

Entrant's Name _____

Big Book & A.A. History Quiz

1. What is the name of the chapter that contains a list of the 12 steps?
2. What is the name of the guy that came into Bills kitchen and talked with him about a solution he had found?
3. Who's opinion is given in the beginning of the Big Book?
4. What is the only chapter not written by Bill W?
5. Dr. Bob was a real doctor. What was his area of practice?
6. On the first page of Bills Story, a Hampshire Grenadier is mentioned. How did he catch his death?
7. Did Bill Wilson's wife write the chapter "To the Wives"?
8. What was the name of Bill Wilson's wife?
9. How many pages are in the Big Book, not counting the stories or appendices?
10. In what town did Bill W. visit on business and meet Dr. Bob?

- 11 What is the name of the doctor who wrote the "Doctor's Opinion"?
- 12 How many chapters are in the Big Book?
- 13 What was the name of the group that Bill W. was a member of before he formed A.A. with Dr. Bob?
- 14 The Oxford Group changed its name to what in 1938?
- 15 What is the name of the "certain American businessman" who also helped Ebby 12 step Bill W.?
- 16 Who was Ebby Thatcher's sponsor?
- 17 Did Ebby Thatcher die sober?
- 18 What was the name of the hospital where Dr. Silkworth worked?
- 19 What was the name of the person who wrote the chapter "To Employers"?
- 20 How many steps were there before Bill W. wrote the Twelve Steps?
- 21 One of the Twelve Traditions was born from the reason why Bill W. and Dr. Bob broke off from the Oxford Group and formed A.A. Which one was it?

- 22 How many members did A.A. have when the Big Book was written?
- 23 In the chapter "More about Alcoholism", there is a story about a car salesman named Jim who went out looking for a prospect to sell a car. What did he pour his whisky into?
- 24 On page one of "Bill's Story", he writes of a church, outside of which was the doggerel about the Hampshire Grenadier. What was the name of the church?
- 25 Write down the entire 12th Step – word for word.
- 26 What was the name of "Alcoholic Anonymous Number Three"? Hint: his first name should be very familiar.
- 27 Dr. Paul O. wrote a story that has been included in the story section of the Big Book. He talks of a concept that was the answer to all his problems. What is the concept?
- 28 How long did Bill W. spend in actual combat in the war right before he became a veteran of foreign wars at 22?
- 29 Dr. Bob said there were two things needed to start a new group in A.A. What are the two things?
- 30 There are three sides to the A.A. triangle. What are the words beside

each side?

NOW FOR SOME HARDER QUESTIONS...

- 31 Did Ebby Thatcher get royalties from Big Book sales?
- 32 What were the Four Absolutes of the Oxford Group?
- 33 Where was Bill W.'s birthplace ?
- 34 Name Bill W's first love who died.
- 35 What was Bill W's first drink?
- 36 What year did Bill and Lois visit Birmingham during their motorcycle tour as a young married couple?
- 37 On page 160 in "A Vision For You", a man and a woman are mentioned as making their house available for meetings in the early days of A.A. Who were they?
- 38 On the second page of "A Vision For You", p. 52, what is mentioned is as a sufficient substitute for liquor?
- 39 How many times is the word powerless used in the first 164 pages?
- 40 When was the Second edition of the Big Book introduced?

- 41 What is the number of the AA post office box at Grand Central Station post office?
- 42 What was the former title of *As Bill Sees It*?
- 43 A.A. publishes a daily meditation book. What is it called?
- 44 AAWS publishes a newsletter designed to inform professionals about alcoholism. What is the name of this publication?
- 45 Three "rights" are protected by the Twelve Concepts for World Service. Name one of them.
- 46 Who is Leonard Blumenthal?
- 47 What does G.S.R. stand for?
- 48 Is the General Service Conference incorporated under the laws of any state?
- 49 What are the Three Legacies?
- 50 What is the present name of the organization that was once known as The Oxford Group?

Answer Key

1. How It Works
2. Ebby Thatcher
3. The Doctor
4. "To Employers"
5. Proctology
6. "drinking cold small beer"
7. No
8. Lois
9. 164
10. Akron, Ohio
11. William Silkworth
12. Eleven
13. Oxford Group
14. The Moral Rearmament
15. Roland Hazzard
16. Roland Hazzard
17. Yes
18. Townes Hospital
19. Henry "Hank" Parkhurst
20. Six
21. Tradition Three
22. More than 100
23. Milk
24. Winchester Cathedral
25. *See following page*
26. Bill D (Dodson)
27. Acceptance
28. None
29. A resentment and a coffee pot
30. Recovery, Unity, & Service
31. Yes - till his death
32. Honesty, purity, unselfishness, & love.
33. East Dorset, Vermont
34. Bertha Bamford
35. Bronx Cocktail
36. April 1926 – camped in Fultondale
37. T. Henry and Clarace Williams
38. Fellowship in A.A.
39. Only one time
40. 1958
41. Box 459
42. *The AA Way of Life*
43. *Daily Reflections*
44. *About AA*
45. Rights of Appeal, of Decision, and of Participation
46. Chairman of the Board at G.S.O.
47. General Service Representative
48. No - it's not incorporated at all.
49. Recovery, Unity, & Service
50. Initiative for Change

Step Twelve:

Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.