

Dear friends,



Yes, just with a glance at this first page, you're wondering if there's a John Wayne theme to this week's "When Swing Was King" activity packet. There is. Indeed, you'll see several examples in the multiple choice trivia questions and in quotations on the "Points to Ponder" page. Also, on the "Song Lyrics" page, we have a few that are associated with John Wayne films.

We have even added a page to the packet this week in order to give you 3 pages of photo quizzes – all dealing with the Duke's movies.

But before we get started, here are a few items I recently came across about John Wayne. John Wayne's Hollywood career began in 1926 with an uncredited role in a football movie, *Brown of Harvard*. Then many more bit parts came his way before his first starring role in *The Big Trail* in 1930. (The photo at right is a publicity shot from that movie.) Of course, John Wayne's big break didn't come in a major motion picture until 1939 when he played The Ringo Kid in what became a true classic, *Stagecoach*.



Yet it's interesting to speculate what might have been if Wayne's baritone singing voice had been a bit more pleasant to listen to. For he had been cast as Singin' Sandy Saunders in the movie *Riders of Destiny* back in 1933, making him the screen's second singing cowboy. (Ken Maynard in the 1929 film *The Wagon Master* lays claim to being the first.) The producers, however, decided that Wayne's singing needed to be dubbed by somebody else. And so, despite the popularity of his character, MGM moved in another direction, eventually offering a contract to...you guessed it...Gene Autry!

Wayne was pleased with that development for he didn't really want to be a singing cowboy. Still, John Wayne did sing every once in awhile in his films and was known to sing to himself on the set. Once, at a celebrity auction, he was offered \$1,000 for a charity if he would sing "The Shadow of Your Smile." Claiming embarrassment, the Duke resisted. But his friends knew there was a purpose to his reluctance; namely, he wanted the bids to go higher. And go higher they did. And so, after a \$5,000 gift was promised to the charity, John Wayne belted out the romantic ballad with everything he had!

Multiple Choice Questions

1) Claire Trevor co-starred with John Wayne in 4 movies. But another actress co-starred with the Duke in 5 movies. She was...

- A) Marlene Dietrich
- B) Donna Reed
- C) Maureen O'Hara
- D) Lauren Bacall

2) The song "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'" comes from what Broadway play and movie?

- A) *The Music Man*
- B) *Oklahoma*
- C) *My Fair Lady*
- D) *Brigadoon*

3) Regarding Question #2 above, Ridge Bond introduced "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'" on Broadway but who sang it in the Hollywood film?

- A) Howard Keel
- B) Gene Kelly
- C) Fred Astaire
- D) Gordon MacRae

4) True or False -- John Wayne holds the record for an actor with the most leading parts in film. _____

5) Which of the following was **NOT** one of Robin Hood's Merry Men?

- A) Sir Lancelot
- B) Friar Tuck
- C) Will Scarlett
- D) Little John

6) At 20 million copies, the 1960 song "It's Now or Never" was the biggest hit of this singer's career.

- A) Elvis Presley
- B) Sam Cooke
- C) Frankie Avalon
- D) Dean Martin

7) The most well-known verse in the New Testament is "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." Where is that verse?

- A) Matthew 1:10
- B) Hebrews 12:1
- C) John 3:16
- D) Romans 6:23

8) True or False -- From 1949-1955 Toby Press issued a series of comic books starring John Wayne. _____

9) John Wayne was offered the role of Major Reisman in *The Dirty Dozen*, but he turned it down. That part was eventually given to Wayne's friend and co-star in 3 films...

- A) Ward Bond
- B) Lee Marvin
- C) Robert Mitchum
- D) Richard Widmark

10) Whose was "the face that launched a thousand ships?"

- A) Mata Hari
- B) Joan of Arc
- C) Cleopatra
- D) Helen of Troy

11) The Statue of Liberty was a gift to the U.S. from what country?

- A) England
- B) Canada
- C) France
- D) Brazil

12) This spice used in desserts, tea, and alcoholic drinks has a similar flavor to licorice.

- A) Peppermint
- B) Anise
- C) Nutmeg
- D) Cardamom

13) Which of these singers would definitely **NOT** be put into the rockabilly category?

- A) Pat Boone
- B) Johnny Cash
- C) The Everly Brothers
- D) Jerry Lee Lewis

14) In what John Wayne movie did his character describe his creed as "I won't be wronged; I won't be insulted; and I won't be laid a hand on. I don't do these things to other people and I require the same from them."

- A) *McQ*
- B) *The Green Berets*
- C) *Red River*
- D) *The Shootist*

15) According to the popular Andrews Sisters song, what liquor do you mix with Coca-Cola?

- A) Rum
- B) Champagne
- C) Bourbon
- D) Tequila

16) True or False -- In 1973 John Wayne recorded a spoken word album entitled *America: Why I Love Her*. It was not only a popular hit, it won him a Grammy award. _____

17) The 14th Century religious poem titled *The Divine Comedy* (consisting of *Inferno*, *Purgatorio*, and *Paradiso*) was written by...

