Fun History of Magic & Illusion

Magic History · Answer Key · 6 Questions

1. Harry Houdini was a famous magician from history. What was he best known for doing?

A) Flying real airplanes
B) Escaping from chains and locks
C) Painting giant portraits
D) Baking giant cakes

2. Which famous animal prop became popular in magic shows after a magician pulled one out of a top hat in 1814?

A) A goldfish
B) A parrot
C) A rabbit
D) A turtle

3. In 1921, magician P. T. Selbit performed a famous stage trick using a wooden box and a saw. What was the trick?

A) Making a saw disappear
B) Turning a saw into a guitar
C) Sawing a person in half
D) Building a wooden house

4. Which of these is one of the oldest magic tricks in history, played using small balls and upside-down cups?

A) The Flying Ring
B) The Cups and Balls
C) The Card Slide
D) The Hidden Coin

5. Which French magician from the 1800s is often called the 'Father of Modern Magic'?

A) Jean-Eugène Robert-Houdin
B) Merlin the Wizard
C) David Copperfield
D) Harry Blackstone

6. What classic stick-like tool have magicians used on stage for hundreds of years to pretend to cast spells?

A) A magic spoon
B) A magic ruler
C) A magic pencil
D) A magic wand

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