

The Walker Percy Project

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Self-Grading Quizzes on *The Moviegoer* (Multiple-Choice and True-False)

Multiple-Choice

- Which European philosopher is cited in the novel?
 - Sartre
 - Aquinas
 - Kierkegaard
 - Heidegger
- Which book does Binx not mention reading?
 - the *Bible*
 - The Chemistry of Life*
 - A Study of History*
 - The Universe as I See It*
- The final chapter of the novel is set on _____.
 - Easter
 - Thanksgiving
 - Pentecost
 - Ash Wednesday
- Which of the following terms least accurately describes *The Moviegoer* as a novel?
 - Southern
 - autobiographical
 - philosophical
 - existentialist
- Aunt Emily says the only good things the South ever had were _____.
 - a sense of duty
 - faith in Christ
 - a gentleness with women
 - a and c only
 - a and b only
- Binx's dialogue with his siblings in the epilogue reflects the end of _____.
 - The Sound and the Fury
 - The Glass Menagerie
 - Nausea
 - The Brothers Karamazov
- Kate tells Binx he is -- _____.
 - her true love
 - the most self-centered person alive
 - a budding priest
 - a frustrated lawyer
- Early in the novel Binx says his one discernible talent is _____.
 - acting
 - a flair for research
 - composing love poetry
 - the trick of making money

9. Which of the following makes Kate cheerful?
- a) the thought of marrying Binx
 - b) the possibility of committing suicide
 - c) Tulane football victories
 - d) weekly Great Books discussions with Aunt Emily
10. Binx is a veteran of which conflict?
- a) the Korean War
 - b) World War II
 - c) the Vietnam War
 - d) World War I
11. Which of the following is not a book written by Bolling family friend Tom Yerger.
- a) *The Honored and the Dishonored*, a book about the problem of evil and the essential loneliness of man.
 - b) *The Gramercy Winner*, about an alienated young New Yorker in a TB sanitarium.
 - c) *Curse Upon the Land*, an impassioned plea for tolerance and understanding in the South
 - d) *Happy Land*, a nice blend of moderate attitude toward the race question and a conservative affection for the agrarian South.
12. Binx listens regularly to which radio program?
- a) Bishop Fulton Sheen's "Sunday Homily"
 - b) "The Shadow"
 - c) Edward R. Murrow's "This I Believe"
 - d) "Amos 'n Andy"
13. Aunt Emily sends Binx a memo with a quote from ____.
- a) St. Augustine
 - b) Abe Lincoln
 - c) G. K. Chesterton
 - d) Marcus Aurelius
14. The new search Binx undertakes in the novel is ____.
- a) horizontal
 - b) vertical
 - c) a *Wanderjahr*
 - d) inward
15. Binx's deceased father is best described as ____.
- a) a believer in science
 - b) a romantic
 - c) a mystery that haunts Binx
 - d) all of the above

True/ False

1. According to Binx, the polls report that 98% of Americans believe in God and the remaining 2% are atheists and agnostics, which leaves zero percentage points for seekers.
2. Binx and Sharon are engaged at one point in the novel.
3. *The Moviegoer* was the first novel Walker Percy wrote.
4. Aunt Emily's butler Mercer is in fact a faithful retainer, a living connection with a bygone age.
5. A depressed Kate characterizes Binx as "like me but worse. Much worse."