

Fun Facts About Animation History

Animation History · Answer Key · 22 Questions

1. What was one of the very first ways people made drawings seem to move, using a spinning drum?

- A) A zoetrope**
- B) A magic lantern
- C) A flip book
- D) A kaleidoscope

2. What is the name of the technique where an artist draws many pictures, and when they are flipped through quickly, they look like they are moving?

- A) Flip book animation**
- B) Stop-motion
- C) Cel animation
- D) Computer animation

3. What early type of animated character often appeared in comic strips and was a simple drawing on paper that was then photographed?

- A) Hand-drawn cartoons**
- B) Claymation figures
- C) Puppet characters
- D) Digital sprites

4. Walt Disney's first full-length animated movie, which told the story of a princess and seven dwarfs, was called what?

- A) Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs**
- B) Pinocchio
- C) Bambi
- D) Cinderella

5. What famous mouse character was created by Walt Disney and is one of the most recognizable cartoon characters in the world?

- A) Mickey Mouse**
- B) Bugs Bunny
- C) Donald Duck
- D) Tom

6. Before computers, animators often drew characters on clear sheets of plastic called what?

- A) Cels**
- B) Frames
- C) Panels
- D) Cells

7. What kind of animation involves moving real objects, like toys or clay, a little bit at a time, and then taking a picture of each movement?

- A) Stop-motion animation**
- B) Traditional animation
- C) Computer-generated imagery
- D) 2D animation

8. The very first animated cartoon shown in cinemas, created by Émile Cohl, was named what?

- A) Fantasmagorie**
- B) Gertie the Dinosaur
- C) Koko the Clown
- D) Felix the Cat

9. What is the name of the technique where animators draw characters on paper and then have them photographed frame by frame?

- A) Traditional animation**
- B) Digital animation
- C) Stop-motion
- D) Puppet animation

10. Which famous cartoon character is known for always outsmarting hunters and saying, 'What's up, doc?'

- A) Bugs Bunny**
- B) Daffy Duck
- C) Porky Pig
- D) Tom

11. Early animation devices that used discs with slits to create the illusion of movement are called what?

- A) Phenakistoscopes**
- B) Zoetropes
- C) Flip books
- D) Magic lanterns

12. What was the name of the first animated character to have its own movie, created by Winsor McCay?

A) Gertie the Dinosaur

- B) Felix the Cat
- C) Mickey Mouse
- D) Koko the Clown

13. What is the term for the small, individual drawings that make up an animated film?

A) Frames

- B) Cels
- C) Panels
- D) Scenes

14. What technology allowed animators to create characters and worlds on computers, leading to movies like Toy Story?

A) Computer-generated imagery (CGI)

- B) Cel animation
- C) Stop-motion
- D) Traditional drawing

15. Who is often called the 'father of American animation' for his pioneering work?

A) Walt Disney

- B) Winsor McCay
- C) Émile Cohl
- D) J. Stuart Blackton

16. What classic cartoon cat is always chasing a mouse named Jerry?

A) Tom

- B) Sylvester
- C) Garfield
- D) Heathcliff

17. What early animation technique uses puppets to tell stories through movement?

A) Puppet animation

- B) Claymation
- C) Stop-motion
- D) Traditional animation

18. Which famous character is a pink cat who often annoys his dog friend, Snoopy?

A) Pink Panther

- B) Garfield
- C) Felix the Cat
- D) Top Cat

19. What is the name of the device that uses a rotating cylinder with pictures viewed through slits to create the illusion of movement?

A) Zoetrope

- B) Phenakistoscope
- C) Flip book
- D) Magic lantern

20. What type of animation involves using modeling clay or similar pliable materials to create characters and scenes?

A) Claymation

- B) Stop-motion
- C) Plasticine animation
- D) Sculpture animation

21. Which studio is famous for creating characters like Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, and Porky Pig?

A) Warner Bros. Animation

- B) Walt Disney Animation Studios
- C) Hanna-Barbera Productions
- D) DreamWorks Animation

22. The first animated short film to use synchronized sound, featuring Mickey Mouse, was called what?

A) Steamboat Willie

- B) The Jazz Singer
- C) Plane Crazy
- D) Mickey's Follies