

Chronicles of Comic History

Comic Book History · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. In which year was Action Comics #1, featuring the first appearance of Superman, officially published?

- A) 1936
- B) 1938**
- C) 1940
- D) 1941

2. Who is credited with creating the character Wonder Woman, debuting in All Star Comics #8 in 1941?

- A) William Moulton Marston**
- B) Jerry Siegel
- C) Joe Shuster
- D) Bob Kane

3. Which comic book series, published by EC Comics in the 1950s, was a primary target of the Senate Subcommittee Hearings on Juvenile Delinquency?

- A) Tales from the Crypt**
- B) The Flash
- C) Captain America
- D) Justice League of America

4. What was the primary purpose of the Comics Code Authority, established in 1954?

- A) Promote superhero diversity
- B) Create a self-regulatory censorship board**
- C) Distribute comics internationally
- D) Standardize printing ink colors

5. Stan Lee and Jack Kirby introduced the Fantastic Four in 1961, which was published by which company?

- A) DC Comics
- B) Marvel Comics**
- C) Dell Comics
- D) Charlton Comics

6. Which artist is famous for co-creating Spider-Man alongside Stan Lee and revolutionizing the 'Marvel Method' of storytelling?

- A) Steve Ditko**
- B) Neal Adams
- C) Jim Steranko
- D) Will Eisner

7. In 1986, which landmark limited series by Frank Miller radically altered the portrayal of Batman, introducing a gritty, aging hero?

- A) The Dark Knight Returns**
- B) Year One
- C) The Killing Joke
- D) Arkham Asylum

8. Which 1986 graphic novel by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons is the only comic book to appear on Time's list of the 100 best novels?

- A) Watchmen**
- B) V for Vendetta
- C) Swamp Thing
- D) Miracleman

9. Which publisher was responsible for the 'Golden Age' character Captain Marvel, who was later renamed Shazam due to legal disputes?

- A) Fawcett Comics**
- B) Timely Comics
- C) Quality Comics
- D) Charlton Comics

10. Who is widely considered the 'father of the modern comic book' for his work in the 1930s and his later seminal graphic novel 'A Contract with God'?

- A) Will Eisner**
- B) Harvey Kurtzman
- C) Jack Kirby
- D) Carl Barks

11. The character 'The Spirit' was created by Will Eisner as a feature for what type of publication?

- A) Newspaper insert sections**
- B) Monthly floppy comics
- C) Mass-market paperbacks
- D) Hardcover anthologies

12. Which major comic book event in 1992, involving the death of a titular hero, became a global media sensation and a massive commercial success?

- A) The Death of Superman**
- B) The Fall of Captain America
- C) The Crisis on Infinite Earths
- D) The Secret Wars