

# ARTS AND LITERATURE TRIVIA QUESTIONS



( [www.TriviaChamp.com](http://www.TriviaChamp.com) )

1> What city's two main papers are the Free Press and the News?

- a. Boston
- b. Chicago
- c. Detroit
- d. Atlanta

2> In the Herman Melville novel, he's an officer on the Bellipotent. In the Benjamin Britten opera based on the novel, he is an officer on the HMS Indomitable. Who is he?

- a. Moby Dick
- b. Long John Silver
- c. Billy Budd
- d. Captain Flint

3> Art dealer Ambroise Vollard helped nurture which 19th-century art movement?

- a. Romanticism
- b. Impressionism
- c. Baroque
- d. Expressionism

4> Who developed the three laws of robotics, as well as a zeroth law that says that a robot may not injure humanity or, through inaction, allow humanity to come to harm?

- a. Arthur C Clarke
- b. Ray Bradbury
- c. Isaac Asimov
- d. HG Wells

5> Five years after he died in 1930, his widow had his body dug up in France and cremated. Unfortunately, her new boyfriend, Angelo Ravagli, dumped the ashes in Europe and replaced them with new ashes by the time he got back to Taos, New Mexico. Who was this dead writer?

- a. Norman Mailer
- b. Jack Kerouac
- c. DH Lawrence
- d. Truman Capote

6> What author of "Born Free" was initially believed to have been mauled to death by a lion?

- a. Joy Adamson
- b. Jane Goodall
- c. Mary Leakey
- d. Dian Fossey

7> On November 9, 1863, the US president saw what actor at Ford's Theatre, where he played Raphael in The Marble Heart?

- a. David Garrick
- b. John Wilkes Booth
- c. Henry Irving
- d. Edmund Kean

8> What defeated presidential candidate had written several books on environmental issues, including "Earth in the Balance - Ecology and the Human Spirit"?

- a. Al Gore
- b. Ralph Nader
- c. Bob Dole
- d. Michael Dukakis

9> Calling itself the "World's Greatest Newspaper", what is Chicago's largest newspaper called?

- a. Sun
- b. Times

- c. Tribune
- d. Post

10> In 2002, a German family discovered that "Massacre of the Innocents", a painting of Herod's murder of Jewish infants, was actually painted in about 1610 by whom?

- a. Michelangelo
- b. Rubens
- c. Rembrandt
- d. Raphael

11> Art dealer Jacopo Strada is best remembered now for the painting of him by which of his clients?

- a. Rafael
- b. Titian
- c. Michelangelo
- d. Caravaggio

12> What San Francisco romance writer's five husbands include a convicted bank robber/rapist, a heroin addict/burglar and a Silicon Valley investor?

- a. Nora Roberts
- b. Danielle Steel
- c. Barbara Cartland
- d. Barbara Taylor Bradford

13> Abrogate, prerogative and interrogate all come from the Latin root "rogare". What does this mean?

- a. To establish one's authority
- b. To exert a privilege
- c. To propose a law
- d. To ask a question

14> The son of Czech immigrants, what artist was born in Pittsburgh in 1928?

- a. Roy Lichtenstein
- b. Andy Warhol
- c. Willem DeKooning

d. Jackson Pollock

15> The original "Ignoramus" appeared in a satirical play by Cambridge University Professor George Ruggle. Who was he?

- a. An uneducated lawyer
- b. A court astrologer
- c. A tax collector
- d. An unwashed peasant

**Answers:**

1> Detroit - The Detroit Free Press has received nine Pulitzer Prizes and four Emmy Awards.

2> Billy Budd - Billy Budd was left unfinished when Herman Melville died in 1891 and not published until 1924.

3> Impressionism - In 1930, Ambroise commissioned Picaasso to produce a collection of 100 etchings, which later became known as the Vollard Suite.

4> Isaac Asimov - The first story Asimov ever sold was to Amazing Stories magazine in October 1939, entitled 'Marooned Off Vesta'.

5> DH Lawrence - D. H. Lawrence published Lady Chatterley's Lover in 1928.

6> Joy Adamson - Police determined that Joy's wounds were too sharp and bloodless to have been caused by a lion and concluded she had been murdered.

7> John Wilkes Booth - He later assassinated President Abraham Lincoln on April 14, 1865.

8> Al Gore - Gore served as the 45th Vice President of the United States from 1993 to 2001, under President Bill 'I Didn't Inhale' Clinton.

9> Tribune - The Tribune is the eighth largest newspaper in the United States by circulation.

10> Rubens - Near the end of his life, somewhere around 1638, Rubens painted a second version of the Massacre of the Innocents.

11> Titian - Jacopo Strada died in Prague and is buried in the Church of St. Nicholas in the Mala Strana.

12> Danielle Steel - As of 2012, Danielle is the fourth bestselling author of all time, with over 800 million copies of her books sold.

13> To propose a law - A present active infinitive of rogo.

14> Andy Warhol - Andy coined the expression '15 minutes of fame'.

15> An uneducated lawyer - Ruggle based his play on a 1595 Italian comedy by Giambattista Della Porta entitled La Trappolaria.