

Animation History: Beyond the Basics

Animation History · Answer Key · 21 Questions

1. Which early animation pioneer, known for his 'Fantasmagorie' (1908), is credited with creating the first animated film using drawn images?

- A) Winsor McCay
- B) J. Stuart Blackton
- C) Émile Cohl**
- D) Oskar Fischinger

2. The 'rotoscope' technique, a method of animating over live-action footage, was invented by which animator?

- A) Max Fleischer**
- B) Walt Disney
- C) Paul Terry
- D) Ub Iwerks

3. What groundbreaking animated short film, released in 1917, demonstrated Winsor McCay's advanced animation techniques and featured a character named Gertie the Dinosaur?

- A) Little Nemo
- B) The Sinking of the Lusitania
- C) Gertie the Dinosaur**
- D) The Centaurs

4. The 'Pencil Test' was a crucial step in early animation production, primarily to:

- A) Develop character designs
- B) Check for continuity and timing before inking and painting**
- C) Test the strength of the animation pencils
- D) Ensure the film adhered to censorship guidelines

5. Which studio, founded by Walt Disney and his brother Roy, revolutionized animation with its synchronized sound and Technicolor features like 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'?

- A) Fleischer Studios
- B) Warner Bros. Cartoons
- C) Walt Disney Productions**
- D) MGM Cartoon Studio

6. The multiplane camera, invented by Walt Disney, allowed for:

- A) Faster ink and paint processes
- B) Creating a sense of depth and parallax in animated scenes**
- C) Simultaneous recording of animation and sound
- D) Automated cel painting

7. During the Golden Age of American animation, which studio was particularly known for its fast-paced, slapstick-heavy cartoons often featuring characters like Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck?

- A) Paramount Animation
- B) Columbia Pictures Animation
- C) Universal Cartoons
- D) Warner Bros. Cartoons**

8. The 'Inkwell' animation studio, established by Max and Dave Fleischer, was known for pioneering innovations such as:

- A) The rotoscope and "bouncing ball" exercises**
- B) Full cel animation and stereoscopic 3D
- C) The multiplane camera and synchronized sound
- D) Stop-motion animation and character rigging

9. Which influential animator, known for his abstract and experimental films like 'An Optical Poem', was a key figure in the development of abstract animation in the 1930s?

- A) Norman McLaren
- B) Len Lye
- C) Oskar Fischinger**
- D) Hans Richter

10. The 'CGI' (Computer-Generated Imagery) revolution in animation truly began to take hold with films like Pixar's 'Toy Story' in 1995. However, early CGI experimentation dates back to:

- A) The 1960s with early computer graphics research**
- B) The 1970s with experimental films at universities
- C) The 1980s with the advent of home computers
- D) The late 1950s with early computer-animated displays

11. What was the name of the first feature-length animated film created entirely using CGI?

- A) A Bug's Life
- B) Antz
- C) Toy Story**
- D) Casper

12. Stop-motion animation, using physical objects manipulated frame by frame, was famously used in early cinematic works by which director, known for films like 'King Kong' (1933)?

- A) Alfred Hitchcock
- B) Fritz Lang
- C) Willis O'Brien**
- D) Georges Méliès

13. The Japanese animation style known as 'Anime' gained significant international recognition in the late 20th century. Which studio is often credited with producing seminal works like 'Astro Boy' and 'Kimba the White Lion'?

- A) Ghibli Studios
- B) Toei Animation**
- C) Sunrise
- D) Madhouse

14. Which animation technique involves drawing directly onto filmstrips, a method explored by pioneers like Norman McLaren?

- A) Cel animation
- B) Cut-out animation
- C) Direct animation**
- D) Pin-screen animation

15. The iconic character of Mickey Mouse was famously brought to life through the animation talents of which individual, often considered Walt Disney's lead animator?

- A) Les Clark
- B) Norm Ferguson
- C) Ub Iwerks**
- D) Fred Moore

16. What technique, developed by animator John Randolph Bray, aimed to streamline the animation process by using pre-drawn backgrounds and repeating character cycles?

- A) The Limited Animation technique
- B) The Cel Animation system
- C) The "Bray Process"**
- D) The "Ink Saver" method

17. The development of the "three-strip" Technicolor process in the 1930s was crucial for bringing full-color animation to audiences. Which studio was the first to release a feature-length animated film in this process?

- A) Fleischer Studios
- B) Warner Bros.
- C) Walt Disney Productions**
- D) MGM

18. Before the widespread adoption of CGI, what was a common method for creating the illusion of depth and movement in animated backgrounds?

- A) Painting on glass plates
- B) Using multiple painted layers that moved at different speeds (multiplane)**
- C) Projecting live-action footage
- D) Employing large-scale dioramas

19. Which Russian animator, known for his lyrical and imaginative short films, was a pioneer of abstract and experimental animation in the mid-20th century?

- A) Juri Norstein**
- B) Alexander Petrov
- C) Roman Kachanov
- D) Fyodor Khitruk

20. The early use of 'limited animation' in television aimed to reduce production costs by:

- A) Using fewer frames per second
- B) Reusing animation cycles and fewer moving parts**
- C) Employing live-action elements
- D) Simplifying character designs

21. What innovative animation technique, developed by George Pal, involved animating puppets with articulated joints and then filming them frame by frame?

- A) Puppetoon**
- B) Claymation
- C) Go-motion
- D) Stop-motion