

**This week's quiz is set by Collegian B. Usual rules apply; all answers are in bold.**

*Welcome to the quiz of death. All 8 rounds are connected by the central theme of death; how and why we can't remember, but we knew we didn't want 8 rounds that were supposedly linked by a theme like chapters of a book for instance, but were in fact general.*

### **Round 1 - Books and Writers**

**1a.** Published in 1926, *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* is considered to be the masterpiece of which crime writer?

**A. Agatha Christie**

**1b.** Which literary character was presumed dead after a final clash with his arch enemy at the Reichenbach Falls in Switzerland in 1891?

**A. Sherlock Holmes**

**2a.** Name the author of *Death in the Afternoon* who took his own life in 1961?

**A. Ernest Hemingway**

**2b.** William Shakespeare died in 1616. Name the author of *Don Quixote* who died in the same year?

**A. Miguel de Cervantes**

**3a.** Which novel was left unfinished by Charles Dickens when he died?

**A. The Mystery of Edwin Drood**

**3b.** Upon reading newspaper accounts of his own demise, which writer stated "*reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated*"?

**A. Mark Twain**

**4a.** Which 2005 novel by Markus Zusak is narrated by Death?

**A. The Book Thief**

**4b.** *Death Comes to Pemberley*, written by PD James in 2011, is a continuation of which classic 19th Century novel?

**A. Pride and Prejudice**

#### **Spares:**

The headstone at the grave of which author reads '*Here Lies Eric Arthur Blair*'?

**A. George Orwell**

Name the character that is dead at the start of Dickens' "*A Christmas Carol*"?

**A. Jacob Marley**

### **Round 2 - Popped Their Clogs**

*Deaths and death references, fact and fictional, from the world of popular music.*

**1a.** Buddy Holly died in a plane crash in Iowa on 3rd February, 1959. Name the two other recording artists who died in the same crash **3 pts for both, 1 for one, both for pass**

**A. Richie Valens, The Big Bopper**

**1b.** Who was the American country and popular music star of the '50s and '60s who died at the controls of a private plane in Tennessee on 31st July, 1964? He had a hit with "*Welcome to My World*".

**A. Jim Reeves**

**2a.** Dead Maggot was the name of a fictional young rock band created for a Battle of the Bands contest in which 2003 film, directed by Richard Linklater and starring Jack Black?

**A. School of Rock**

**2b.** This 1984 “rockumentary”, or “mockumentary”, film by Rob Reiner followed a fictional rock band whose drummers had all met untimely deaths, including Eric “Stumpy Joe” Childs, deceased, choked on someone else’s vomit and Joe “Mama” Besser, missing, presumed dead or playing jazz. Name the film for 3 pts or band for 1 pt.

**A. This Is Spinal Tap**

**3a.** Who was the American singer songwriter, considered one of the greatest artists in soul music and rhythm and blues, who died in a plane crash near Madison, Wisconsin on 10th December, 1967? One of his hits was “*Try a Little Tenderness*”.

**A. Otis Redding**

**3b.** Who was the American singer songwriter, a keen pilot, who died in his own plane in Monterey Bay off Pacific Grove, California on 12th October, 1997? In 1966 he wrote “*Leaving on a Jet Plane*” and in the ‘70s had several solo hits.

**A. John Denver**

**4a.** In 1991 Oliver Stone made a film about rock band The Doors. Which American actor played lead singer Jim Morrison, who died of a heroin overdose in 1972 in Paris?

**A. Val Kilmer**

**4b.** “*Sex and Drugs and Rock and Roll*” is a 2010 film of the life and death of Ian Dury, singer and writer of hits such as “*Hit Me With Your Rhythm Stick*” and “*Reasons to be Cheerful Part 3*”. Which Lancaster University graduate played him?

**A. Andy Serkis**

### **Spares**

Who was the mayor of Palm Springs, California, who died skiing into a tree on January 5th, 1998? Previously, he had been a recording artist, known mainly as half of a duo with his second wife, real name Cherilyn Sarkisian.

**A. Sonny Bono**

Who was the American singer, dubbed the Prince of Soul, whose hits included “*How Sweet it is (To Be Loved by You)*”, shot dead by his father on April 1st 1984?

**A. Marvin Gaye**

### **Round 3 - Bring Up the Bodies – A round on famous exhumations and body-snatching**

*Given a short description, name the deceased alluded to.*

**1a.** British comedian, died in 1992 aged 68. His grave and coffin were opened by thieves searching for the gold jewellery rumoured to have been buried with him.

**A. Benny Hill**

**1b.** British actor and composer, died in 1977 aged 88. His body was snatched from its grave in Switzerland and held for a ransom of £400,000.

