

ARTS AND LITERATURE TRIVIA QUESTIONS II



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1> Which of these tales is included alongside "Rip Van Winkle" in Washington Irving's "The Sketchbook of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent"?

- a. The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
- b. The Last of the Mohicans
- c. The Gift of the Magi
- d. A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court

2> Although he had assistants do the pecking, whose "Life on the Mississippi" was the first novel submitted to a publisher in typed form?

- a. Mark Twain
- b. Washington Irving
- c. James Fenimore Cooper
- d. Charles Dickens

3> What "Wizard of Oz" character is actually named Nick Chopper?

- a. Cowardly Lion
- b. Tin Woodman
- c. Scarecrow
- d. Wizard of Oz

4> In Magritte's "The Son of Man", what fruit obscures the face of the man wearing the derby?

- a. Banana
- b. Apple
- c. Orange
- d. Pumpkin

5> What 15-square-mile alpine grand duchy attacks the United States in The Mouse That Roared?

- a. Genovia
- b. Fenwick
- c. Ruritania
- d. Latveria

6> Literally speaking, what country produced the first sagas in the 12th and 13th centuries?

- a. Germany
- b. Iceland
- c. Russia
- d. England

7> Shattered accidentally by a drunk in 1845, what Roman vase inspired Josiah Wedgwood and Benjamin Richardson?

- a. Sussex vase
- b. Cardiff vase
- c. Portland vase
- d. Sheffield vase

8> Frailty, thy name is woman. But what is the name of the specific woman Hamlet has in mind?

- a. Goneril
- b. Gertrude
- c. Ophelia
- d. Mary

9> Who designed the geodesic dome that housed the US pavilion at Expo 67 in Moscow?

- a. R Buckminster Fuller
- b. IM Pei
- c. Mies Van Der Rohe
- d. Philip Johnson

10> Sylvester P Smythe was the mascot for what magazine?

- a. Cracked
- b. Mad
- c. New Yorker
- d. Playboy

11> In the art world, vernissage originally referred to the finishing touches a painter adds to an already hanging work. What does it usually mean now?

- a. A private viewing
- b. Poorly done restorations
- c. A work held in reserve for a buyer
- d. A painter's signature

12> In a Greek tragedy, what is anagnorisis?

- a. The moment of betrayal
- b. The moment of recognition or discovery
- c. The portion of the play after the climax
- d. The introduction

13> Two of the novels in James Clavell's Asian Saga, "Tai-Pan" and "Noble House", share what setting?

- a. Singapore
- b. Hong Kong
- c. Japan
- d. Taiwan

14> What city's Plain Dealer bills itself as "Ohio's Largest Newspaper"?

- a. Cincinnati
- b. Columbus
- c. Cleveland
- d. Toledo

15> In this play, a witch cackles, "By the prickling of my thumbs, something wicked this way comes." That line inspired titles by Agatha Christie and Ray Bradbury. But what is the play?

- a. Hamlet

- b. Macbeth
- c. A Midsummer Night's Dream
- d. The Tempest

Answers:

- 1> The Legend of Sleepy Hollow - The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent. was first published in 1819.
- 2> Mark Twain - Life on the Mississippi is a memoir of Twain's days as a steamboat pilot on the Mississippi River.
- 3> Tin Woodman - The fictional Land of Oz was created by American author L. Frank Baum.
- 4> Apple - Magritte later said that he painted it as a self-portrait.
- 5> Fenwick - The Mouse That Roared is a novel by Leonard Wibberley released in 1955.
- 6> Iceland - The word 'Saga' originates from Old Norse or Icelandic language.
- 7> Portland vase - The vase has been kept in the British Museum in London since 1810.
- 8> Gertrude - Hamlet is Shakespeare's longest play.
- 9> R Buckminster Fuller - The Expo 67 International Exposition featured 90 pavilions representing Man and His World.
- 10> Cracked - Cracked was founded in 1958 and stopped publishing in 2007.
- 11> A private viewing - There also is a comparable ceremonial ending of many art exhibitions, called a finissage.
- 12> The moment of recognition or discovery - In its Greek context, anagnorisis originally meant recognition.
- 13> Hong Kong - Clavell's first novel entitled King Rat, was a semi-fictional account of his experiences in prison at Changi.
- 14> Cleveland - Plain Dealer is in the top 20 newspapers for circulation in the United States.
- 15> Macbeth - A dark tragedy, Macbeth was written between 1603 and 1607.