

Comic Book History Challenge

Comic Book History · Practice Test · 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 SuspenStories
- C) Shock SuspenStories
- 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