**A. Charlie Chaplin**

**2a.** American Rhythm & Blues singer, died penniless in 1984 aged 49 and buried in an unmarked grave. Fans raised money for a proper burial and in 1990 his remains were moved to Wayne, Michigan.

**A. Jackie Wilson**

**2b.** American country singer, died in 1998 of a blood clot at the age of 55. Her daughters filed a wrongful death lawsuit in 1999 against her doctor. On exhumation the autopsy concluded she died of cardiac arrhythmia. She was reburied in her mausoleum in Nashville,  
**A. Tammy Wynette**

**3a.** English Pre-Raphaelite artist's model, died in 1862 aged 32. Buried in Highgate Cemetery, exhumed in 1869 so that husband Dante Gabrielle Rossetti could retrieve original poetry manuscripts from her coffin.

**A. Elizabeth Siddal – accept Lizzie Siddal**

**3b.** Argentine President, died in 1974 aged 78. In 1987 his tomb was desecrated and his body mutilated. His severed hands were held for a ransom of \$8 million.

**A. Juan Peron**

**4a.** Convicted of the A6 Murder and hanged in 1962 aged 25, this criminal has been exhumed twice. First from prison grounds in 1966; then from a cemetery in 2001 for DNA tests which established his guilt.

**A. James Hanratty**

**4b.** American 'rat-pack' singer and musician; died 1990 aged 64. Exhumed by his wife to retrieve the \$70,000 worth of jewellery buried with him when it was discovered he died bankrupt.

**A. Sammy Davis Junior**

#### **Spare**

German philosopher, died in 1883 aged 64. His body was exhumed in 1954 from an obscure corner of Highgate Cemetery to be reburied in a more prominent plot.

**A. Karl Marx**

#### **Round 4 - The Wild West**

**1a.** Name any of Wyatt Earp's brothers

**A. Virgil; Morgan; Warren; James**

**1b.** Name any of Jesse James brothers.

**A. Frank; Archie; John; Robert**

**2a.** In which town did *'The Gunfight At The OK Corral'* take place?

**A. Tombstone**

**2b.** In which US state is Tombstone?

**A. Arizona**

**3a.** Harry Longabaugh was better know by what name?

**A. The Sundance Kid**

**3b.** Martha Jane Cannary was better known by what name?

**A. Calamity Jane**

**4a.** Who shot and killed Billy The Kid?

**A. Pat Garrett**

**4b.** Shot whilst playing cards, his Christian names were James Butler. How was he better known?

**A. Wild Bill Hickok**

**Spares:**

What was the profession of gunfighter and gambler Doc Holliday?

**A. Dentist**

What were the Christian names of General Custer?

**A. George Armstrong**

**Round 5 - Murders and Murderers.**

**1a.** What was the real name of the American serial killer known as "*The Son of Sam*", who shot dead at least 8 people in 1976 & 1977?

**A. David Berkowitz**

**1b.** Name the 11 year old convicted of the killing and mutilation of 2 children in Glasgow in 1968?

**A. Mary Bell**

**2a.** In which Whitechapel pub did Ronnie Kray shoot dead rival gang member, George Cornell?

**A. The Blind Beggar**

**2b.** Name the street in Gloucester where Fred and Rose West murdered at least 11 women.

**A. Cromwell St**

**3a.** Name the Nurse convicted in 1993 of killing 4 children, whilst she was employed at Grantham and Kesteven Hospital in Lincolnshire

**A. Beverly Allitt**

**3b.** What was the real name of the American serial killer known as the "*Killer Clown*", convicted for the sexual assault and murder of at least 33 boys and young men in the 1970s?

**A. John Wayne Gacy Jr**

**4a.** Name the English serial killer known as "*The Acid Bath Murderer*" convicted of killing 6 people in the 1940s?

**A. John George Haigh**

**4b.** Name the actress who was married to Roman Polanski, murdered by the Manson Family in 1969?

**A. Sharon Tate**

**Spares.**

In 2005 Dennis Rader was convicted in the US of murdering 10 people between 1974 & 1991, he was known as the "BTK" killer, but what does "BTK" stand for?

**A. Bind, torture, kill. (all 3 required).**

What was the nickname of 1980s American serial killer and devil worshipper Richard Ramirez?

**A. The Night Stalker**

## **Round 6 - Permanent Londoners**

*Famous people buried in or cremated at London's most exclusive cemeteries and crematoria. Given the short description, name the person.*

**1a.** Buried in Highgate Cemetery, Lesbian novelist from Bournemouth, 1880 – 1943, author of 'The Well of Loneliness' which was banned for obscenity in 1928.

**A. Radclyffe Hall**

**1b.** Buried in Old Mortlake Catholic Cemetery in a Bedouin tent-shaped mausoleum, traveller and writer from Torquay, 1821 – 1890, his unexpurgated translations of "*The Kama Sutra*" and "*The Arabian Nights*" were banned in England.

