

Historical Origins of Folklore

Literature History · Practice Test · 20 Questions

1. Which French author published 'Histoires ou contes du temps passé' in 1697, introducing Mother Goose?

- A) Charles Perrault
- B) Hans Christian Andersen
- C) Jacob Grimm
- D) Wilhelm Grimm

2. The Aesop's Fables are attributed to a storyteller who lived in which ancient region?

- A) Ancient Greece
- B) Ancient Rome
- C) Ancient Egypt
- D) Ancient China

3. In which century were the first volumes of the Brothers Grimm's 'Kinder- und Hausmärchen' published?

- A) 19th century
- B) 17th century
- C) 18th century
- D) 20th century

4. Hans Christian Andersen, the author of 'The Little Mermaid', was born in which country?

- A) Denmark
- B) Sweden
- C) Norway
- D) Germany

5. Which collection of ancient Indian fables, written in Sanskrit, is known as the 'Panchatantra'?

- A) Panchatantra
- B) Jataka Tales
- C) Arabian Nights
- D) Aesop's Fables

6. The character 'Cinderella' appears in a version written by Giambattista Basile titled 'La Gatta Cenere' in which language?

- A) Italian
- B) French
- C) German
- D) English

7. What is the primary source material used by the Brothers Grimm to compile their fairy tales?

- A) Oral folk traditions
- B) Original inventions
- C) Newspaper columns
- D) Political speeches

8. The 'One Thousand and One Nights' is a collection of Middle Eastern folktales compiled during which historical era?

- A) Islamic Golden Age
- B) Renaissance
- C) Industrial Revolution
- D) Victorian Era

9. Which German city is the setting for the famous fable 'The Town Musicians of Bremen'?

- A) Bremen
- B) Berlin
- C) Munich
- D) Hamburg

10. The Russian folklorist Alexander Afanasyev is known for collecting which type of stories?

- A) Russian fairy tales
- B) Greek myths
- C) African legends
- D) Roman fables

11. 'The Emperor's New Clothes' is a literary fairy tale written by which Danish author?

- A) Hans Christian Andersen
- B) Jacob Grimm
- C) Charles Perrault
- D) Rudyard Kipling

12. In 1634, Giambattista Basile published 'Pentamerone', which is considered one of the earliest collections of what?

- A) European fairy tales
- B) Scientific journals
- C) Religious texts
- D) Mathematical proofs

13. The story of 'Beauty and the Beast' was first published by Gabrielle-Suzanne Barbot de Villeneuve in which year?

- A) 1740
- B) 1640
- C) 1840
- D) 1940

14. Which collection of Buddhist fables from India, dating back to the 4th century BCE, focus on the previous lives of the Buddha?

- A) Jataka Tales
- B) Panchatantra
- C) Vedas
- D) Upanishads

15. 'Rapunzel' was included in the 1812 collection of fairy tales published by which siblings?

- A) Grimm Brothers
- B) Perrault Brothers
- C) Andersen Brothers
- D) Wright Brothers

16. The story 'The Three Little Pigs' was first recorded in print in the 1840s in which country?

- A) England
- B) France
- C) Italy
- D) Russia

17. Who translated the first English edition of 'Grimms' Fairy Tales' in 1823?

- A) Edgar Taylor
- B) Charles Dickens
- C) Lewis Carroll
- D) Oscar Wilde

18. The fable 'The Tortoise and the Hare' is traditionally credited to which historical figure?

- A) Aesop
- B) Homer
- C) Socrates
- D) Plato

19. 'Sleeping Beauty' appears in the 1697 collection by Charles Perrault under what title?

- A) La Belle au bois dormant
- B) The Sleeping Girl
- C) The Princess's Nap
- D) The Forest Sleep

20. Folklore studies categorize fairy tales using which classification system?

- A) Aarne-Thompson-Uther index
- B) Dewey Decimal System
- C) ISBN
- D) Library of Congress