Pioneers of Animation

Animation History · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. Which 19th-century device used a spinning drum with slits to create the illusion of movement?

A) Zoetrope
B) Phonograph
C) Camera Obscura
D) Kaleidoscope

2. Who is often credited with creating the first animated film, 'Fantasmagorie', in 1908?

A) Walt Disney
B) Émile Cohl
C) Winsor McCay
D) Ub Iwerks

3. What was the first fully animated feature film released by Disney in 1937?

A) Fantasia
B) Pinocchio
C) Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
D) Bambi

4. Which 1906 short film by J. Stuart Blackton is widely considered the first example of stop-motion animation?

A) Humorous Phases of Funny Faces
B) The Enchanted Drawing
C) Gertie the Dinosaur
D) The Humpty Dumpty Circus

5. What technique involves taking a single frame of a physical object and moving it slightly between shots?

A) Cel animation
B) Stop-motion
C) Rotoscoping
D) CGI

6. Winsor McCay's 1914 film featuring a trained prehistoric creature is titled what?

A) Gertie the Dinosaur
B) Little Nemo
C) Felix the Cat
D) The Dinosaur's Revenge

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7. What is the name of the transparent sheet used in traditional hand-drawn animation to layer characters over backgrounds?

A) Paper
B) Canvas
C) Cel
D) Acetate Film

8. In 1928, which character debuted in 'Steamboat Willie', marking a major milestone for sound in animation?

A) Oswald the Lucky Rabbit
B) Mickey Mouse
C) Felix the Cat
D) Betty Boop

9. Which studio produced the first-ever computer-animated feature film, 'Toy Story', in 1995?

A) DreamWorks
B) Pixar
C) Blue Sky Studios
D) Warner Bros

10. What invention, patented in 1833, displayed a sequence of images on a rotating disk to create motion?

A) Phenakistiscope
B) Kinetoscope
C) Magic Lantern
D) Praxinoscope

11. Before digital tools, what was the primary medium artists used to draw animated frames?

A) Oil paint
B) Ink and paper
C) Charcoal
D) Sculpting clay

12. What animation technique involves tracing over live-action film footage frame-by-frame?

A) Claymation
B) Rotoscoping
C) Pixilation
D) Cut-out animation

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13. Which legendary animator co-founded the studio that bears his name alongside Roy Disney?

A) Chuck Jones
B) Tex Avery
C) Walt Disney
D) Max Fleischer

14. 'The Humorous Phases of Funny Faces' (1906) is famous for using which animation method?

A) Digital rendering
B) Live-action and chalkboard drawing
C) 3D modeling
D) Hand-painted glass

15. What optical toy uses two images on opposite sides of a disk that merge when spun?

A) Thaumatrope
B) Zoetrope
C) Stereoscope
D) Camera

16. What was the first television series to be produced specifically for prime-time animation?

A) The Flintstones
B) The Jetsons
C) The Simpsons
D) Scooby-Doo

17. In early animation, what were the lines called that connected a character's body parts to allow for movement?

A) Wires
B) Joints
C) Rigging
D) Sticks

18. Which company is known for introducing the multiplane camera to add depth to animated scenes?

A) Disney
B) MGM
C) Warner Bros
D) Universal

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19. What is the term for the 24 frames per second standard used in film animation?

A) Frame rate
B) Resolution
C) Pixel count
D) Aspect ratio

20. Which character is considered the first 'star' of the silent animation era?

A) Felix the Cat
B) Mickey Mouse
C) Bugs Bunny
D) Popeye

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