Shakespeare Stories Trivia



Questions 1-4 | Circle one answer

1. Which Shakespeare tragedy features a prince of Denmark?

A. Hamlet
B. The Tempest
C. Twelfth Night

2. Romeo and Juliet belong to rival families in which Italian city?

A. Naples
B. Verona
C. Venice

3. Which tragedy includes three witches and a Scottish nobleman seeking power?

A. As You Like It
B. Macbeth
C. Othello

4. Which play includes the fairy king Oberon?

A. Julius Caesar
B. A Midsummer Night's Dream
C. King Lear

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Questions 5-8 | Circle one answer

5. Which character is the magician on an island in The Tempest?

A. Prospero
B. Falstaff
C. Mercutio

6. Which Shakespeare tragedy features the villain Iago?

A. The Winter's Tale
B. Othello
C. Henry V

7. Which king divides his kingdom among his daughters?

A. King John
B. Richard II
C. King Lear

8. Which comedy includes the twins Viola and Sebastian?

A. Macbeth
B. Coriolanus
C. Twelfth Night

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Questions 9-12 | Circle one answer

9. Which play includes the character Shylock?

A. The Merchant of Venice
B. The Tempest
C. Much Ado About Nothing

10. Which play features Beatrice and Benedick?

A. Hamlet
B. Pericles
C. Much Ado About Nothing

11. Which Roman leader gives his name to a Shakespeare tragedy?

A. Julius Caesar
B. Augustus the gardener
C. Nero the sailor

12. Which London theatre is strongly associated with Shakespeare's company?

A. La Scala
B. The Moulin Rouge
C. The Globe

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Answer guide 1-4 | Keep with host

1. A. Hamlet

Hamlet is both the title and the name of its central prince. This accessible opening establishes that the round is about recognizable stories, not obscure textual details.

2. B. Verona

Romeo and Juliet is set chiefly in Verona. Italian settings appear in several Shakespeare plays, so recognizing the city helps separate otherwise familiar titles.

3. B. Macbeth

Macbeth centers on the named Scottish figure and his pursuit of power. The quiz asks for the title without requiring knowledge of theatrical superstitions.

4. B. A Midsummer Night's Dream

Oberon appears in A Midsummer Night's Dream. The fairy world distinguishes this comedy from the political and family tragedies offered as alternatives.

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5. A. Prospero

Prospero is the central magician in The Tempest. His island setting provides a useful story clue without requiring a participant to quote his speeches.

6. B. Othello

Othello names its central general. The answer can lead to discussion of character-based titles, but the activity need not retell every difficult event in the tragedy.

7. C. King Lear

King Lear divides his kingdom among his daughters. That initial family decision sets the story in motion and provides the essential clue for this question.

8. C. Twelfth Night

Viola and Sebastian appear in Twelfth Night. Their resemblance contributes to mistaken identity, a recurring comic device that can be discussed without staging the play.

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9. A. The Merchant of Venice

Shylock appears in The Merchant of Venice. Discuss the character carefully without repeating stereotypes; identifying a fictional role does not endorse attitudes expressed within a play.

10. C. Much Ado About Nothing

Beatrice and Benedick are central to Much Ado About Nothing. Their verbal exchanges make them recognizable even to audiences who have seen only selected scenes.

11. A. Julius Caesar

Julius Caesar is the title of a Shakespeare tragedy. The play is a dramatic interpretation of historical events rather than a substitute for a historical source.

12. C. The Globe

The Globe is closely associated with Shakespeare's company. The modern reconstructed theatre is distinct from the original building, a useful qualification for a travel conversation.