

5> David Sedaris - His sister Amy was also a comedian.

6> Prague - Yugoslavian-born Czech architect Vlado Milunic also worked on the Dancing Building.

7> The Bulgari Connection - She was paid £18,000 to mention Bulgari by name 12 times in her 2001 novel.

8> 28 years, 2 months, 19 days - He rescued Friday after having lived alone for 26 years.

9> The Basketball Diaries - He had a punk song called People Who Died, before expiring himself of a heart attack at age 60.

10> Russia - Established in the 1910s, it was based on such fundamental geometric forms as squares and circles.

11> As You Like It - Rosalind disguises herself as a guy named Ganymede, and sure enough, the shepherdess Phoebe falls for Rosalind.

12> Cut down trees - The logging industry fought back with a book of its own, called The Truax. That'll show 'em.

13> Phidias - None of his work survives, but his influence remains.

14> All's Well That Ends Well - Helena works for the Countess of Rousillion. When she cures a bout of fistula, she is allowed to marry any lord of her choosing and she chooses the countess's son Bertram.

15> Joy of Cooking - The books once included folksy wisdom and gossip about

celebrity culinary habits.