



West Lothian Libraries - Burns Quiz 2021 Answers

1. Rabbie Burns.
2. 25/01/1759 or January 25, 1759.
3. Alloway. Today, his first home, now called Burns Cottage, is open for the public to visit. See www.burnsheritagepark.com for details.
4. The family name was Burnes or Burness, but Robert changed his surname to Burns around 1786.
5. William Burnes/Burness and Agnes (nee Broun) had seven children in total, including Robert, who was the eldest.
6. Mount Oliphant Farm, near Alloway. Then in 1777, the family moved to another farm at Lochlea, near Tarbolton.
7. He married Jane Armour in 1788.
8. Burns and Jane Armour had nine children in total, including twins. But sadly, only three survived past infancy.
9. Jamaica.
10. (d) School teacher. Burns was never a school teacher but he did work as a flax-dresser, an exciseman and a farmer.
11. Burns wrote his first verse aged 15.
12. The first published collection of poems was called Poems, chiefly in the Scottish dialect.
13. The "beastie" was a mouse. The poem is called To a Mouse.
14. Auld Lang Syne.
15. There are many poems and songs written by Burns. Here is a selection: A Red, Red Rose, To a Louse, Scots Wha Hae, A Man's a Man for A' That, Ae Fond Kiss, The Battle of Sherramuir, The Highland Lassie O, Highland Mary, To Mary in Heaven, To a Haggis.
16. Burns Night is on January 25 (Burns' birthday).
17. A Burns Supper traditionally comprises haggis, neeps and tatties.
18. Burns died aged just 37.
19. Burns National Memorial is located in Mauchline, Ayrshire.