

BRITISH LITERATURE TRIVIA QUIZ



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1> "Edmund Talbot" is a leading character in which of the following William Golding novels?

- a. Rites of Passage
- b. Lord of the Flies
- c. The Scorpion God
- d. The Pyramid

2> First published in 1749, "Mr. Allworthy", a country gentleman, is featured in which comic novel?

- a. Adam Bede
- b. Bleak House
- c. Far From the Madding Crowd
- d. Tom Jones

3> The torture chamber "Room 101" can be found in which English novel?

- a. The Handmaid's Tale
- b. The House of the Scorpion
- c. 1984
- d. Brave New World

4> Published by his son Christopher in 1977, "The Silmarillion" is a fantasy novel by whom?

- a. H. P. Lovecraft

- b. J. R. R. Tolkien
- c. Roald Dahl
- d. Terry Pratchett

5> Published in 1876, what is the title of George Eliot's last novel?

- a. The Legend of Jubal
- b. Amos Barton
- c. The Lifted Veil
- d. Daniel Deronda

6> Which of the following Roald Dahl works was published the earliest?

- a. Fantastic Mr. Fox
- b. James and the Giant Peach
- c. The Twits
- d. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

7> Originally published in 1962, who wrote the dystopian novel "A Clockwork Orange"?

- a. Aldous Huxley
- b. Stanley Kubrick
- c. Anthony Burgess
- d. James Joyce

8> The character of "Mary Crawford" appears in what 1814 Jane Austen novel?

- a. Pride and Prejudice
- b. Emma
- c. Sense and Sensibility
- d. Mansfield Park

9> Finish the name of this famous Doris Lessing work - "The Golden..."?

- a. Coin
- b. Star
- c. Notebook
- d. Horn

10> "Caliban" is a chief character in which of William Shakespeare's plays?

- a. Twelfth Night
- b. As You Like It
- c. The Tempest
- d. All's Well That Ends Well

11> "Charles Lutwidge Dodgson" is the real name of which British author?

- a. Charles Dickens
- b. Lewis Carroll
- c. Arthur Conan Doyle
- d. George Eliot

12> What novel by Virginia Woolf details a day in the life of a 51 year old woman named "Clarissa"?

- a. Moments of Being
- b. Night and Day
- c. Mrs. Dalloway
- d. A Room of One's Own

13> Her fourth, what English author wrote the 1853 novel "Villette"?

- a. Virginia Woolf
- b. Jane Austen
- c. Hilary Mantel
- d. Charlotte Bronte

14> What 1949 English novel is set in Airstrip One, a province of the super state Oceania?

- a. Of Human Bondage
- b. 1984
- c. Heart of Darkness
- d. Paradise Lost

15> Considered a classic of English literature, who wrote the satire "Gulliver's Travels"?

- a. Henry Fielding
- b. William Golding
- c. Charles Dickens
- d. Jonathan Swift

Answers:

1> Rites of Passage - Rites of Passage was published in 1980.

2> Tom Jones - A very influential English novel, Tom Jones is divided into 18 smaller books and is quite lengthy.

3> 1984 - Room 101 is a torture chamber located in the Ministry of Love.

4> J. R. R. Tolkien - The novel is comprised of five parts that were initially separate works.

5> Daniel Deronda - George Eliot (Mary Anne Evans) wrote eight novels during her life.

6> James and the Giant Peach - James and The Giant Peach was first published in 1961.

7> Anthony Burgess - An adaptation of the novel to film was done by Stanley Kubrick in 1971.

8> Mansfield Park - Mansfield Park was the third published novel by Jane Austen.

9> Notebook - The Golden Notebook was published in 1962.

10> The Tempest - The Tempest is believed to have been written sometime in 1610–11.

11> Lewis Carroll - Lewis Carroll is best-known for his novel Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.

12> Mrs. Dalloway - Mrs. Dalloway was published in 1925.

13> Charlotte Bronte - The BBC produced a television miniseries based on Villette in 1970.

14> 1984 - Written by George Orwell, Nineteen Eighty-Four has been adapted for the cinema, radio, television and theatre.

15> Jonathan Swift - A movie based on the book was released in 2010 starring Jack Black.

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