The Quiz Challenge

1) What was the real name of the American writer Mark Twain?
2) Who does Emma marry in Jane Austen’s novel?
3) What is the name of the other residence in Emily Bronte’s Wuthering Heights?
4) What is the name of the type of blade that pierces Frodo’s shoulder?
5) What is the name of the estate in Daphne Du Maurier’s Rebecca?
6) On which island is Captain Corelli’s Mandolin set?
7) Jean Rhys’ 1966 novel Wide Sargasso Sea is based on which novel?
8) Which Romantic poet wrote ‘La Belle Dame Sans Merci’?
9) Tom Stoppard’s play Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead is based on minor characters from which Shakespeare play?
10) Who wrote the teen fiction novel The Tulip Touch?

The Creative Challenge

1) Create the most imaginative simile (you can choose what you want to compare).
2) Continue this line in an imaginative way:
   “At exactly the right moment.............................
   .............................................................................”
3) Complete this couplet, finding a second line to this first, trying also to rhyme. As an extra challenge, you could try Iambic Tetrameter also!
   “How can I help my fellow man.......................
   .............................................................................”
4) On the reverse of this page, write the opening paragraph for a story: theme and genre is entirely up to you. You just need to make sure that it is gripping and imaginatively written.

The Crossword Challenge

Across

5  The hero in Jane Austen’s Pride and Prejudice (7)
7  Benedick’s lover and ‘enemy’ in Much Ado About Nothing (8)
8  Who wrote Coping with Teachers? (10)

Down

1  What is the name of the main female character in the Harry Potter books? (8)
2  The _______ Dahlia by James Ellroy (5)
3  The number of lines in a sonnet (8)
4  Which character has the most lines in a Shakespeare play? (6)
6  Who is the ‘ring-bearer’? (5)
The Big Reading Challenge

The Literature Challenge
Do your best in the quiz and find out if you are a real Literature buff.
Remember there are prizes to be won…

English Literature

1) What are the two cities in Dickens’ A Tale of Two Cities?
2) Who wrote Woman in White?
3) Which one of these Roald Dahl’s books didn’t get a place in the BIG READ top 100?
   a. Fantastic Mr Fox
   b. The Twits
   c. The BFG
   d. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
4) Name one character who survives to the end in Lord of the Flies by William Golding.
5) Who wrote the Secret Seven series?
6) What two characters have to part for ever at the end of the His Dark Materials trilogy?
7) What pseudonyms did the Bronte sisters use instead of using their own names when they wanted to publish their stories?
8) What book came top in the BIG READ Top 100?
9) Who wrote The Handmaid’s Tale?

Foreign Literature

10) What famous American novel begins with the line “Call me Ishmael”?
11) Whose were the ‘fables’?
12) What was Anne’s (in Anne of Green Gables) dreaded nickname?
13) How many little women (sisters) are there in Louisa May Alcott’s Little Women?
14) What is the title of the book of the epic Australian story of the Cleary family?

Poetry

15) Who is the current English poet laureate?
16) Complete this sentence from Elizabeth Barrett Browning’s sonnet: ‘How do I love thee…’
17) Who wrote ‘Dulce et Decorum est’ (a very famous war poem)?
The Shakespeare Challenge

Do your best in the different categories and find out if you are a real Shakespeare buff. Remember there are prizes to be won…

Shakespeare’s Life

1) When was Shakespeare born?
2) Where was he born?
3) Do we know where Shakespeare went to school?
4) What were his parents’ names?
5) In 1582 Shakespeare was married, but to whom?
6) Shakespeare had three children. What were their names?
7) In 1596, one of Shakespeare’s children tragically died – which child was this?
8) Shakespeare died on his birthday in what year?

Shakespeare’s Career

9) In 1594 Shakespeare was the founding member of which actors’ company?
10) How many plays did Shakespeare write?
11) How many sonnets are ascribed to him?
12) Approximately how many words is Shakespeare supposed to have created?
   a. 150
   b. 1000
   c. 3000
   d. 10000

Shakespeare’s Plays

13) Who are the “star-cross’d lovers”?
14) King Oberon is to marry Titania in which play?
15) Which Shakespeare character loses an eye?
16) What was Julius Caesar warned about in the play of the same name?
17) Who in Romeo and Juliet suggests to Juliet to commit bigamy when Romeo is banished?
18) Who is “Done to death by slanderous tongues” in Much Ado About Nothing?
19) Who is the character who says of his own murder that it was “foul and most unnatural”?
20) By what name is Viola known when she disguises herself in Twelfth Night?
The Book Challenge answers

The Quiz

1) Samuel Langhorne Clemens
2) Mr George Knightley
3) Thrushcross Grange
4) morgul
5) Manderley
6) Cephallonia
7) Jane Eyre
8) John Keats
9) Hamlet
10) Anne Fine

The Crossword

1) Hermione
2) Black
3) fourteen
4) Hamlet
5) Mr Darcy
6) Frodo
7) Beatrice
8) Peter Corey

The Literature Challenge Answers

1) London and Paris
2) Wilkie Collins
3) a) Fantastic Mr Fox
4) Ralph, Roger, Jack (there are others but these are the most likely)
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Shakespeare Challenge Answers

1) 1564
2) Stratford Upon Avon
3) no
4) John Shakespeare and Mary Arden
5) Anne Hathaway
6) Susanna 1583, Hamnet and Judith 1585
7) Hamnet at age 11
8) 1616
9) Lord Chamberlain’s Men
10) 38
11) 154
12) c) 3000
13) Romeo and Juliet
14) A Midsummer Night’s Dream
15) Earl of Gloucester
16) The Ides of March
17) The Nurse
18) Hero
19) The Ghost of King Hamlet
20) Cesario