

SUBJECTIVE COURSE OF POLISH LITERATURE

Check how much you've learned!

Answer the questions regarding writers presented in lectures and essays and check how much you've learned about Polish literature! Answers are provided at the end of the quiz. Good luck!

1. Which of the following places was the most important for Bruno Schulz?
 - a. Drohobych
 - b. Warsaw
 - c. Lviv.

2. Which works made Bruno Schulz the most famous around the world?
 - a. Novels
 - b. Short stories
 - c. Philosophical essays

3. Which of the titles is not a work written by Bruno Schulz?
 - a. "The Street of Crocodiles"
 - b. "The Sanatorium under the Hourglass"
 - c. "The Transformation".

4. Where did Witold Gombrowicz like to spend time the most?
 - a. In cafés
 - b. At home
 - c. In criminal courts.

5. Which of his works made Witold Gombrowicz the most famous around the world?
 - a. His diaries.
 - b. His novels.
 - c. His theatre plays.

6. Which of the literary devices mentioned below are not characteristic of Witold Gombrowicz?
 - a. Using neologisms
 - b. Extensive descriptions of nature



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- c. Using provocation.
7. Which of his works Stanisław Lem himself considered to be the best one?
- “Solaris”
 - “The Cyberiad”
 - “Hospital of the Transfiguration”.
8. How did Stanisław Lem manage to overcome censorship in communist Poland?
- He used alien worlds and robots to present views which were not allowed
 - He published under a pseudonym
 - There were no topics of interest to the censors in his books.
9. Which cultures and languages were the key inspirations for Stanisław Lem?
- French, American, German
 - Japanese, American, Russian
 - German, Russian, American.
10. What other career did Wisława Szymborska consider in case her poetry was rejected by publishers?
- Working as an editor
 - Illustrating books
 - Becoming a novelist.
11. What is the basic tool used by Wisława Szymborska in her poems?
- Irony
 - Rhyme
 - Euphemism.
12. How did Wisława Szymborska react to receiving the Nobel Prize in literature in 1996?
- She was happy she could engage more with the public and media
 - She wrote a new volume of poetry
 - She was unhappy her quiet life was interrupted.

13. Which of the following novels written by Olga Tokarczuk was her debut?
- “Journey of the People of the Book”
 - “Primeval and Other Times”
 - “The Books of Jacob”.
14. Dialogue with which of the following nations is an important element of Olga Tokarczuk’s work?
- Czech, German and Russian
 - German, Ukrainian and Jewish
 - Russian, Ukrainian and French.
15. Which of the words is the best description of Olga Tokarczuk’s attitude towards animals?
- Dominance
 - Empathy
 - Indifference.
16. Which subject is the most important in the early poetry of Tadeusz Różewicz published in the 1940s?
- The war trauma
 - The socialist system
 - Love.
17. Which is the most famous theatre play written by Tadeusz Różewicz?
- “The White Wedding”
 - “The Card Index”
 - “Anxiety”.
18. Where did Tadeusz Różewicz live for most of his life?
- In Giwice
 - In Cracow
 - In Wrocław.

Answer key:

1. a
2. b
3. c
4. a
5. c
6. b
7. b
8. a
9. c
10. b
11. a
12. c
13. a
14. b
15. b
16. a
17. b
18. c



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