



## THE ADVENTURES OF YOUNG H.C. Andersen and His Friend Victor

What happens when the literary giants H.C. Andersen and Victor Hugo meet? How does one icon inspire the other? Read *The Adventures of Young H.C. Andersen and His Friend Victor* to find out!

### QUESTIONS

1. After being kidnapped by soldiers, H.C. is taken to ...
  - a. Mexico
  - b. France
  - c. Japan
  - d. Morocco
2. H.C. tells a story about an emperor who loves the song of the ...
  - a. Peacock
  - b. Duck
  - c. Swan
  - d. Nightingale
3. *Les Misérables* was written by ...
  - a. Victor Hugo
  - b. Edith Piaf
  - c. Ernest Hemingway
  - d. Agatha Christie
4. Victor Hugo's *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* centers on a deformed bell ringer named ...
  - a. Cosette
  - b. Jean Valjean
  - c. Quasimodo
  - d. Karen
5. What two questions did H.C. and Jean Valjean ask themselves before stealing bread?
6. Several ghosts of historical figures join a grown-up H.C. in Paris. Which ghosts accompany him?

### TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. H.C. steals a hamburger from a Parisian baker.             | _____ 5. Victor Hugo loved to write about royalty.  |
| _____ 2. Gargoyles help drain water from the roof of a building.    | _____ 6. When constructed, the Cathedral of Notre Dame featured an architectural innovation: <i>flying buttresses</i> (arched supports on the outside of the building). |
| _____ 3. Cosette reveals H.C.'s location to Javert.                 |   |
| _____ 4. Victor gives H.C. the money he needs to return to Denmark. |   |



## ANSWERS

- 1. b. France.** According to page 7, we know that, after being kidnapped by soldiers, H.C. arrives in Paris, France. So, the correct answer is B.
- 2. d. Nightingale.** According to page 31, we know that the emperor “had heard that the sweetest and most beautiful voice in the land was that of the nightingale.” So, the correct answer is D.
- 3. a. Victor Hugo.** According to section “Victor Hugo” on page 59, we know that “[Victor Hugo] thought so much about French commoners’ misery that he wrote an entire book about it. It’s called *Les Misérables*, or *The Miserable Ones*.” So, the correct answer is A.
- 4. c. Quasimodo.** According to section “The Hunchback of Notre Dame and the Cathedral of Notre Dame” on page 62, we know that “*The Hunchback of Notre Dame* is another famous novel by Victor Hugo. The story takes place during the 1400’s in Paris. It centers on Quasimodo, a deformed bell ringer, and his unrequited love for a dancer called Esmeralda.” So, the correct answer is C.
- 5.** According to section “Victor Hugo and *Les Misérables*” on page 61, we know that “Was it right for me to steal the bread when I thought I might starve? Should I have gone hungry and kept my honor?”
- 6.** According to section “Who’s Who” on pages 60 and 61, we know that the ghosts of Edith Piaf, Agatha Christie, Edgar Allan Poe, Victor Hugo, Danny Kaye, and Dr. Seuss join a grown-up H.C. in Paris.

## TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. False.** According to page 12, we know that H.C. steals a loaf of bread from a Parisian baker. So, the correct answer is False.
- 2. True.** According to page 26, we know that “[Gargoyles] are ugly, grinning statues that drain water from the roofs of some buildings.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 3. False.** According to page 45, we know that Victor reveals H.C.’s location to Javert. So, the correct answer is False.
- 4. True.** According to page 52, we know that Victor gives H.C. the money he needs to return to Denmark. So, the correct answer is True.
- 5. False.** According to section “Victor Hugo” on page 59, we know that “Victor Hugo (1802-1885) was a French author who loved to write about ordinary people.” So, the correct answer is False.
- 6. True.** According to section “The Hunchback of Notre Dame and the Cathedral of Notre Dame” page 62, we know that “One reason it might have taken so long [to build the Cathedral of Notre Dame] is because it featured an architectural innovation: *flying buttresses* (arched supports on the outside of the building).” So, the correct answer is True.