

Comic Book History Challenge

Comic Book History · Answer Key · 25 Questions

1. Which 1938 publication is widely considered the start of the 'Golden Age' of comic books?

- A) Detective Comics #27
- B) Action Comics #1**
- C) Marvel Comics #1
- D) Flash Comics #1

2. Who was the primary artist and co-creator alongside Jerry Siegel for the character Superman?

- A) Joe Shuster**
- B) Bob Kane
- C) Bill Finger
- D) Jack Kirby

3. Which company was originally known as Timely Comics before rebranding?

- A) DC Comics
- B) Dell Comics
- C) Marvel Comics**
- D) Fawcett Comics

4. In 1954, psychologist Fredric Wertham published a book that led to the creation of the Comics Code Authority. What was it titled?

- A) The Great Comic Purge
- B) Seduction of the Innocent**
- C) Comics and Crime
- D) The Dark Side of Panels

5. Which character was the first to have his own dedicated comic book title, debuting in 1940?

- A) Batman**
- B) Captain America
- C) Wonder Woman
- D) The Flash

6. Before creating Marvel icons like Spider-Man and the X-Men, Stan Lee worked for which publisher?

A) National Allied Publications

B) Timely Comics

C) EC Comics

D) Gold Key Comics

7. Which EC Comics title was famously known for its horror stories and was a target of the 1950s censorship movement?

A) Tales from the Crypt

B) Crime Suspense Stories

C) Shock Suspense Stories

D) The Vault of Horror

8. Who is credited with creating the character Wonder Woman, debuting in 1941?

A) William Moulton Marston

B) C.C. Beck

C) Otto Binder

D) Gardner Fox

9. Which Marvel character made their first appearance in 'Incredible Hulk' #181, often cited as a key 1974 issue?

A) Ghost Rider

B) Wolverine

C) The Punisher

D) Blade

10. What was the first comic book to be awarded a Pulitzer Prize?

A) Watchmen

B) Maus

C) The Dark Knight Returns

D) Persepolis

11. Which comic book artist is famous for creating the 'Marvel Method' of storytelling?

A) Steve Ditko

B) Jack Kirby

C) Neal Adams

D) John Romita Sr.

12. The 1986 limited series 'The Dark Knight Returns' was written and illustrated by which influential creator?

- A) Alan Moore
- B) Frank Miller**
- C) Grant Morrison
- D) Neil Gaiman

13. What is the name of the organization established in 1954 to self-regulate comic book content in the United States?

- A) The Comic Book Standards Bureau
- B) The Comics Code Authority**
- C) The National Cartoonists Society
- D) The Editorial Advisory Board

14. Which 1940s character was the first to have a 'sidekick' introduced to help him solve mysteries?

- A) Batman**
- B) Green Lantern
- C) The Spirit
- D) Hawkman

15. The 'Silver Age' of comic books is generally considered to have begun with the reintroduction of which character?

- A) The Flash**
- B) Green Lantern
- C) Superman
- D) Aquaman

16. Who co-created Captain America along with Joe Simon in 1941?

- A) Stan Lee
- B) Jack Kirby**
- C) Will Eisner
- D) Bob Kane

17. Which underground comix creator is responsible for 'Fritz the Cat'?

- A) Robert Crumb**
- B) Art Spiegelman
- C) Harvey Pekar
- D) Gilbert Shelton

18. What genre of comic books became extremely popular in the early 1950s before the Code was established?

- A) True Crime**
- B) Science Fiction
- C) Westerns
- D) Romance

19. In which decade was the 'Bronze Age' of comics typically said to have begun?

- A) 1950s
- B) 1960s
- C) 1970s**
- D) 1980s

20. Which comic book character was the first to gain a newspaper strip adaptation in 1933?

- A) Tarzan
- B) Dick Tracy
- C) Buck Rogers**
- D) Tintin

21. What was the first comic book series to be published by Marvel Comics under its current name in 1961?

- A) Fantastic Four**
- B) The Avengers
- C) Spider-Man
- D) X-Men

22. Will Eisner, a pioneer in the industry, is best known for creating which character in 1940?

- A) The Shadow
- B) The Spirit**
- C) Doc Savage
- D) Dick Tracy

23. Which major comic publisher was known for its 'Classics Illustrated' line, adapting literature?

- A) Gilberton**
- B) DC
- C) Marvel
- D) Harvey

24. The 1980s 'Crisis on Infinite Earths' was created to address what issue within the DC Universe?

A) Low sales figures

B) Confusing continuity

C) The creator's strike

D) Paper shortages

25. Which writer is responsible for the influential 'Sandman' series published by DC/Vertigo?

A) Alan Moore

B) Neil Gaiman

C) Warren Ellis

D) Mark Waid