



West Lothian Libraries - Burns Quiz

Just for fun, here's a wee quiz our lovely Blackburn library staff have compiled to test how much you know about Robert Burns - No googling now! Ok you can google if you want it's meant to be fun after all and who knows you might learn something new. We'll pop the answers in your next click & collect bag or if you can't wait that long you can find the answers online here: <http://bit.ly/WLlibrariesBurnsQuizAnswers>

QUESTIONS

1. What is the other name that Robert Burns is known by?
2. When was Robert Burns born? Please answer Day/Month/Year e.g. 01/01/1999
3. Do you know in which Ayrshire town the poet was born?
4. What was Burns' original family name?
5. His parents had many other children, but how many in total?
6. When Burns was a child, his father owned a farm. What was the name of the farm?
7. Who did Burns marry and in what year?
8. Burns and his wife also had many children, but they didn't all survive. How many children were born and how many survived?
9. It's thought that Burns was planning to leave Ayrshire and head abroad in 1786. Where did he plan to go?
10. Which of these four jobs did Robert Burns NOT do - (a) Flax-dresser, (b) Exciseman, (c) Farmer, (d) school teacher?
11. Throughout his life, Burns was a keen writer. What age was he when he wrote his first verse?
12. It wasn't until 1786 that his first collection of poems was published. What was the name of this collection? Clue: It's also known as the Kilmarnock Volume.
13. Burns wrote a poem that was included in this collection about a "timorous beastie". What was this beastie?
14. Another of Burns' poems has become a famous song that is often sung at Hogmanay. Do you know the name of this song?
15. Name two other famous poems written by Burns.
16. On what date do Scots celebrate Burns Night each year?
17. What is the traditional meal that is eaten as part of a Burns Supper?
18. Sadly, Robert Burns died a young man in today's terms. How old was he?
19. You can visit many memorials dedicated to the bard. Where is the Burns National Memorial located?



O my Luve's' like a red, red rose
That's newly sprung in June:
O my Luve's' like the melodie
That's sweetly play'd in tune.

As fair art thou, my bonie lass,
So deep in luv am I:
And I will luv thee still, my dear,
Till a' the seas' gang dry.

Till a' the seas' gang dry, my dear,
And the rocks' melt wi' the sun:
And I will luv thee still, my dear,
While the sands' o' life shall run.

And fare-thee-weel, my only Luve,
And fare-thee-weel, a while!
And I will come again, my Luve,
Tho' 'twere ten thousand mile.

- Robert Burns, 1794 -