

**The Library of Congress
National Book Festival**

Eye Spy Questions for the Festival Poster

You can download a copy of the poster online from the Kids-Teachers Website at:
<http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/kids-teachers/>

1. Question: Let's start with an easy task. Can you find a domed building with a statue on the top? You can see this beautiful sight from the National Mall in Washington, D.C. where the annual book festival takes place. What is this building called?

2. Question: How many tents can you count in this drawing? Do you know how many tents there will be at the National Book Festival?

3. Question: Thomas Jefferson said, "I cannot live without books." Can you find a fascinated young reader sharing a book with avid listeners?

4. Question: Peter Ferguson's 2010 poster depicts book characters listening to a story. How many actual books can you spot in Peter's artwork? Speaking of books, how many books do you think the Library of Congress has in its collections?

5. Question: This animal is a member of the Ursidae family. Can you find a large furry mammal that has appeared in stories with a young golden haired girl?

6. Question: Can you find a medium sized mammal with a pointed snout and a long bushy tail? He is wearing a scarf and has a handkerchief in his jacket pocket. Can you name a children's story featuring such an animal?

7. Question: Can you spot me? I have two long white ears and a habit of being late for important dates. I'm holding a book in my paws. What classic story do I appear in?

8. Question: This animal highlights a sad chapter in the annals of animal history. Can you spot a flightless bird – almost 3 feet tall – that lived on the islands of Mauritius? It has been extinct since the 17th century. What was it called? Can you think of any children's stories in which this animal appeared?

9. Question: Look for a mammal with a triangular pointed face and a tipped-up nose. It has white stripes on its cheeks and one stripe running from its nose to the back of its head. It is the state animal of Wisconsin. What kind of animal is it? Can you think of any stories in which such a mammal appears?

10. Question: Can you spot two good friends listening together? One is wearing a straw hat. His friend is standing behind him. What classic story features these famous characters?

11. Question: This pirate character appeared in Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*, first published in 1883. Do you see the man wearing an eye patch? Who is he?

12. Question: Do you see a red-haired girl with pigtails? She is resting her chin on her hands and is listening intently to the story. She resembles the main character in Lucy Maud Montgomery's classic novel, first published in 1908. The story takes place in the village of Avonlea, on Prince Edward Island in Canada. What is her name?

13. Question: Edgar Allan Poe wrote a poem featuring a large black bird that is a member of the crow family. Can you spot it? What is the name of the bird – and the poem?

14. Question: This machine is often designed to replace human beings in performing a variety of tasks, either on command or by being programmed in advance. Can you spot a strange metallic creature with 2 round eyes, 2 round ears and a rounded appendage on the top of its head? What is it called? Do you know of any stories that have characters of this type?

15. Question: An ape is a primate characterized by long arms, a broad chest, and the absence of a tail. Can you find an ape wearing a red jacket and a yellow crown? Can you think of any apes in literature?

16. Question: Can you spot a man with a reddish beard, wearing a black hat, and holding a harpoon? In what famous story does this character appear?

17. Question: In the world of folk and fairy tales, one often meets elf-like characters with pointy ears. Can you spot a listener who might be an elf? Have you met any elves in children's literature?

18. Question: In folklore and literature, animals, plants or non-living things are often given people-like characteristics. This is called anthropomorphism. Can you find a tree with human characteristics? Have you read any stories with talking tree characters?

19. Question: This female character is holding the letter A in her left hand. She appears as the main character in an 1850 novel by Nathaniel Hawthorne called the *Scarlet Letter*. What is her name?

20. Question: Several listeners have extra large noses, but only one is wearing a red cape and has a pink feather in his hat. This is a real person who lived in the 17th century, and also the main character in an 1897 drama written in verse by Edmond Rostand. What is his name?

21. Question: This literary character is wearing an armored suit and hat and is thoughtfully touching his white mustache and beard. He is the title character in a 17th century novel by Miguel de Cervantes. The story takes place in La Mancha, Spain. A popular musical called *Man of La Mancha* is based on this character. Who is he?