

Quiz questions re. American fiction & poetry since c. 1850

1. Which novel by Ernest Hemingway, first published in 1926, has also been published under the alternative title *Fiesta*? **A: The Sun Also Rises**
2. Shakespeare's Juliet tells us that 'a rose by any other name would smell as sweet', but which poet – in her 1913 poem 'Sacred Emily' – told us that a 'rose is a rose is a rose is a rose'? **A: Gertrude Stein**
3. Eight short stories by JD Salinger, including 'Franny', 'Zooey', and 'A Perfect Day for Bananafish', feature members of one fictional family. What is their surname? **A: Glass**
4. Most recently an infamous movie starring Taylor Swift and Idris Elba, the musical *Cats* is based on a collection of poems by which modernist poet? **A: TS Eliot**
5. Which 19th Century poet spent almost her entire life in Amherst, Massachusetts and published only 10 poems (and those anonymously) during her lifetime? **A: Emily Dickinson**
6. What is the name of the narrator in *Moby Dick*? **A: Ishmael**
7. Before *The Road*, and the Oscar-winning *No Country for Old Men*, which Cormac McCarthy novel was adapted into a (not very good) film starring Matt Damon & Penelope Cruz? **A: All the Pretty Horses**
8. Which poet, who died by suicide in 1963, was awarded a posthumous Pulitzer Prize in 1981 for her *Collected Poems*, which included poems such as 'Tulips' & 'Lady Lazarus'? **A: Sylvia Plath**
9. F Scott Fitzgerald's first novel was *This Side of Paradise*, published in 1920. An unfinished novel titled *The Last Tycoon* was published posthumously in 1941. Name two of the three novels published in between. **A: The Beautiful and Damned; The Great Gatsby; Tender is the Night**
10. In Faulkner's novel *As I Lay Dying*, shortly after burying his late wife, the widower Anse Bundren pressures his only daughter to give up money she was going to use for an abortion. Instead he uses the money to buy himself what? **A: New false teeth**