

Challenging Comic Book Origins and Eras

Comic Book History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. What was the name of the first comic book to feature a superhero origin story, introducing a masked crime-fighter with enhanced abilities?

- A) Detective Comics #1
- B) Action Comics #1**
- C) Famous Funnies #1
- D) Amazing Fantasy #15

2. Before becoming a global phenomenon, Superman first appeared in what type of publication?

- A) A newspaper comic strip**
- B) A pulp magazine
- C) A standalone comic book issue
- D) A children's book

3. Which early comic book publisher is credited with creating characters like Captain Marvel (Shazam!) and the original Green Lantern?

- A) National Allied Publications (later DC)
- B) Timely Comics (later Marvel)
- C) Fawcett Comics**
- D) Quality Comics

4. The Golden Age of comic books, known for the rise of many iconic superheroes, is generally considered to have begun with the release of which comic?

- A) Detective Comics #27
- B) Action Comics #1**
- C) The Adventures of Superman #1
- D) Fantastic Four #1

5. Who were the primary creators behind the iconic Flash character during the Silver Age of comics?

- A) Joe Shuster and Jerry Siegel
- B) Jack Kirby and Joe Simon
- C) Carmine Infantino and Robert Kanigher**
- D) Stan Lee and Steve Ditko

6. What was the name of the first comic book dedicated solely to original material, rather than reprinting newspaper comic strips?

A) Famous Funnies

B) Action Comics

C) Detective Comics

D) All-American Comics

7. Which comic book era is characterized by a resurgence of superheroes and the introduction of more complex characters and storylines, often considered to have begun with the revival of The Flash?

A) The Golden Age

B) The Bronze Age

C) The Silver Age

D) The Modern Age

8. What significant event in the 1950s led to a decline in comic book sales and increased scrutiny, particularly on horror and crime comics?

A) The introduction of color printing

B) The publication of the Comics Code Authority

C) The rise of television

D) The Great Depression

9. Who is often credited as the primary writer and editor behind the creation of many Marvel Comics' most famous characters in the early 1960s, including the Fantastic Four and Spider-Man?

A) Will Eisner

B) Bob Kane

C) Joe Simon

D) Stan Lee

10. The character of Batman first appeared in which milestone comic book issue?

A) Action Comics #1

B) Detective Comics #27

C) Superman #1

D) The Batman Adventures #1

11. Before the Marvel Comics' Silver Age boom, Timely Comics (the predecessor to Marvel) was famous for its patriotic superhero created during World War II. What was his name?

- A) Sub-Mariner
- B) The Human Torch (original)
- C) Captain America**
- D) All-New Marvel Boy

12. Which publisher is known for introducing the satirical and underground comix movement in the 1960s with titles like 'Zap Comix'?

- A) EC Comics
- B) Fantagraphics Books
- C) Kitchen Sink Press
- D) Last Gasp Eco-Funnies**

13. What was the official name of the organization formed in 1954 that strictly regulated the content of comic books, leading to the removal of many genres?

- A) The Comic Book Association of America
- B) The Comics Magazine Association of America (CMAA)**
- C) The National Cartoonists Society
- D) The American Comics Guild

14. The popular character Wonder Woman was created by psychologist William Moulton Marston. In which comic book did she make her debut?

- A) All Star Comics #8**
- B) Sensation Comics #1
- C) Wonder Woman #1
- D) Action Comics #40

15. Which of these early comic book publishers was known for its influential horror and science fiction titles before the Comics Code Authority was established?

- A) National Comics
- B) Timely Comics
- C) EC Comics**
- D) Quality Comics