

Contemporary Literature

1. "Mr. and Mrs. Dursley, of number four, Privet Drive, were proud to say that they were perfectly normal, thank you very much. They were the last people you'd expect to be involved in anything strange or mysterious, because they just didn't hold with such nonsense." This is the first line from what book?

A: Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone by J. K. Rowling

2. Who is the author of, "America: the book," "Naked Pictures of Famous People" and "Earth: A Visitors Guide to the Human Race"?

A: Jon Stewart

3. Obama's Wars was a best-seller in 2010. Who is the author?

A: Bob Woodward

4. He also wrote: "Raise High the Roof Beam, Carpenters and Seymour: An Introduction" "Franny and Zooey" and "Nine Stories." Who is he?

A: J. D. Salinger

5. In the early 1970s, Clifford Irving used forged 'hand-written' letters to convince McGraw-Hill to pay him an advance of \$100,000 for the autobiography of whom?

A: Howard Hughes

6. What John Grisham novel is NOT about lawyers?

A) Painted House

7. What famous entertainer wrote "The Man in Black" in 1975 and "The Man in White" in 1986?

A) Johnny Cash

8. In this 1965 book "Unsafe At Any Speed" Ralph Nader focused on the unsafe design of which American made car?

A) Chevrolet Corvair

9. "It was morning, and the new sun sparkled gold across the ripples of gentle sea" is the opening line of which 1970 best seller written by Richard Bach?

A) Jonathan Livingston Seagull

10. Who is the subject of 1977 unauthorized biography "The Good, The Bad and the Very Ugly?"

A) Clint Eastwood (written by ex-girlfriend Sondra Locke)

Rachel Carson wrote this 1962 best seller calling attention to the damaging affects of pesticides on crops. Name the book.

A) Silent Spring

Minnesota History & Geography

1. What is the largest lake, by surface area, that is entirely within the borders of MN?

A: Red Lake. 288,800 acres. and is only 18 feet deep!

2. The headwaters of the Mississippi is located in what county?

A: Clearwater

3. The only part of the continental US above the 49th parallel is called what?

A: The Northwest Angle

4. The geographic center of Minnesota is in what county?

A: Crow Wing. 10 miles SW of Brainerd.

5. What is the longest river that is entirely in the state of Minnesota?

A: Minnesota River: 370 miles

6. This isn't the first time that Minnesota has faced a recount in the governor's race. In 1962 this man beat his incumbent opponent by 91 votes. Who is he?

A) Karl Rolvaag

7. Lamberton, MN holds the U.S. record for the greatest drop in temperature in a 24 hour period. Within 5 degrees, how many degrees did the temperature drop on April 3, 1982?

A) 71 degrees

8. What did Minnesota farmer Olaf Ohman find on his farm on November 8, 1898?

A) The Kensington Rhunestone

9. Time Magazine named its first "Man of the Year" in 1927. What Minnesotan was so honored?

A) Charles Lindbergh

10. What is the longest state highway in Minnesota?

A) MN Highway 1. 345.954 mi. from The Red River to Illgen City

Food

1. Play, "The Banana Boat Song" What is the title?

2. What is the cooking term that describes a process of food preparation wherein the food substance, usually a vegetable or fruit, is plunged into boiling water, removed after a brief, timed interval, and finally plunged into iced water or placed under cold running water (shocked) to halt the cooking process?

A: Blanch

3. In Chicago it would be topped with mustard, fresh tomatoes, onions, sport peppers, bright green relish, dill pickles and celery salt, but never ketchup. What is it?

A: A Hot Dog

4. A folded, crisp cookie 'founded by the Japanese, popularized by the Chinese and consumed by Americans. What is it?

A: The Fortune Cookie

5. Who wrote, "The French Chef?"

A: Julia Child

6. What is the most consumed fish in the world?

A) Herring

7. What ethnic food did Jeno Paulucci first make available in supermarkets nationwide in 1947?

A) Chinese (Chun King Chow Mein)

8. According to USDA guidelines, what percentage of a "meatball" must be meat?

A: 99% B: 89% C: 50% D: 65% The Answer is D: 65%

9. What fruit carries its seeds on the outside?

A) Strawberries

10. Name 4 of the vegetable juices in V-8.

A) tomato, beet, celery, carrot, lettuce, parsley, watercress, spinach.

Women Making History

1. What President's wife essentially took over for her husband after he suffered a stroke?

A: Woodrow Wilson. (Edith)

2. Who was the first woman to be Speaker of the US House of Representatives?

A: Nancy Pelosi

3. Martha Jane Cannary (1852-1903) had a famous nickname. What is it?

A: "Calamity Jane"

4. Who was the first woman to make a million dollars in the movie business?

A: Mae West

5. Maya Lin is best known for designing what?

A: The Viet Nam War Memorial

6. Who was the first woman to serve on the United States Supreme Court?

A) Sandra Day O'Connor

7. Name the woman who pioneered the study of death in her 1969 book "On Death and Dying."

A) Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

8. Name the woman who was responsible for the bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama during the civil rights movement.

A) Rosa Parks

9. There are four women in Obama's cabinet. Name two of them.

A) Janet Napolitano (Homeland Security) Hilda Solis (Sec of Labor) Kathleen Sebelius (Health & Human Svc) Hillary Clinton (Sec of State)

10. Who is the Chancellor of Germany?

A) Angela Merkel

Americana

1. Alan Alda played Hawkeye in the television series M*A*S*H. Who played Hawkeye in the movie version?

A) Donald Sutherland

2. What is the third largest city by population in Minnesota?

A) Rochester

3. Geographically, what is the 4th largest state in the US?

A) Montana

4. Which presidents are honored on Mt. Rushmore?

A) Washington, Jefferson, Teddy Roosevelt, Lincoln

5. What did the railroads create in 1883 to simplify scheduling?

A) Time Zones

6. Who was the first president to travel outside the continental US?

A) Teddy Roosevelt (Panama in 1906)

7. What city is this?



A: Dallas

8. What city is this?



San Diego

9. What is the 4th largest city in the US by population?

A: Houston – 2.3m

10. The first continuous road/highway across the US, it stretches from Times Square in New York to Lincoln Park in San Francisco. What is its name?

A: The Lincoln Highway

Animals

1. When an English botanist and zoologist George Shaw first encountered this animal in 1798 he thought somebody had sewn a duck's beak onto the body of a beaver-like animal as a hoax. He even took a scissors to it to check for stitches. What animal was it?

A: The Platypus

2. Any of numerous hook-billed, often brilliantly colored birds of the order Psittaciformes, as the cockatoo, lory, macaw, or parakeet, having the ability to mimic speech and often kept as pets." This is the definition of what?

A: Parrot



3. What is the name of this animal?

A: Sloth



4. What is this part of this animal?

A: The Dewclaw

5. Life, Domain, Kingdom, Phylum, _____. What comes next?

A: Class. Then Order, Family, Genus, Species.

6. During the tsunami of 2004 a 650 pound baby hippopotamus was left orphaned in Kenya. What animal did he adapt as is surrogate mother?

A) A tortoise

7. What is a group of boars called?

A) A sounder

8. Do tigers have striped fur, skin or both?

A) Both

9. What is a group of kangaroos called?

A) Mob

10. How many muscles does a cat have in each ear?

a. 9 b. 24 c. 32 d. 48

The answer is c