

Scientific Perspectives in English Literature

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1. Which 1818 novel by Mary Shelley is widely considered by historians to be one of the earliest examples of science fiction?

- A) Dracula
- B) Frankenstein
- C) The Time Machine
- D) Brave New World

2. Sir Isaac Newton's 'Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica', which influenced 18th-century English literature, was originally published in which language?

- A) English
- B) French
- C) Latin
- D) Greek

3. Which English author wrote 'The Origin of Species', a work that fundamentally altered the themes of Victorian era literature?

- A) Charles Darwin
- B) Charles Dickens
- C) Thomas Hardy
- D) George Eliot

4. In Jonathan Swift's 'Gulliver's Travels', the scientists of Laputa are depicted conducting experiments that mimic the methods of which real-world scientific institution?

- A) The Royal Society
- B) The Vatican Observatory
- C) The British Museum
- D) The French Academy

5. Which English poet was a close friend of the chemist Humphry Davy, who assisted him with scientific terminology in his writing?

- A) William Wordsworth
- B) Samuel Taylor Coleridge
- C) Lord Byron
- D) Percy Bysshe Shelley

6. The 1660 founding of The Royal Society of London, which promoted scientific writing and clarity of language, occurred during which historical period of English literature?

- A) The Romantic Era
- B) The Restoration
- C) The Victorian Era
- D) The Elizabethan Era

7. Francis Bacon, an English writer and philosopher, is credited with formalizing which scientific methodology?

- A) The Inductive Method
- B) Quantum Mechanics
- C) The Theory of Relativity
- D) Natural Selection

8. Which English Victorian writer was a trained physician whose medical background influenced the diagnostic details of his character Sherlock Holmes?

- A) Arthur Conan Doyle
- B) Robert Louis Stevenson
- C) H.G. Wells
- D) Oscar Wilde