Go into the Agatha Christie gallery and have a look around. Then solve this quiz about Agatha, history’s most famous female crime author. With this quiz prove that you too can solve crimes just like Hercule Poirot or Miss Marple. Good Luck!

1. Which skill did Agatha teach herself? _________________________________

2. Agatha worked as a ____________________ and as a ____________________ that helped her later to describe all her murder cases. When you have answered this question go to the display and find the murder utensils which have been used in some of Agatha’s novels. Then name the murder utensils you see: ___________________________________________ ___________________________________________________________________

3. In 1926, Agatha experienced a short breakdown which also led to her disappearance. Which events caused this breakdown?_______________________________ ____________________ For how long was she missing? ________________________________

4. What’s the name of Agatha’s second husband and what did he do for his living? ____________________________________________________________________________

5. Which character did Agatha introduce in her novel “The Murder at the Vicarage”? _____________________________________________________________

6. Who is Mary Westmacott—name a novel she published? ________________________________________________________________

7. Which famous Devon house did Agatha and husband Max Mallowan own? __________________________________________________________

8. What is Agatha Christie’s biggest-selling crime novel? __________________________

9. In 1947, Agatha wrote a radio play. For which occasion did Agatha write a radio play and what is the title of this radio play? _______________________________ __________________________________________________________________

10. With which title were Agatha Christie & Max Mallowan honoured? ______________________________________________________________________

11. What was the name of Agatha’s daughter? ______________________________

12. What is Miss Marple’s first name? ____________________________________________________________________________
13. Search for the book cover of “The Mysterious Affair at Styles” - write down what you see upon it: ______________________________________________________

14. From which of Agatha’s novels is this quotation: “The young people think the old people are fools— but the old people know the young people are fools.”

15. Which characteristics describe Miss Marple? Go to the display case about Miss Marple and name some of the things you see or read about her:

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16. Which authors have influenced Agatha’s literary writing? Search for the answers and list them. Here’s one!
Charles Dickens,

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17. Agatha has written numerous literary works. How many of each literary genre has she written? Write down the numbers. Afterwards, count them together and write down the sum of her literary output.

_____ Detective and mystery titles
_____ Romantic novels
_____ Radio plays
_____ Stage plays
_____ Autobiographical works

Sum of her literary work: _____

18. Agatha’s crime novels gave her what nicknames?

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19. Which characteristics describe Hercule Poirot? Go to the display about Poirot and name some of the things you see or read about him: __________________

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20. Which expedition did Agatha Christie take part in with Max Mallowan? => To answer this question, you have to go to the explorers’ exhibition and watch the video.

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Now solve this riddle: Arthur Hastings tells his Belgian friend Hercule Poirot one of his war stories. “At the end of World War I, I was awarded for my bravery after saving a group of men,” Hastings says. “We were fighting in northern France when one of our enemies threw a grenade at us. I managed to pick it up and throw it away before it exploded. So after the war ended, a General gave me a sword, engraved with the Words ‘Awarded for Bravery and Valour, A Hero of World War I!’”

Poirot scratches his head thoughtfully and is silent for one minute. Then he says “Mon ami, this story cannot be true!”

Can you work out why Poirot said this?