

A Quiz to celebrate the life and work of Rabbe Burns

Some of this is easy and answers can be found in several of the well-known Burns poems and songs. Some however are a little more difficult, but we can assure you that the answers are available and you just need to do a bit of searching.

Burns; The man and boy		
1	When was Rabbe born?	25th January 1759
2	Where was he born?	Alloway Ayrshire
3	Where was his father from?	Kincardineshire
4	What was the name of the farm he lived on as a young boy?	Mount Oliphant (father later moved to Lochlea)
5	Whilst he was a farmer and a poet what other jobs did Burns turn his hand too?	He tried his hand as a flax dresser till a fatal fire and then as an excise man
6	Rabbe was not Christened Robert Burns..what was his birth name?	Robert Burns family name was in fact Burnes . There its anecdotal evidence to suggest that the Minister may have had a tippie and mistakenly called Robert Robin
7	When did he die?	21st July 1796 aged 37
8	Where did he die?	Dumfries
9	What did he die of?	Lots of speculation but most likely bacterial endocarditis as a result of a childhood rheumatic heart condition
10	Where is he buried?	St Michaels Churchyard, Dumfries

His loves and his family		
1	Who was his wife?	Jean Armour 1788
2	Who was the mother of his first child?	Elizabeth Paton (daughter Elizabeth)
3	How many children did Burns father?	12 recorded
4	Who inspired the poem "Highland Mary"?	Mary Campbell who Burns fell in love with in 1786

His works		
1	When was his first book published?	1786- 2nd volume 1787
2	What was it called?	The Kilmarnock Volume which sold for 3shillings. 2nd volume eventually made him £400
3	What is unusual about one of his most famous songs "Auld Lang Syne"?	Burns, whilst famous for it, did not write it and it was published after his death. He is recorded as taking the words from an old chap singing and rewriting it to his style
4	When was this song first published?	A collection of words/song and music was first brought together and published in 1799

Celebrating Burns		
1	When was the very first Burns supper?	On 21st July at Burns cottage in Alloway but better known for the supper in Greenock on the 29th of January 1802. The group (still in existence) discovered the birth date was wrong 3 years later and thereafter celebrated on the 25th January
2	What brotherhood celebrates Burns?	The freemasons. Burns became a mason in 1781
3	At a Burns supper in 1865 which famous American gave a toast	Abraham Lincoln

General knowledge about his poems/songs		
1	In the song Auld Lang Syne - what is a "guid willie waught"?	a good will draught
2	What was "wee and sleekit"?	a field mouse
3	Where was the Louse crawling?	over a ladies lace bonnet
4	What was Tam o'Shanter's mare called?	Meg
And finally.....what poems/songs are the following lines from		
5	"then let us pray that come it may..?"	A Man's a Man for a' that
6	"Nows the day and nows the hour..?"	Scots Wha Hae
7	"But to see her, was to love her..?"	Ae Fond Kiss
8	"Till a' the seas gang dry, my Dear..?"	A Red Red Rose
9	"sends one to heaven and ten to hell...?"	Holy Willie's Prayer

10	"O wad some pow'r the giftie gie us -to see oursels as others see us.."?	To a Louse, On Seeing One on a Lady's Bonnet at Church.
11	" who has an honest sonsie face.."?	the haggis in 'Address To a Haggis'

This is for fun but if you want to see how you have done please return this sheet to the box in the shelter by lunchtime on the 25th. Make sure to put your name and the best contact detail for you.