**A. Sir Richard Burton**

**2a.** Cremated at Mortlake Crematorium, actor from Carlton in Nottinghamshire, 1947 – 1979, who appeared in the 1970s TV sitcoms "*The Lovers*" and "*Rising Damp*".

**A. Richard Beckinsale**

**2b.** Cremated at Golders Green Crematorium, actor and composer from Cardiff, 1893 - 1951 who wrote the musical "*Glamorous Night*". His memorial is a lilac bush.

**A. Ivor Novello**

**3a.** Buried in the Jewish Cemetery at Golders Green, celebrated cellist from Oxford, 1945 – 1987, her performing career was ended by multiple sclerosis.

**A. Jacqueline Du Pre**

**3b.** Buried in East Sheen Cemetery, TV and film actor from Wigan, 1934 – 1988, who died after falling off a horse whilst filming "*The Return of the Musketeers*" in Spain, he also appeared in "*Taste the Blood of Dracula*" and "*Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*".

**A. Roy Kinnear**

**4a.** Cremated at Golders Green Crematorium, English comedy actor born in South Africa, 1913 – 1976, appeared in 19 of the Carry On films.

**A. Sid James**

**4b.** Cremated at Golders Green Crematorium, English comedy actress from London, 1927 – 1980, discovered by Joan Littlewood and best known for her TV sitcom role of Mildred Roper.

**A. Yootha Joyce**

### **Spares**

Buried in St Pancras and Islington Cemetery, English Pre-Raphaelite artist born in France, 1821 – 1893, he painted "*The Manchester Murals*" for Manchester Town Hall.

**A. Ford Madox Brown**

Buried in Gunnersbury Cemetery, film director from London, 1906 – 1976, he won the academy award for best director in 1968 for "*Oliver!*". He also directed "*The Third Man*" in 1949 and "*The Agony and the Ecstasy*" in 1965.

**A. Sir Carol Reed**

## **Round 7 - Assassinations**

**1a.** The "*July Plot*" was the name given to the failed attempt to assassinate which political figure near his headquarters at Rastenburg, East Prussia?

**A. Adolf Hitler**

**1b.** Leon Trotsky was a resident of which country when he was murdered by an assassin's ice axe in 1940?

**A. Mexico**

**2a.** In 1981 John Hinckley Jr made an attempt to assassinate President Ronald Reagan. He claimed this was an attempt to impress which Hollywood actress?

**A. Jodie Foster**

**2b.** Mark Chapman was famously reading which novel when he was arrested for the shooting of John Lennon in 1980?

**A. The Catcher in the Rye**

**3a.** In what year was Pope John Paul II shot by a Turkish assassin whilst passing through crowds in St. Peter's Square?

**A. 1981**

**3b.** The attempted assassination of Margaret Thatcher in Brighton took place in what year?

**A. 1984**

**4a.** Name the Prime Minister of Israel who was assassinated in 1995?

**A. Yitzhak Rabin**

**4b.** Name the former Russian spy who was poisoned by radioactive Polonium 210, resulting in his death in November 2006?

**A. Alexander Litvinenko**

### **Spares**

Described by Hitler as "*the man with the iron heart*", which high ranking Nazi official was assassinated in Prague in 1942?

**A. Reinhard Heydrich**

Name the US President who was assassinated by Leon Czolgosz on September 6 1901?

**A. William McKinley**

## **Round 8 - General Death**

**1a.** Brandon Lee, son of Bruce, was killed in 1993 in a shooting accident on the set of which film?

**A. The Crow**

**1b.** Who released the classic tune "*(Don't Fear) The Reaper*" in 1976?

**A. The Blue Oyster Cult.**

**2a.** The nursery rhyme "*Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary*" is not a charming tale of horticulture-silver bells, cockleshells and maids are all terms for instruments of torture. Who is Mary reputed to be?

**A. Mary 1st of England (Bloody Mary).**

**2b.** In the nursery rhyme "*Solomon Grundy*", on which day of the week did Solomon die?

**A. Saturday**

**3a.** Name the British comedienne who played the title role of the 1968 film "*The Killing of Sister George*"

**A. Beryl Reid**

**3b.** Name the Brookside character who was murdered and buried under the patio in one of the soap's most famous storylines?

**A. Trevor Jordache**

**4a.** What is the claim to fame of Brigadier General Paul Tibbets?

**A. Pilot who dropped the first atomic bomb during World War II**

**4b.** What is the current name of the location in Paris where the guillotine was sited during the French Revolution

**A. Place De La Concorde**

Spares

Which 18th Century American polymath stated "*In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes*"?

**A. Benjamin Franklin**

Who wrote the novella "*Death in Venice*"?

**A. Thomas Mann**