- A) St. Thomas Aquinas
- B) Dante Alighieri
- C) St. Augustine
- D) John Milton

18) True or False -- The John Wayne film *Sands of Iwo Jima* focused on the U.S. Navy Seabees. _____

19) In the fairy tale "Jack and the Beanstalk," what does Jack trade for magic beans?

- A) A belt
- B) A goose
- C) A sword
- D) A cow

20) In the late 1960s, Motown president Berry Gordy made this young woman the headliner of the popular girl group, The Supremes.

- A) Petula Clark
- B) Dionne Warwick
- C) Diana Ross
- D) Dee Dee Sharp

21) *Mona Lisa*, the famous Leonardo da Vinci painting, was the inspiration (and title) for a #1 song in 1950 by this singer...

- A) Bobby Darin
- B) Patti Page
- C) Nat King Cole
- D) Jimmy Dorsey

22) The musical score for the John Wayne movie *The Cowboys* was composed by the same fellow who did the scores for *Star Wars*, *Jaws*, *Home Alone*, and *Indiana Jones*. He is...

- A) Aaron Copland
- B) Arthur Fielder
- C) Alan Silvestri
- D) John Williams

23) True or False -- The U.S. is the world's top producer of peanut butter.

24) A "nerd" is nowadays defined as a "an intelligent, but single-minded person obsessed with a nonsocial hobby or pursuit." Where did that word originate?

- A) A 1945 U.S Navy manual
- B) A 1950 Dr. Seuss book
- C) A 1954 Spike Jones song
- D) A 1967 NASA lecture

25) The practice of displaying distinguishing hereditary symbols on flags or shields is called...

- A) Heraldry
- B) Art deco
- C) Chivalry
- D) Genealogy

26) The 3 John Wayne films directed by John Ford (often called the Cavalry Trilogy) were all filmed in Monument Valley. Where is that?

- A) Arizona/Utah border
- B) Baja California
- C) Montana
- D) Southern New Mexico

27) True or False -- The NFL's Baltimore Ravens are named in honor of Edgar Allan Poe's classic poem, "The Raven." _____

28) With hits like, "If I Didn't Care," "To Each His Own," "When The Swallows Come Back to Capistrano," and "I Don't Want to Set the World On Fire," this group rode very high in the 1930s and 1940s.

- A) Drifters
- B) Modernaires
- C) Ink Spots
- D) Ames Brothers

29) In the John Wayne film *Rio Lobo*, two of his co-stars sang "My Rifle, Pony, and Me." Who were they?

- A) Robert Mitchum & James Caan
- B) Ricky Nelson & Dean Martin
- C) Glen Campbell & Ann-Margret
- D) Frankie Avalon & Dean Martin

30) The Twist was the biggest dance craze of the 1960s. Who is credited with doing the most to popularize it?

- A) Freddy "Boom Boom" Cannon
- B) Martha & the Vandellas
- C) Wilson Pickett
- D) Chubby Checker

Can You Identify These John Wayne Movies? (Part 1)



* *The Sons of Katie Elder*

* *Sands of Iwo Jima*

* *The Green Berets*

* *Dark Command*

* *The Greatest Story Ever Told*

* *Hatari!*

* *The High and the Mighty*

* *El Dorado*

* *Flying Tigers*

10) Bonus question: In which of these films does John Wayne deliver only one line?

Can You Identify These John Wayne Movies? (Part 2)



* *Stagecoach*

* *Red River*

* *Rio Bravo*

* *Baby Face*

* *The Longest Day*

* *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon*

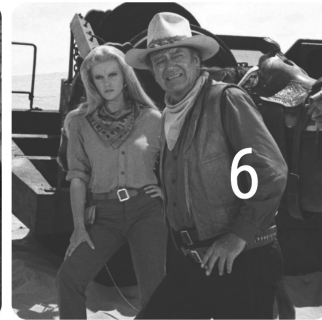
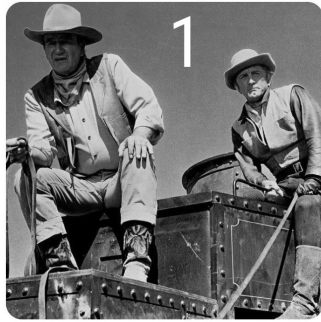
* *The Shepherd of the Hills*

* *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*

* *The Quiet Man*

10) Bonus question: In which of these films did John Wayne appear with dozens of other very popular male stars...but only two women playing bit parts?

Can You Identify These John Wayne Movies? (Part 3)



* *They Were Expendable*

* *The Train Robbers*

* *The Conqueror*

* *The War Wagon*

* *True Grit*

* *The Alamo*

* *The Searchers*

* *McLintock!*

* *The Shootist*

10) Bonus question: In which of these films was Elvis Presley considered for a co-star? (By the way, that fell through because Presley's manager "Colonel" Tom Parker insisted that Presley receive top billing over Wayne.)

Points to Ponder...

