

1. "David Copperfield," which contains scenes set in debtors' prison, is Dickens's most autobiographical novel. What does that mean?

- a. It was Dickens's most popular novel
- b. Dickens drew on his own experiences in writing it
- c. It has very little in common with Dickens's other novels
- d. It contains dreamlike imagery

2. Which of the following would be a likely subject for a Dickens novel?

- a. The lives of Britain's wealthiest people
- b. The lives of soldiers during a war
- c. The lives of people in Ancient Rome
- d. The lives of working-class Londoners

3. What caused young Charles Dickens to go to work in a boot polish factory?

- a. He was a poor student, and he dropped out of school
- b. His parents wanted to teach him the value of work
- c. He had to support his family
- d. His writing had been rejected by publishers, and he had no other options

4. What social problems did Dickens address in his novels?

- a. Pollution of the environment
- b. Urban poverty and child labor
- c. Unsafe roads and bridges
- d. Political misdoings

5. Place the following events in sequence: A) Dickens becomes a journalist; B) Dickens publishes "A Christmas Carol"; C) Dickens publishes "The Pickwick Papers"

- a. C, A, B
- b. A, B, C
- c. B, C, A
- d. A, C, B

6. What did Dickens have in common with the protagonists of many of his novels?

- a. He was extremely wealthy
- b. He was a popular author
- c. He came from a poor background
- d. He traveled frequently

7. How were Dickens's novels originally published?

- a. In monthly installments
- b. In cheap paperback editions
- c. In deluxe, leather-bound editions
- d. As columns in daily newspapers

8. What do the protagonists of "Oliver Twist" and "Great Expectations" have in common?

- a. They're orphans
- b. They're forced to work in factories
- c. They spend time in prison
- d. They marry rich women

9. Which of the following is an opinion about Charles Dickens?

- a. His childhood influenced his later writings
- b. He was among the most popular authors of his day
- c. He was the most important novelist of the 19th century
- d. His books are still widely read today

10.  What effect did "The Pickwick Papers" have on Dickens's career?

- a. It won him several prestigious awards
- b. It made him into a celebrity
- c. It forced him to become a journalist
- d. It prevented him from writing further novels