

Global Origins of Folklore and Fables

Fairy Tales & Fables · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. The collection of fables attributed to Aesop, who according to historical tradition lived in the 6th century BCE, originated in which ancient region?

- A) Ancient Greece**
- B) Ancient Egypt
- C) Ancient Mesopotamia
- D) Ancient India

2. The Brothers Grimm, who published their famous 'Children's and Household Tales' in the 19th century, collected the vast majority of their stories from which modern-day country?

- A) Austria
- B) Germany**
- C) Switzerland
- D) Netherlands

3. The 'Panchatantra', an ancient Indian collection of interrelated animal fables in Sanskrit verse, is believed to have been composed in which century?

- A) 1st century BCE
- B) 3rd century CE**
- C) 6th century CE
- D) 9th century CE

4. Charles Perrault, known for formalizing versions of 'Cinderella' and 'Sleeping Beauty', served as a high-ranking official under the reign of King Louis XIV in which country?

- A) Italy
- B) France**
- C) Spain
- D) England

5. The folk tale 'Vasilisa the Beautiful' is a prominent story within the fairy tale tradition of which cultural and linguistic group?

- A) Slavic**
- B) Nordic
- C) Celtic
- D) Uralic

6. Giambattista Basile's 'Pentamerone', published in the early 17th century, contains some of the earliest known literary versions of fairy tales and is written in the dialect of which city?

- A) Venice
- B) Florence
- C) Naples**
- D) Rome

7. The story 'The Fisherman and the Jinni' is one of the most famous tales featured in 'One Thousand and One Nights', a compilation with roots in the literary traditions of which region?

- A) Persia and the Arab world**
- B) Sub-Saharan Africa
- C) The Balkans
- D) Southeast Asia

8. Hans Christian Andersen, the author of 'The Little Mermaid' and 'The Ugly Duckling', was born in and lived most of his life in which city?

- A) Stockholm
- B) Copenhagen**
- C) Oslo
- D) Helsinki

9. The tale of 'Momotaro' (Peach Boy), a foundational folk story in Japanese folklore, is culturally associated with which prefecture, which claims the legend as its own?

- A) Okayama**
- B) Hokkaido
- C) Kyoto
- D) Okinawa

10. The 'Jataka Tales', which feature fables emphasizing the moral lessons of the Buddha, are primarily set in the geographical context of which ancient civilization?

- A) The Indus Valley
- B) The Ganges Basin**
- C) The Tibetan Plateau
- D) The Malay Archipelago