

Milestones in Comic Book History

Comic Book History · Answer Key · 19 Questions

1. Which early American comic book is often credited with popularizing the comic book format as we know it today, featuring reprinted newspaper strips?

A) Famous Funnies

B) Action Comics #1

C) Detective Comics #27

D) Amazing Fantasy #15

2. The 'Golden Age' of comic books is generally considered to have begun with the publication of what landmark issue?

A) Action Comics #1 (Superman's debut)

B) Detective Comics #27 (Batman's debut)

C) Captain America Comics #1

D) Wonder Woman #1

3. During World War II, many comic book characters were used for patriotic propaganda. Which superhero's first appearance directly invoked the war effort?

A) Captain America

B) Superman

C) Batman

D) Wonder Woman

4. The Wertham 'Seduction of the Innocent' controversy in the 1950s led to significant scrutiny of comic books and ultimately resulted in the formation of what self-regulatory body?

A) Comics Magazine Association of America (CMAA)

B) National Comics Association (NCA)

C) American Comic Book Industry Council (ACBIC)

D) Comic Creators Guild (CCG)

5. The 'Silver Age' of comic books is often marked by the reintroduction of what popular character in 1956?

A) The Flash

B) Green Lantern

C) Aquaman

D) Wonder Woman

6. Which publisher is credited with introducing the first mainstream superhero team, the Justice Society of America, in the Golden Age?

A) All-American Publications

- B) National Comics Publications
- C) Timely Comics
- D) Fawcett Comics

7. The character of Spider-Man, created by Stan Lee and Steve Ditko, first appeared in which comic book?

A) Amazing Fantasy #15

- B) The Amazing Spider-Man #1
- C) Strange Tales #110
- D) Tales to Astonish #35

8. The 'Bronze Age' of comics, starting in the early 1970s, is characterized by a move towards more mature themes and social relevance. A landmark example of this shift was the storyline involving drug abuse in which comic?

A) The Amazing Spider-Man

- B) Green Lantern/Green Arrow
- C) Detective Comics
- D) Fantastic Four

9. What company, later known as DC Comics, was originally founded as National Allied Publications in 1934?

A) Detective Comics, Inc.

- B) Action Comics
- C) All-American Publications
- D) Quality Comics

10. Which independent comic book publisher, founded by Richard Corben, was a significant force in the underground comix movement and later known for its horror titles like 'Creepy' and 'Eerie'?

A) Warren Publishing

- B) Kitchen Sink Press
- C) Last Gasp Eco-Funnies
- D) Fantagraphics Books

11. The 'Modern Age' of comic books is often considered to have begun in the mid-1980s with the publication of what seminal graphic novel that redefined superhero storytelling?

A) Watchmen

- B) The Dark Knight Returns
- C) Maus
- D) Sandman: Preludes & Nocturnes

12. Before becoming a major comic book publisher, Timely Comics, the predecessor to Marvel Comics, was primarily known for publishing what type of material?

A) Pulp magazines

- B) Detective novels
- C) Adventure serials
- D) Humor comics

13. What was the name of the first American comic book to feature a character created specifically for the medium, rather than reprinting newspaper strips?

A) Famous Funnies

B) Action Comics #1

- C) Detective Comics #1
- D) The Adventures of Red Ryder

14. The direct market system, which allowed comic shops to order comics directly from publishers without going through newsstands, began to gain traction in what decade?

A) 1970s

- B) 1960s
- C) 1980s
- D) 1950s

15. Which character, created by Will Eisner, is considered a pioneering figure in the development of the graphic novel format with his work 'A Contract with God'?

A) The Spirit

- B) Blackhawk
- C) Plastic Man
- D) Uncle Scrooge

16. The 'Crisis on Infinite Earths' storyline in the 1980s was a significant event for DC Comics, primarily aimed at streamlining their continuity. Who wrote this maxi-series?

A) Marv Wolfman

- B) Alan Moore
- C) Frank Miller
- D) John Byrne

17. What was the name of the highly influential British anthology comic that launched the careers of many notable British comic creators who later went on to work in American comics?

A) 2000 AD

- B) Eagle
- C) Tiger
- D) Buster

18. The character of Swamp Thing, known for its mature themes and ecological concerns, was originally created by Len Wein and what artist?

A) Bernie Wrightson

- B) Neal Adams
- C) Jim Steranko
- D) Jack Kirby

19. The 'Image Revolution' of the early 1990s was characterized by creator-owned properties. Which of these was one of the founding Image Comics titles?

A) Spawn

- B) The Maxx
- C) Savage Dragon
- D) Gen 13