

LITERATURE TRIVIA QUESTIONS VII



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1> Although he was the villain of The Three Musketeers, he also created the Academie Francaise in 1635, which regulated the language and encouraged literature. Who was he?

- a. Louis XIV
- b. Cardinal Richelieu
- c. Charlemagne
- d. Napoleon

2> It's a poetry syllogism! According to poems by Keats, one can infer that "truth" is a "joy forever". Why?

- a. Both are definitions of "love"
- b. Both are definitions of "beauty"
- c. You can never have both
- d. You can never have one without the other

3> What writer so accurately described the submarine periscope in "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" that it prevented a later inventor from patenting its real-life equivalent?

- a. Jules Verne
- b. HG Wells
- c. Arthur Conan Doyle
- d. Edgar Rice Burroughs

4> This Shakespeare character walks into a bar and orders a beer in iambic pentameter. How would he do so?

- a. Forsooth, I doth crave ale, anon!
- b. Hello, I want a beer, dear girl, and soon
- c. A beer delivered unto me with all great speed shall be like a newborn sun on

an April morn

d. Yo, bitch. Get me a brew. Chop, chop!

5> In what minimalist Thornton Wilder play do folding chairs represent gravestones?

- a. The Bridge of San Luis Rey
- b. Blithe Spirit
- c. Our Town
- d. Private Lives

6> What pronoun did Graves put in front of Claudius, Hammer in front of the Jury and Asimov in front of Robot?

- a. He
- b. You
- c. I
- d. We

7> In what Shakespeare play does Brutus have the most lines?

- a. Titus Andronicus
- b. Julius Caesar
- c. Anthony and Cleopatra
- d. Troilus and Cressida

8> What did Roth say to Columbus, Isherwood to Berlin and Hilton to Mr Chips?

- a. Goodbye
- b. Never Again
- c. Good Luck
- d. Bring It On

9> What Shakespeare play was inspired when colonists aboard the Sea Venture, who were headed for Virginia, were instead shipwrecked and founded Bermuda?

- a. As You Like It
- b. Twelfth Night
- c. The Tempest
- d. Measure for Measure

10> As of 2005, who was the only former president to get a novel published, namely "The Hornet's Nest," about North Carolina and the American Revolution?

- a. Woodrow Wilson
- b. Jimmy Carter
- c. George HW Bush
- d. Gerald Ford

11> What magazine infamously darkened OJ Simpson's mug shot before putting it on its cover?

- a. Time
- b. National Review
- c. Newsweek
- d. New Republic

12> Name the novel that describes a future society where books are outlawed and firefighters burn any house that contains them.

- a. Fahrenheit 451
- b. Pillar of Fire
- c. Sun and Shadow
- d. Twice 22

Answers:

- 1> Cardinal Richelieu - Richelieu was sanctified as a bishop in 1608, later in 1616, he became Secretary of State.
- 2> Both are definitions of "beauty" - A syllogism is a logical argument in which one proposition is inferred from two or more others of a specific form.
- 3> Jules Verne - Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea tells the story of Captain Nemo and his submarine Nautilus.
- 4> Hello, I want a beer, dear girl, and soon - Iambic pentameter is a term used to describe the most common meter used in English poetry.
- 5> Our Town - Our Town is a three-act play about a town's citizens in the early twentieth century.
- 6> I - Isaac Asimov's I, Robot is a collection of nine science fiction short stories.
- 7> Julius Caesar - Julius Caesar is one of several Roman plays that Shakespeare wrote, based on events from Roman history.
- 8> Goodbye - Published in June 1934, Goodbye, Mr. Chips was written by English writer James Hilton.
- 9> The Tempest - According to historians, The Tempest did not attract much attention before closing in the theatres in 1642.
- 10> Jimmy Carter - Jimmy Carter, Jr. served as the 39th President of the United States from 1977 to 1981.
- 11> Time - In 2008, Simpson was found guilty of kidnapping and armed robbery and sentenced to thirty-three years' imprisonment.
- 12> Fahrenheit 451 - Published in 1953, Fahrenheit 451 was written by Ray Bradbury.