“Every country in the world loved the folklore of the West -- the music, the dress, the excitement, everything that was associated with the opening of a new territory. It took everybody out of their own little world. The cowboy lasted a hundred years, created more songs and prose and poetry than any other folk figure. Now, I wonder who'll continue it.” (John Wayne)

“Marriage! Nothing else demands so much from a man.”
(Henrik Ibsen)

“And whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men,
to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God...and to
recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven
by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.”
(Abraham Lincoln)

“In business, honesty is the first important thing. It is also the second and
third and fourth most important thing.” (Scottish proverb)

“Sure I wave the American flag. Do you know a better flag to wave?”
(John Wayne)

“One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than 50 preaching it.”
(Knute Rockne)

“Every married man should believe there's but one good wife in the world,
and that's his own,” (Jonathan Swift)

“True grit is making a decision and standing by it,
doing what must be done.” (John Wayne)

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with
every spiritual blessing in Christ.” (Ephesians 1:3)

What Comes Next in this Song Lyric?

- 1) “Big Sam left Seattle in the year of ninety-two with George Pratt his partner, and brother Billy too. They crossed the Yukon River and found a bonanza gold...
- 2) “Weather-wise, it’s such a lovely day. Just say the words and we’ll beat the birds down to Acapulco Bay...
- 3) “Well, you can knock me down; step on my face. Slander my name all over the place. Do anything that you want to do...
- 4) “Tangerine, she is all they claim with her eyes of night and lips as bright as flame. Tangerine, when she dances by, señoritas stare and caballeros sigh. And I’ve seen toasts to Tangerine...
- 5) “One day, little girl, the sadness will leave your face. As soon as you’ve won the fight to get justice done. Someday, little girl, you’ll wonder what life’s about. But others have known few battles are won alone...
- 6) “Alone from night to night you’ll find me too weak to break the chains that bind me. I need no shackles to remind me, I’m just a prisoner of love. For one command I stand and wait now...
- 7) “Are the stars out tonight? I don’t know if it’s cloudy or bright ‘cause I only have eyes for you, dear. The moon may be high...
- 8) “There’ll be a change in the weather and a change in the sea. From now on there’ll be a change in me...
- 9) “You ask how much I need you, must I explain? I need you, oh my darling, like roses need rain...
- 10) “From out of the east a stranger came, a law book in his hand. A man, the kind of a man the West would need to tame a troubled land...

The Answers!

- 1) C
- 2) B
- 3) D
- 4) True (142 films)
- 5) A
- 6) A
- 7) C
- 8) True
- 9) B
- 10) D
- 11) C
- 12) B
- 13) A
- 14) D
- 15) A
- 16) True
- 17) B
- 18) False: The U.S. Marines
- 19) D
- 20) C
- 21) C
- 22) D
- 23) False: (We're 4th behind China, Argentina, and the Netherlands)
- 24) B
- 25) A
- 26) A
- 27) True
- 28) C
- 29) B
- 30) D

John Wayne Films -Part 1

- 1) *The High and the Mighty*
- 2) *Sands of Iwo Jima*
- 3) *The Sons of Katie Elder*
- 4) *Dark Command*
- 5) *The Greatest Story Ever Told*
- 6) *Hatari!*

- 7) *El Dorado*
- 8) *Flying Tigers*
- 9) *The Green Berets*
- 10) 5

John Wayne Films -Part 2

- 1) *The Shepherd of the Hills*
- 2) *Red River*
- 3) *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon*
- 4) *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*
- 5) *The Quiet Man*
- 6) *Stagecoach*
- 7) *Rio Bravo*
- 8) *Baby Face*
- 9) *The Longest Day*
- 10) 9

John Wayne Films -Part 3

- 1) *The War Wagon*
- 2) *They Were Expendable*
- 3) *McLintock!*
- 4) *The Searchers*
- 5) *The Shootist*
- 6) *The Train Robbers*
- 7) *The Alamo*
- 8) *The Conqueror*
- 9) *True Grit*
- 10) 9

Finish the Song Lyric?

- 1) "...Below that old white mountain, just a little southeast of Nome."
- 2) "...It is perfect for a flying honeymoon, they say. Come fly with me; let's fly, let's fly away."
- 3) "...But uh-uh honey, lay off of my shoes."

4) "...raised in every bar across the Argentine. Yes, she has them all on the run, but her heart belongs to just one. Her heart belongs to Tangerine."

5) "...So, you'll look around to find someone who's kind, someone who is fearless like you. The pain of it will ease a bit when you find a man with true grit."

6) "...From one who's master of my fate now. I can't escape for it's too late now. I'm just a prisoner of love."

7) "...But I can't see a thing in the sky 'cause I only have eyes for you."

8) "...My walk will be different, my talk, and my name. Nothin' about me gonna' be the same."

9) "...You ask how long I'll love you; I'll tell you true: Until the twelfth of never, I'll still be loving you."

10) "... 'Cause the point of a gun was the only law that Liberty understood. When it came to shooting, straight and fast, he was mighty good."