

## National Literacy Trust Pub Quiz Notes

Thanks for choosing to hold a pub quiz to raise valuable funds for the National Literacy Trust. Here are a few tips to make sure that the event goes smoothly:

- Make sure you've got enough of the answer sheets and picture round sheets printed out beforehand
- Make sure you have enough pens for people to borrow.
- Plan when you will collect/mark the picture round? We suggest leaving it on tables/giving it out when people pay and then marking it halfway through, with the first few rounds.
- Consider if you're going to have a break halfway through – we suggest pausing after the history round and marking general knowledge, history and the picture round.
- Think about how you want to do the marking – perhaps everyone swaps sheets and you read out the answers, and then you check the winning team's sheet to make sure it's marked correctly.
- Are you going to have a prize for the winner? Can you get it donated by the venue you're holding the quiz in, or by a local business?

**These are just our suggestions. This is your quiz and if you want to do it differently in any way, please feel free to do so. The main thing is that everyone enjoys the event and that you raise as much as you can to support the work of the National Literacy Trust.**

## National Literacy Trust Literature Pub Quiz

### General (Literary) Knowledge (10)

1. Who won the Man Booker prize in 2010?
2. What proportion of children don't own any of their own books in the UK?
3. What's Where's Wally's enemy called?
4. What was W H Auden's first name?
5. How much does poor literacy cost the UK economy every year? A)£8.7million  
b) £1.73billion c) £9.58billion
6. Which London children's hospital was left the copyright for Peter Pan in the author's will?
7. Which Welsh town is famous for its annual literary festival?
8. Which automated translation website is named after a creature from the Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy?
9. What House does Harry Potter's enemy, Draco Malfoy, belong to?
10. The plot of the film '10 Things I Hate About You' was based on which Shakespeare play?

### History (10)

1. Sebastian Faulkes' *Birdsong* follows a British soldier as he fights in the trenches during World War One. But which countries were members of the Triple Entente during World War One?
2. *To Kill a Mockingbird* is set in the deep south of the USA, when segregation was the norm. Name the woman who sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott, part of the civil disobedience used to fight segregation.
3. Thomas Kenneally's biographic novel, *Schindler's Ark*, documents Oskar Schindler's help for Jews during World War Two. But in what Polish city was his factory based?
4. George Orwell recounted his experiences of the Spanish civil war in his book *Homage to Catalonia*. But what year did the war start?
5. In Shakespeare's *Henry V*, the king utters the famous phrase "Once more, unto the breach, dear friends", during the siege of Harfleur. What war did this take place in?
6. In what modern day country have archaeologists found the supposed ruins of Troy?
7. Famous Russian novel *Doctor Zhivago* was first published in 1957. But who was leader of the Soviet Union at the time?
8. Whose autobiographical work had the original Dutch title of 'Het Achterhuis', literally, 'The Diary'?
9. Which British Prime Minister is the only one to have won a Nobel prize for literature?

10. Dickens' novels drew the middle classes' attention to the plight of the poor in Victorian Britain, including life in a workhouse. But in what year of the 20<sup>th</sup> century were workhouses finally abolished? (within ten years of actual year)

[break – mark general knowledge, history, picture round]

### Geography (10)

1. On what Greek island is Captain Corelli's Mandolin set?
2. Heart of Darkness, by Joseph Conrad, is set in the Congo. What is the capital city of the modern day Democratic Republic of the Congo?
3. What are the cities in Charles Dickens' 'A Tale of Two Cities'?
4. In Mark Twain's medieval time travel novel, was originally titled "A Yankee in King Arthur's Court". Later editions added the name of the eastern seaboard state that this particular yankee was from. What state was this?
5. In HG Wells' War of the World, the martians first land near which Surrey commuter town?
6. Name the mountains Amir and his father escape across the Afghan border to Pakistan in the Kiterunner.
7. From what South American country does Paddington Bear come from?
8. In Journey to the Centre of the Earth, the subterranean explorers find their way back to the surface through one of Italy's three active volcanoes. Name the volcano.
9. Which university city is David Nicholl's One Day set in?
10. Robert Louis Stephenson's Kidnapped is set in what part of Scotland?

