

LITERATURE TRIVIA QUESTIONS #8



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1> What is the name of Captain Nemo's submarine in Jules Verne's 1869 novel "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea"?

- a. Big Blue
- b. Destiny
- c. Nautilus
- d. Explorer

2> In which novel would you read about the characters Nat, Dan, Demi, Daisy and Tommy?

- a. The Outsiders
- b. Tom Sawyer
- c. Little Men
- d. Peter Pan

3> "It was a pleasure to burn" is the opening line to which famous novel?

- a. The Invisible Man
- b. The Last Mohican
- c. Lord of the Flies
- d. Fahrenheit 451

4> Which of the following works was Charles Dickens's first novel?

- a. Dombey and Son
- b. The Pickwick Papers

- c. A Christmas Carol
- d. A Tale of Two Cities

5> In T. S. Elliot's play "Murder in the Cathedral," who is killed?

- a. Oliver Cromwell
- b. Thomas Becket
- c. Pope Pius
- d. Pope John Paul

6> Which of the following characters can be found in Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island"?

- a. Captain Kidd
- b. Anne Bonny
- c. Long John Silver
- d. Blackbeard

7> Published in 1992, who wrote the controversial novel "Bravo Two Zero"?

- a. Tom Clancy
- b. Joseph Heller
- c. Ian Fleming
- d. Andy McNab

8> Which of the following fictional characters travels around the world on a bet?

- a. Lemuel Gulliver
- b. Mr. Pickwick
- c. Professor Challenger
- d. Phileas Fogg

9> Which of these novels was written by Barbara Taylor Bradford?

- a. Twilight
- b. Little Women
- c. A Woman of Substance
- d. The Edible Woman

10> Published in 1961, in which conflict is Joseph Heller's novel "Catch 22" set?

- a. WWI
- b. WWII
- c. The Vietnam War
- d. The American Civil War

11> Professor Henry Higgins and Eliza Doolittle are characters from which play?

- a. Guys and dolls
- b. My Fair Lady
- c. Singing in the Rain
- d. Oklahoma

12> Which of the following novels was not written by American author Dean Koontz?

- a. Salem's Lot
- b. Saint Odd
- c. Odd Thomas
- d. Watchers

13> Written by the Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard, which novel features hairy 9-foot tall, 1,000-pound sociopaths named "The Psychlos"?

- a. The Invaders Plan
- b. Enemy Within
- c. Battlefield Earth
- d. Death Quest

14> "This is the saddest story I have ever heard" is the opening line to which novel that was published in 1915?

- a. As I Lay Dying
- b. A Handful of Dust
- c. The Good Soldier
- d. The Wings of the Dove

15> Written by James Fenimore Cooper during the early to mid 1800s, which of the following novels is not part of the Leatherstocking Tales series?

- a. The Deerslayer
- b. The Pathfinder
- c. The Last of the Mohicans
- d. The Bravo

16> Which of the following Shakespearian plays was based on the Latin play "The Twins" by Plautus?

- a. Hamlet
- b. All's Well That Ends Well
- c. As You Like It
- d. The Comedy of Errors

Answers:

- 1> Nautilus - 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea refers to the distance traveled while under the sea and not to a depth that the submarine submerged.
- 2> Little Men - Published in 1871, Little Men was written by Louisa May Alcott.
- 3> Fahrenheit 451 - Published in 1953, Fahrenheit 451 was written by Ray Bradbury.
- 4> The Pickwick Papers - The Pickwick Papers made its debut in 1836.
- 5> Thomas Becket - Murder in the Cathedral was first performed in 1935.
- 6> Long John Silver - Treasure Island was first published in November of 1883.
- 7> Andy McNab - Andy McNab is the pseudonym and pen-name of Steven Billy Mitchell.
- 8> Phileas Fogg - Phileas Fogg is a character from Jules Verne's novel 'Around the World in Eighty Days'.
- 9> A Woman of Substance - Published in 1979, A Woman of Substance was Barbara's debut novel.
- 10> WWII - A satire, Catch 22 is set from 1942 to 1944 during World War II.
- 11> My Fair Lady - My Fair Lady was written by George Bernard Shaw.
- 12> Salem's Lot - Published in 1975, Salem's Lot was written by Stephen King.
- 13> Battlefield Earth - Battlefield Earth was originally titled 'Man, the Endangered Species'.
- 14> The Good Soldier - Set just before World War One, The Good Soldier was written by English novelist Ford Madox Ford.
- 15> The Bravo - The series consists of five novels, which all feature a main hero named Natty Bumppo.
- 16> The Comedy of Errors - The Comedy of Errors tells the story of two sets of identical twins that were accidentally separated at birth.

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