

French Literature Quiz: 10 Questions for High School Students

1. In which novel does the character Emma Bovary appear?

- Madame Bovary
- The Count of Monte Cristo
- Les Liaisons Dangereuses

2. Which short story by Guy de Maupassant tells the tale of a woman who borrows a necklace to wear to a party, only to lose it and spend years paying off the debt to replace it?

- "The Necklace"
- "The Scarlet Letter"
- "The Yellow Wallpaper"

3. What famous French author was born with the name Gabriel-Joseph de la Vergne, but is better known by his pen name, Scarron?

- Jean de La Fontaine
- François de La Rochefoucauld
- Paul Scarron

4. In Albert Camus' *The Stranger*, what is the twist at the end of the novel involving the protagonist's fate?

- He is found not guilty and released from prison.
- He escapes from prison and goes into hiding.
- He is executed by guillotine.

5. In Gustave Flaubert's *Madame Bovary*, what is the name of the doctor who becomes Emma's lover?

- Charles Bovary
- Rodolphe Boulanger
- Monsieur Homais

6. "All human wisdom is contained in these two words - Wait and Hope." Which novel is this quote from?

- Les Misérables
- The Three Musketeers

The Hunchback of Notre-Dame

7. In Marcel Proust's *In Search of Lost Time*, what is the name of the narrator and protagonist who spends years reflecting on his memories and experiences?

- Charles Swann
- Albertine Simonet
- Marcel Proust (the character shares the author's name)

8. Who wrote the play *The Misanthrope*?

- Molière
- Jean Racine
- Pierre Corneille

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- Madame Bovary*

10. What French author is known for his work as a poet, playwright, and artist, and was associated with the Surrealist movement?

- André Breton
- Jean Cocteau
- Guillaume Apollinaire

11. In which novel by Gustave Flaubert does the character Emma Bovary become dissatisfied with her provincial life and begin an affair?

- Madame Bovary*
- Sentimental Education*
- Salammbô*

12. Which play by Jean-Paul Sartre tells the story of three people who are stuck in a room together after they die and must confront their past actions?

- The Flies*
- The Condemned of Altona*

No Exit

13. In Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables*, what is the name of the protagonist who serves nineteen years in prison for stealing a loaf of bread?

- Jean Valjean
- Javert
- Marius Pontmercy

14. In Albert Camus' *The Plague*, what is the profession of the protagonist Dr. Rieux?

- Journalist
- Policeman
- Doctor

15. In Gaston Leroux's *The Phantom of the Opera*, what is the twist regarding the true identity of the Phantom?

- He is revealed to be a wealthy banker who has been manipulating the events at the opera house.
- He is revealed to be a former employee of the opera house who was disfigured in a fire.
- He is revealed to be the long-lost brother of the opera's lead soprano.

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- Jean Genet
- Samuel Beckett
- Albert Camus

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