

American Literature Quiz: 10 Questions for High School Students

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- Holden Caulfield
- Jay Gatsby
- Atticus Finch

2. In "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee, what is the name of the character who is falsely accused of rape?

- Boo Radley
- Walter Cunningham
- Tom Robinson

3. "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald takes place in which decade?

- 1920s
- 1930s
- 1940s

4. In "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain, who is the protagonist's best friend and traveling companion?

- Tom Sawyer
- Jim
- Becky Thatcher

5. What is the famous opening line of "Moby-Dick" by Herman Melville?

- "It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife."
- "Call me Ishmael."
- "All happy families are alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way."

6. "The Scarlet Letter" by Nathaniel Hawthorne is set in which historical period?

- Colonial America

- Revolutionary War
- Civil War

7. Who is the author of "The Grapes of Wrath," a novel that tells the story of the Joad family during the Great Depression?

- Ernest Hemingway
- William Faulkner
- John Steinbeck

8. In "A Raisin in the Sun" by Lorraine Hansberry, what is the name of the family who lives in a cramped apartment in Chicago's South Side?

- Johnson
- Younger
- Williams

9. What is the famous quote from "The Raven" by Edgar Allan Poe?

- "Quoth the Raven 'Nevermore'"
- "Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary."
- "Deep into that darkness peering, long I stood there wondering, fearing."

10. Who is the protagonist of "Invisible Man" by Ralph Ellison?

- Bigger Thomas
- Holden Caulfield
- The narrator (whose name is never revealed)

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