

Opera Essentials for Young Scholars

Opera · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. Which Italian composer wrote the famous opera 'The Barber of Seville', which premiered in 1816?

- A) Giuseppe Verdi
- B) Gioachino Rossini**
- C) Giacomo Puccini
- D) Gaetano Donizetti

2. What is the term for the script or the written text of an opera that the singers perform?

- A) Overture
- B) Aria
- C) Libretto**
- D) Recitative

3. In opera, what is the specific name for a solo song sung by a character that expresses their inner feelings?

- A) Aria**
- B) Chorus
- C) Ensemble
- D) Libretto

4. Which famous opera house, known for its iconic sail-like roof design, is located in Sydney, Australia?

- A) La Scala
- B) The Royal Opera House
- C) Metropolitan Opera
- D) Sydney Opera House**

5. What musical piece is played by the orchestra at the very beginning of an opera before the curtain rises?

- A) Finale
- B) Overture**
- C) Interlude
- D) Coda

6. Which famous German composer is known for the epic four-opera cycle titled 'Der Ring des Nibelungen'?

A) Richard Wagner

B) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

C) Georges Bizet

D) Claudio Monteverdi

7. In opera terminology, what is a 'coloratura' singer known for being able to do?

A) Singing in a whisper

B) Performing long, complex runs and trills

C) Playing an instrument while singing

D) Conducting the orchestra

8. Which classic opera by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart features a character named Papageno the bird-catcher?

A) Don Giovanni

B) The Marriage of Figaro

C) The Magic Flute

D) Così fan tutte