

Trivia for Cheaters

Thanks for offering to help write the questions for our upcoming Trivia for Cheaters fundraiser. Choose one of the categories below (or create your own). Before starting to write, email us to "claim" your category. When writing, remember, if your questions are too hard, everybody participating will be frustrated. Too easy, and you kill the possibility of come-back drama in the late rounds.

We need all questions, answers and your sources by July 5, 2013.

Categories: *Volunteers*

1. **Lesser Known Super Heroes** (*this can be lesser-known heroes or lesser-known facts about popular heroes*)
2. **Everything 80's** (*from TV to lit to fashion to music to pop culture to news to ...*) *Kathy Kelly*
3. **"Mad" Women in Literature** (*angry mad or crazy mad or both – this could have additional points for author and book title*)
4. **Fictional Addresses** (*from literature, songs, TV and movies*) *Deb Leonard*
5. **Once Upon a Time** (*first sentences in children's lit- extra points for both title and author*) *Deb Leonard*
6. **Songs and Music** (*this could be having the first line read aloud and the teams need to name the title and singer to chart with it – could be more than one singer for extra points*)
7. **Current Events 1996** (*what else happened the year the Foundation was formed*)
8. **Also-Known-As** (*alternate names for people, place or things*)
9. **Infomercials** (*the sky is the limit here- products, makers, uses. . .*)
10. **Calling all animals** (*names of babies and groups of various animals*)
11. **It's Only a Game** (*sports related questions – teams, players, uniforms, terms, rules. . .*)
12. **The Comma Sutra** (*all things grammar*)
13. **Places of the Imagination** (*mythical locations from literature, film, music and TV*) *Kit*
14. **"How Do They End"** which would not be about the ending of a piece of literature, but "the end" or the death of certain literary characters. The category would ask how or where the character died and/or who or what killed them. *Kathy Kelly*
15. **Your Choice** (*pitch us your idea!*)

Question Writing Rules of Thumb:

1. Each category needs ten questions
2. Classify each of your trivia questions as "easy," "moderate" or "challenging." Make sure all three difficulty levels are represented.
3. Site the source for your correct answer. KNOW that the answer you are expecting from the players is the RIGHT answer. Double and triple check with different sources if you have any doubts
4. No trick questions.
5. No multiple choice. If a question requires choices, it's a bad question for a trivia challenge. Reword it.
6. No True or False questions
7. Avoid asking for specific dates.
8. Limit the number of questions that require multiple answers... preferably to zero. If you do, for some reason, need to ask for more than one answer for a question, give credit per part.
9. Questions should be able to be answered in one to three words
10. Make your questions fun and/or interesting. Don't just ask, "What is the capital of Vermont?" when you can ask, "What city in the Green Mountain State is the only state capital without a McDonald's?" Don't mistake creative question writing for including a ton of hints in the questions. If your hints give away the answer, it's just as bad as a boring question.

Here is some additional information to help you with the question writing.

<http://www.trivialhalloffame.com/writeq.php>

<http://www.moodlerooms.com/resources/blog/best-practices-30-tips-creating-quiz-questions-0>