### Film (10)

1. What literary character was Colin Firth playing when he famously dived into the lake wearing just a thin white shirt?
2. Which film actors stars in film adaptations of the works of Bram Stoker and J R R Tolkien?
3. What was the first Stephen King book to be adapted as a film?
4. Mel Gibson's biblical epic, the Passion of the Christ, was mainly filmed in which language?
5. Name the computer in 2001: A Space Odyssey.
6. What famous Parisian gallery does the Da Vinci Code start in?
7. J R R Tolkien's Lord of the Rings trilogy was recently turned into a successful Oscar-winning franchise. In which country was it mostly filmed?
8. Name the three live-action children's book adaptations that Helena Bonham Carter has starred in. (One point for all three – half for two if you're feeling generous!)
9. Renee Zellweger played which British children's author in the 2006 film?

10. What is the royal navy rank of James Bond?

### **Sport (10)**

1. Tom Brown's Schooldays is set in Rugby School, where the eponymous game is reputed to have originated in the early nineteenth century. But in which decade of the twentieth century was the first rugby world cup held?
2. How many goalposts are there on a Quidditch pitch?
3. First published in 1863, what is the name of the publisher of the annual cricketers' almanack?
4. What Championship team does the title of David Pearce's 'Damned United' and subsequent film of the same name refer to?
5. Which famous sportsperson wrote an autobiography entitled 'The Soul of a Butterfly'?
6. How much was the most expensive football programme ever sold auctioned for in 2006? £11,050 B) £16,900 C)£21,850
7. What position did Sherlock Holmes author Arthur Conan Doyle play in for Portsmouth Association Football Club?
8. In the film Goldfinger, James Bond wins a game of golf against Goldfinger for a recovered Nazi gold bar. But what is the oldest of the major championships?
9. Enid Blyton's Mallory Towers books feature characters playing lacrosse. But how many players are there on the pitch for each team?
10. Dick Francis has written over 40 novels about horseracing in the last 40 years, but in what year did the first horse race take place at Ascot? A) 1608 B) 1711 C)1892

## Answers

### Round One – General Knowledge

1. Howard Jacobson
2. One in three
3. Odlaw
4. Wystan
5. b) £1.73billion
6. Great Ormond Street Hospital
7. Hay-on-Wye
8. Babelfish
9. Slytherin
10. Taming of the Shrew

### Round Two – History

1. Britain, France, Russia
2. Rosa Parks
3. Krakow
4. 1936
5. Hundred Years War
6. Turkey
7. Khrushchev
8. Anne Frank
9. Winston Churchill

### Round Three – Geography

1. Cephalonia
2. Kinshasa
3. London and Paris
4. Connecticut
5. Woking
6. Hindu Kush
7. Peru
8. Stromboli.
9. Edinburgh
10. Highlands (Ballaculish)

### Round Four – Film

1. Mr Darcy
2. Sir Christopher Lee
3. Carrie
4. Aramaic

5. HAL 9000
6. Louvre
7. New Zealand
8. Harry Potter films, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Alice in Wonderland
9. Beatrix Potter
10. Commander

### Round Five – Sport

1. 1980's
2. 6 (3 at each end)
3. Wisden
4. Leeds United
5. Muhammad Ali
6. C)£21,850
7. Goalkeeper
8. UK Open
9. 10
10. B) 1711

### Picture Round

1. Charles Dickens
2. Enid Blyton
3. George Orwell
4. Ian Fleming
5. Jane Austen
6. Mark Twain
7. Plato
8. Shakespeare
9. Tolkien
10. Tolstoy
11. Stieg Larsson
12. Anne Frank