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George Bernard Shaw Biography

Q & A

**Directions:** Answer the following questions according to Shaw's biography. Complete sentences are not necessary. Please be thorough in your answers (yes or no is not enough).

1. What did GBS hate about his name? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did GBS' father do for a living? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did his mother do for a living? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who did GBS' mother idolize? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What happened to GBS when he was 16? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What did GBS' sister, Lucy, do when she was older? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How did Shaw feel about his schooling? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Where did he work after he finished his schooling? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What themes are Shaw's plays filled with? 4 themes: (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_
10. What is the name of Shaw's first novel? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What kind of speaking style did Shaw develop to hold the attention of the crowd? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What is the Fabian Society? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. What is *The Quintessence of Ibsenism* based on? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What pseudonym did Shaw use when he wrote as an art critic? \_\_\_\_\_
15. What is the name of Shaw's first play? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Who was the Lord Chamberlain's Examiner of Plays and what did he do? \_\_\_\_\_  
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17. What does it mean when it says that Shaw's marriage was probably sexually unconsummated? \_\_\_\_\_  
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18. How did Shaw become independently wealthy? \_\_\_\_\_
19. What did the war represent to Shaw? 3 things: (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_
20. What is the name of the one major play Shaw wrote during the war years and what is it about? \_\_\_\_\_  
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21. How old was Shaw when he died? \_\_\_\_\_
22. What did Shaw leave a large part of his estate to? \_\_\_\_\_