BURNS NIGHT QUIZ

Burns Night *quiz*

Twenty questions on the life and work of Robert Burns and the Burns supper. Play in teams between courses and keep the answers face down.

Team name _____

Score /20

1. In which year was Robert Burns born?
2. In which Ayrshire village was he born?
3. Burns is often called ‘the … Poet’. What’s the missing word?
4. Which poem begins ‘Fair fa’ your honest, sonsie face’?
5. Which short grace is said before a Burns supper?
6. Which poem says ‘the best-laid schemes o’ mice an’ men’ often go wrong?
7. Complete the line: ‘O my Luve is like a red, red…’
8. What is the name of Tam o’ Shanter’s grey mare?
9. Which river’s bridge does Tam race across to escape the witches?
10. Burns’ first collection of poems is named after which Ayrshire town?
11. Who was Burns’ wife?
12. In which town did Burns die, in 1796?
13. In which year did his friends hold the first Burns supper?
14. Which battle is ‘Scots Wha Hae’ about?
15. In a 2009 TV poll, Burns was voted the greatest what?
16. Which instrument is played as the haggis is carried in?
17. A traditional haggis is cooked in which animal’s stomach?
18. Haggis is served with neeps and what?
19. What vegetable are neeps?
20. Which speech answers the Toast to the Lassies?

ANSWERS

The answers

1. **1759** In which year was Robert Burns born?
2. **Alloway** In which Ayrshire village was he born?
3. **Ploughman** Burns is often called ‘the … Poet’. What’s the missing word?
4. **Address to a Haggis** Which poem begins ‘Fair fa’ your honest, sonsie face’?
5. **The Selkirk Grace** Which short grace is said before a Burns supper?
6. **To a Mouse** Which poem says ‘the best-laid schemes o’ mice an’ men’ often go wrong?
7. **Rose** Complete the line: ‘O my Luve is like a red, red…’
8. **Meg (Maggie)** What is the name of Tam o’ Shanter’s grey mare?
9. **The Doon (the Brig o’ Doon)** Which river’s bridge does Tam race across to escape the witches?
10. **Kilmarnock (the Kilmarnock Edition, 1786)** Burns’ first collection of poems is named after which Ayrshire town?
11. **Jean Armour** Who was Burns’ wife?
12. **Dumfries** In which town did Burns die, in 1796?
13. **1801** In which year did his friends hold the first Burns supper?
14. **Bannockburn (1314)** Which battle is ‘Scots Wha Hae’ about?
15. **Scot** In a 2009 TV poll, Burns was voted the greatest what?
16. **The bagpipes** Which instrument is played as the haggis is carried in?
17. **A sheep’s** A traditional haggis is cooked in which animal’s stomach?
18. **Tatties (potatoes)** Haggis is served with neeps and what?
19. **Swede (or turnip)** What vegetable are neeps?
20. **The Reply (from the Lassies)** Which speech answers the Toast to the Lassies?