

Creative Writing: Notable Firsts and Inventions

Creative Writing · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. What ancient writing system is often considered one of the earliest forms of narrative writing, used for record-keeping and storytelling in Mesopotamia?

- A) Hieroglyphics
- B) Cuneiform**
- C) Alphabet
- D) Runes

2. The invention of the printing press by Johannes Gutenberg in the 15th century significantly impacted creative writing by:

- A) Limiting the availability of books
- B) Making books more expensive
- C) Allowing for mass production and wider distribution of texts**
- D) Encouraging oral storytelling

3. What early form of poetry, originating in ancient Greece, is characterized by its narrative structure and often epic themes?

- A) Haiku
- B) Sonnet
- C) Ballad
- D) Epic Poetry**

4. The development of the codex (bound pages) over scrolls in the early centuries CE revolutionized how creative works were:

- A) Performed
- B) Transmitted and organized**
- C) Memorized
- D) Interpreted

5. Which of the following is considered one of the earliest known works of fiction, originating in ancient Egypt?

- A) The Odyssey
- B) The Tale of Sinuhe**
- C) The Epic of Gilgamesh
- D) Beowulf

6. The invention of the typewriter in the 19th century made which aspect of creative writing more efficient?

- A) Brainstorming ideas
- B) Editing handwritten drafts
- C) The physical act of writing and producing legible manuscripts**
- D) Public speaking of poems

7. What ancient Chinese invention, used for recording information, later influenced the development of paper used for writing?

- A) Silk scrolls
- B) Bamboo strips
- C) Papermaking**
- D) Ink brushes

8. The practice of 'writing' itself, the systematic use of symbols to represent language, is a fundamental discovery that enabled:

- A) Immediate spoken communication
- B) The recording and transmission of complex ideas and stories across time and space**
- C) Telepathic communication
- D) Non-verbal artistic expression

9. What major literary form, characterized by its focus on character, plot, and setting, saw significant development and popularization with the rise of the novel in the 18th century?

- A) Drama
- B) Poetry
- C) Short story
- D) The Novel**

10. The concept of the 'author' as an individual creator of original works became more prominent with the widespread adoption of:

- A) Oral traditions
- B) Anonymous manuscripts
- C) Copyright laws**
- D) Public readings