

Literary History Milestones

Literature · Practice Test · 12 Questions

1. Which author is credited with writing the first modern novel, 'Don Quixote', published in two parts in 1605 and 1615?

- A) Miguel de Cervantes
- B) Lope de Vega
- C) Francisco de Quevedo
- D) Luis de Góngora

2. In which century were the Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer originally written?

- A) 12th century
- B) 13th century
- C) 14th century
- D) 15th century

3. The epic poem 'Paradise Lost' was dictated by which blind English poet to his daughters?

- A) John Donne
- B) John Milton
- C) Alexander Pope
- D) Andrew Marvell

4. Which literary movement was associated with the publication of 'Lyrical Ballads' by William Wordsworth and Samuel Taylor Coleridge in 1798?

- A) Enlightenment
- B) Romanticism
- C) Modernism
- D) Realism

5. Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein' was first published anonymously in which year?

- A) 1798
- B) 1818
- C) 1832
- D) 1850

6. The Japanese work 'The Tale of Genji', often cited as the world's first novel, was written by whom?

- A) Sei Shonagon
- B) Murasaki Shikibu
- C) Matsuo Basho
- D) Ihara Saikaku

7. Which Russian novelist wrote 'Crime and Punishment', first published serially in 1866?

- A) Leo Tolstoy
- B) Ivan Turgenev
- C) Fyodor Dostoevsky
- D) Anton Chekhov

8. The first printing press in England was established by whom in 1476?

- A) William Caxton
- B) John Day
- C) Wynkyn de Worde
- D) Richard Pynson

9. The 'Epic of Gilgamesh', one of the oldest known works of literature, originated in which ancient civilization?

- A) Egypt
- B) Greece
- C) Mesopotamia
- D) Indus Valley

10. Which author published 'The Adventures of Tom Sawyer' in 1876?

- A) Herman Melville
- B) Mark Twain
- C) Henry James
- D) Stephen Crane

11. The Nobel Prize in Literature was first awarded in which year?

- A) 1895
- B) 1901
- C) 1905
- D) 1912

12. Chinua Achebe's influential novel 'Things Fall Apart', which depicts pre-colonial life in Nigeria, was published in what year?

- A) 1948
- B) 1958
- C) 1968
- D) 1978