

This trivia contest is intended as a mixer activity for the time between courses of your dinner party. Prior to the party, the hosts should make a request along the lines of the following from their guests:

“In preparation for the Dinner Party on <date>, we would like each person to submit two obscure facts about themselves. These should be suitable for use in a trivia contest during the dinner party.”

The responses can be compiled into a set of questions to follow the standard questions outlined here. Prepare your self for some very interesting answers! This is a lot of fun!

Movies

1. This person was born in 1899 in England and directed the 1954 film *Rear Window*.
 - Alfred Hitchcock X
 - Cecil B. DeMille
 - Victor Fleming
 - Marc Daniels

2. Which one of these films did NOT win the Oscar for Best Picture?
 - *Kramer vs. Kramer*
 - *On the Waterfront*
 - *Apollo 13* X
 - *The English Patient*

3. In the space epic *Dune*, what was the name of the spice that made the desert planet so important?
 - Aridian
 - Melange X
 - Arrakis
 - Phlage

4. What was the name of Scarlett O'Hara's plantation in *Gone With the Wind*?
 - Lyndon House
 - Laughton
 - Twelve Oaks
 - Tara X

5. What movie is famous for this catchy piece?
 - *Bridge Over the River Kwai* X
 - *The Great Escape*
 - *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*
 - *For a Few More Dollars*

Science

1. About how long does it take Pluto to orbit the sun?
 - 248 days
 - 248 weeks
 - 248 months
 - 248 years X
2. About how long does it take sunlight to reach the earth?
 - 8 second
 - 8 minutes X
 - 8 hours
 - 8 days
3. Are Europe and North America drifting closer together or farther apart?
 - Closer together
 - Farther apart X
4. Which is the deepest ocean?
 - Atlantic
 - Indian
 - Arctic
 - Pacific X
5. Which of the following is the longest river on Earth?
 - Mississippi
 - Nile X
 - Amazon
 - Skunk

Elections

1. Which president hanged two murderers when he served as public executioner of Oneida Co New York?
 - Grover Cleveland X
 - FDR
 - James Madison
 - Chester Arthur

2. Who is the only president never to marry?
 - Bill Clinton
 - John F. Kennedy
 - James Buchanan X
 - William McKinley

3. What president-vice president combo were both born in the same county in Virginia?
 - Martin Van Buren – Richard M. Johnson
 - FDR – Henry Wallace
 - William Henry Harrison – John Tyler X
 - GHWBush – Dannie Quayle

4. Which president worked as a model and actually appeared on the cover of Cosmo in 1942?
 - Bill Clinton
 - Harry Truman
 - LBJ
 - Gerald Ford X

5. Who was the first president to be sworn in by a former president?
 - John Quincy Adams
 - Calvin Coolidge X
 - Herbert Hoover
 - Ulysses S. Grant

Sports

1. Who has won the most men's Grand Slam tennis singles titles?
 - John McEnroe
 - Bill Tillman
 - Jimmy Connor
 - Pete Sampras X

2. How many gold medals did Mark Spitz win in the 1972 Olympics?
 - 3
 - 5
 - 7 X
 - 9

3. What is the approximate length in feet of a bowling alley?
 - 43
 - 53
 - 63 X
 - 73

4. Which athlete has been on the cover of Sports Illustrated a record 31 times?
 - Hank Aaron
 - Jimmy Connors
 - Jack Nicklaus
 - Muhammed Ali X

5. What MLB team hasn't won a World Series since 1908?
 - TB Devil Rays
 - SF Giants
 - C Cubs X
 - D Tigers