Folklore & Legends: Origins and Discoveries

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1. Which ancient Mesopotamian epic is considered the world's oldest surviving piece of literature?

A) The Odyssey
B) The Epic of Gilgamesh
C) The Iliad
D) The Aeneid

2. In which region was the 'Beowulf' manuscript first written down before becoming a landmark of Old English literature?

A) Scandinavia
B) Germany
C) England
D) France

3. The first known written collection of Aesop's Fables dates back to the 4th century BCE in which city?

A) Athens
B) Rome
C) Alexandria
D) Sparta

4. Which 19th-century brothers are credited with the first major academic collection and publication of German folk tales?

A) The Marx Brothers
B) The Wright Brothers
C) The Grimm Brothers
D) The Lumiere Brothers

5. The first recorded version of the legend of King Arthur appears in which 9th-century historical text?

A) Historia Brittonum
B) The Canterbury Tales
C) Beowulf
D) Sir Gawain and the Green Knight

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6. The 'Arabian Nights', or 'One Thousand and One Nights', was first introduced to the Western world by which French scholar in the early 18th century?

A) Victor Hugo
B) Antoine Galland
C) Jean-Paul Sartre
D) Voltaire

7. The first printed collection of 'Mother Goose' rhymes was published in which country during the 17th century?

A) United States
B) Italy
C) France
D) Germany

8. What is the name of the first written account of the legend of Atlantis, provided by the Greek philosopher Plato?

A) Republic
B) Timaeus and Critias
C) The Symposium
D) Apology

9. The first known written account of the 'Robin Hood' legend appears in which century?

A) 13th century
B) 15th century
C) 19th century
D) 11th century

10. The first English translation of the Japanese folklore collection 'Tales of Old Japan' was published by whom in 1871?

A) Algernon Bertram Mitford
B) Lafcadio Hearn
C) Basil Hall Chamberlain
D) Arthur Waley

11. The legend of the 'Flying Dutchman' is a first-recorded maritime myth originating from which country's 17th-century folklore?

A) England
B) Netherlands
C) Spain
D) Portugal

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12. The first archaeological excavations to find evidence of the legendary city of Troy were led by whom in the 1870s?

A) Heinrich Schliemann
B) Howard Carter
C) Arthur Evans
D) Mortimer Wheeler

13. Which collection is known as the first literary work in the Welsh language to feature the legends of the Mabinogion?

A) The Red Book of Hergest
B) The Black Book of Carmarthen
C) The White Book of Rhydderch
D) The Book of Taliesin

14. The first written mention of the 'Yeti' or 'Abominable Snowman' in a Western explorer's account occurred during an expedition to which region?

A) The Andes
B) The Himalayas
C) The Alps
D) The Rockies

15. The first printed version of the legend of 'Faust' appeared in a chapbook published in which country in 1587?

A) Germany
B) Poland
C) Austria
D) Sweden

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