

Meme Culture Trivia

Internet History · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which 1996 3D-animated video is widely considered one of the first viral internet memes before the existence of platforms like YouTube?

- A) The Nyan Cat
- B) The Dancing Baby**
- C) Badger Badger Badger
- D) Chocolate Rain

2. What is the origin of the term 'meme' as defined by evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins in his 1976 book The Selfish Gene?

- A) A unit of cultural transmission**
- B) A digital image with text
- C) A viral video trend
- D) A computer virus

3. The 'Rickrolling' phenomenon involves tricking people into clicking a link to which music video by Rick Astley?

- A) Together Forever
- B) Take Me to Your Heart
- C) Whenever You Need Somebody
- D) Never Gonna Give You Up**

4. In the early 2010s, which platform was the primary birthplace of the 'Doge' meme featuring a Shiba Inu dog with colorful Comic Sans text?

- A) Tumblr
- B) Reddit**
- C) MySpace
- D) Vine

5. Which website, founded in 2003, is known as the 'Encyclopedia of Memes' for documenting the history and origin of internet phenomena?

- A) Know Your Meme**
- B) Wikipedia
- C) Reddit
- D) Urban Dictionary

6. Which popular 2012 meme featured a disgruntled cat with a permanent frown, often associated with captions about disappointment?

- A) Nyan Cat
- B) Keyboard Cat
- C) Grumpy Cat**
- D) Long Cat

7. The 'Distracted Boyfriend' meme is a stock photograph captured by which professional photographer in 2015?

- A) Antonio Guillem**
- B) Steve McCurry
- C) Annie Leibovitz
- D) David LaChapelle

8. 'Harambe,' a gorilla who became a massive meme in 2016, resided at which specific zoo?

- A) San Diego Zoo
- B) Cincinnati Zoo**
- C) Taronga Zoo
- D) Bronx Zoo

9. What was the primary format of the 'Vine' social media platform that spawned countless short-form viral memes?

- A) 6-second looping videos**
- B) 15-second music clips
- C) Long-form documentaries
- D) Static image galleries

10. Which 2011 viral sensation featured a young girl singing a song about the days of the week, becoming one of YouTube's most disliked videos at the time?

- A) Friday by Rebecca Black**
- B) Gangnam Style
- C) Charlie Bit My Finger
- D) Chocolate Rain