

Nature and Animals in Art History

Art History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Which animal is prominently featured in the famous cave paintings of Lascaux, France?

- A) Horses**
- B) Lions
- C) Giraffes
- D) Elephants

2. Who painted the famous series of water lilies in his garden at Giverny?

- A) Vincent van Gogh
- B) Claude Monet**
- C) Pablo Picasso
- D) Salvador Dalí

3. In Albrecht Dürer's famous 1502 watercolor, what animal is depicted with great anatomical detail?

- A) A rabbit**
- B) A cat
- C) A wolf
- D) A squirrel

4. Which Dutch artist is famous for his painting 'The Goldfinch'?

- A) Rembrandt
- B) Johannes Vermeer
- C) Carel Fabritius**
- D) Frans Hals

5. The ancient Egyptians often depicted the cat as a sacred animal associated with which goddess?

- A) Isis
- B) Bastet**
- C) Hathor
- D) Nut

6. Which Post-Impressionist artist famously painted sunflowers in a series of vases?

- A) Paul Cézanne
- B) Henri Matisse
- C) Vincent van Gogh**
- D) Edouard Manet

7. What type of natural landscape did the English painter John Constable specialize in?

- A) Mountain peaks
- B) Rural countryside**
- C) Tropical jungles
- D) Ocean reefs

8. In Henri Rousseau's paintings, what type of environment is most frequently depicted?

- A) Urban cityscapes
- B) Desert dunes
- C) Lush jungles**
- D) Icy tundras

9. Which famous artist created the sculpture 'The Thinker' but also made many small bronze animal sculptures?

- A) Auguste Rodin**
- B) Michelangelo
- C) Donatello
- D) Bernini

10. What insect is frequently depicted in the 'vanitas' still-life paintings of the Dutch Golden Age?

- A) Butterfly**
- B) Dragonfly
- C) Beetle
- D) Ant

11. Which famous American artist is known for her large-scale, close-up paintings of flowers?

- A) Mary Cassatt
- B) Georgia O'Keeffe**
- C) Helen Frankenthaler
- D) Lee Krasner

12. The 'Great Wave off Kanagawa' by Hokusai captures the power of what natural element?

- A) Wind
- B) Fire
- C) The ocean**
- D) Lightning

13. What bird is a common symbol of peace often depicted in the works of Pablo Picasso?

- A) Eagle
- B) Owl
- C) Dove**
- D) Hawk

14. Which animal appears in the title of a famous series of prints by Katsushika Hokusai showing Mount Fuji?

- A) Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji**
- B) The Eagle of Fuji
- C) The Deer of Fuji
- D) The Fox of Fuji

15. In medieval illuminated manuscripts, what are the decorative designs featuring plants and flowers called?

- A) Marginalia
- B) Foliage borders**
- C) Calligraphic vines
- D) Leaf gold