



THE ADVENTURES OF YOUNG H.C. Andersen and the Monk's Secret

What is the history of H.C.'s magic hat? Can H.C. imagine fantastic people and things without his magic hat? Read *The Adventures of Young H.C. Andersen and the Monk's Secret* to find out!

QUESTIONS

1. For Urbanus to find real love, he must give ...
 - a. One hair from his head
 - b. One breath
 - c. One drop of his blood
 - d. All the above
2. Urbanus says that H.C.'s hat is made up of ...
 - a. Rich and poor
 - b. Good and evil
 - c. Happiness and sadness
 - d. Earth and outer space
3. The hat contained the soul of ...
 - a. H.C.'s grandfather
 - b. Victor Hugo
 - c. Urbanus
 - d. H.C. Andersen
4. Which fairy tale is the story of H.C. Andersen's life?
 - a. "The Ugly Duckling"
 - b. "The Steadfast Tin Soldier"
 - c. "The Tinderbox"
 - d. "The Little Mermaid"
5. What is the plot of "The Steadfast Tin Soldier"?
6. H.C. Andersen especially liked to cut what figure out of paper?

TRUE OR FALSE?

- _____ 1. H.C. discovers that his magic hat is the first and last of its kind.
- _____ 2. A magic hat was given only to H.C.
- _____ 3. H.C. and Urbanus pretend to be newspaper reporters.
- _____ 4. After H.C. and Urbanus's trip to see the evil creator of the hat, H.C.'s hat is still magical.
- _____ 5. The ballet *The Steadfast Tin Soldier* was inspired by H.C. Andersen's fairy tale of the same name.
- _____ 6. H.C. Andersen cut such materials as newspapers, old letters, and leaves of a rubber tree to make his paper cutouts.

ANSWERS

- 1. d. All of the above.** According to page 19, we know that Urbanus must provide one hair from his head, one breath, and one drop of his blood in order for the nun to fall in love with him. So, the correct answer is D.
- 2. b. Good and evil.** According to page 34, we know that "The hat is made up of both good and evil ..." So, the correct answer is B.
- 3. c. Urbanus.** According to page 45, we know that "Hans, the hat contained Urbanus's soul." So, the correct answer is C.
- 4. a. "The Ugly Duckling."** According to section "My Life's Story" on page 61, we know that "[The Ugly Duckling]' is the story of my life." So, the correct answer is A.
- 5.** According to section "H.C. Andersen Ballets" on pages 54 and 55, we know that "Several choreographers have created ballets inspired by my stories, particularly 'The Steadfast Tin Soldier.' The dance tells the story of a paper doll ballerina and a toy soldier who is madly in love with her."
- 6.** According to section "My Paper Cutouts" on pages 56 and 57, we know that "I especially liked to cut a figure called Pierrot, or a theater clown."

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. False.** According to page 21, we know that "You see, my hat was neither the first nor the last of its kind." So, the correct answer is False.
- 2. False.** According to page 22, we know that "The purpose of the hats was to create chaos ... and who better than a leader to carry out this mission? The hats were given to ... Emperor Nero ... Genghis Khan ... and even Hitler ..." So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. True.** According to page 31, we know that H.C. and Urbanus pretend to be reporters from the newspaper *The Epitaph*. So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. False.** According to page 45, we know that Urbanus says, "We were thrown out. Wear the hat as much as you like. It doesn't work." So, the correct answer is False.
- 5. True.** According to section "H.C. Andersen Ballets" on pages 54 and 55, we know that "Several choreographers have created ballets inspired by my stories, particularly 'The Steadfast Tin Soldier.'" So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. True.** According to section "My Paper Cutouts" on pages 56 and 57, we know that "But I usually cut from white paper. And as a very special treat I cut colored paper. I also cut up concert programs, newspapers, old letters—even the leaves of a rubber tree." So, the correct answer is True.