

Global Literary Giants

Literature · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. Who was the first Asian Nobel laureate in Literature?

- A) Haruki Murakami
- B) Rabindranath Tagore**
- C) Lu Xun
- D) Naguib Mahfouz

2. Which work by Rabindranath Tagore is mentioned as a collection reflecting spirituality and Indian identity?

- A) Kafka on the Shore
- B) Gitanjali**
- C) Diary of a Madman
- D) The Divine Comedy

3. Haruki Murakami's "Kafka on the Shore" blends which two literary elements?

- A) Realism and Fantasy
- B) Magical Realism and Existentialism**
- C) Historical Fiction and Romance
- D) Science Fiction and Thriller

4. Lu Xun is considered the father of modern Chinese literature for which work?

- A) Things Fall Apart
- B) Beloved
- C) Diary of a Madman**
- D) The Handmaid's Tale

5. Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" offers commentary on which societal issues in 19th-century America?

- A) Industrialization and Labor
- B) Race and Society**
- C) Immigration and Urbanization
- D) Class Struggle and Poverty

6. Margaret Atwood's "The Handmaid's Tale" is a critical exploration of societal roles and what other dynamics?

- A) Economic Policies
- B) Environmental Concerns
- C) Power Dynamics**
- D) Technological Advancements

7. Which novel by Toni Morrison delves into the complexities of identity and trauma within the African American experience?

A) The House of the Spirits

B) Beloved

C) July's People

D) Palace Walk

8. William Shakespeare is known for his profound exploration of what through his plays and sonnets?

A) Scientific Discoveries

B) Human Nature

C) Political Revolutions

D) Economic Systems

9. Franz Kafka is a pioneer of which literary styles, capturing modernist anxieties?

A) Romanticism and Gothic

B) Realism and Naturalism

C) Existential and Absurdist

D) Symbolism and Impressionism

10. Dante Alighieri's "The Divine Comedy" is a cornerstone of which literature?

A) English

B) French

C) Italian

D) Spanish

11. Gabriel García Márquez is renowned for intertwining magical realism with social commentary in which novel?

A) Ficciones

B) The House of the Spirits

C) One Hundred Years of Solitude

D) Things Fall Apart

12. Jorge Luis Borges, through "Ficciones," reshapes narrative boundaries with what kind of themes?

A) Historical

B) Philosophical

C) Biographical

D) Autobiographical

13. Isabel Allende's "The House of the Spirits" combines personal and political histories, giving voice to whose experiences?

- A) Men's
- B) Children's
- C) Women's**
- D) Elderly's

14. Chinua Achebe's "Things Fall Apart" portrays the impacts of what on African society?

- A) Industrialization
- B) Globalization
- C) Colonialism**
- D) Technology

15. Nadine Gordimer explored the complexities of race and power dynamics in apartheid South Africa in which novel?

- A) Palace Walk
- B) Things Fall Apart
- C) July's People**
- D) The Handmaid's Tale

16. Naguib Mahfouz, the first Arab Nobel laureate, is renowned for which novel?

- A) The Divine Comedy
- B) Kafka on the Shore
- C) Palace Walk**
- D) Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

17. Rabindranath Tagore was a polymath, meaning he excelled in many fields, including being a poet, writer, and what else?

- A) Scientist
- B) Architect
- C) Composer**
- D) Economist

18. Which of these authors is associated with magical realism?

- A) William Shakespeare
- B) Toni Morrison
- C) Gabriel García Márquez**
- D) Franz Kafka

19. The text identifies Lu Xun as the father of modern Chinese literature, born and raised in which region?

A) Jiangnan provinces

B) Beijing

C) Shanghai

D) Guangdong

20. Margaret Atwood's work "The Handmaid's Tale" is described as feminist speculative fiction, exploring themes of gender oppression and what kind of futures?

A) Utopian

B) Dystopian

C) Historical

D) Realistic