



# 1 Read the text. Then complete the sentences. (5 points)

Dorothy L Sayers was a famous British crime writer. She was born in Oxford in 1893. Sayers grew up in a religious home and this influenced her writing later in her life. After she finished school, she went to Somerville College in Oxford to study modern languages – French and German. She graduated in 1915 and then moved to London. While she was

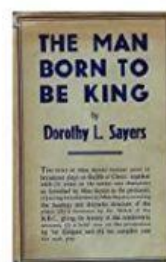


working in London, she began to write murder stories. Her first book came out in 1923. It was about an English detective, Lord Peter Wimsey. He became the hero in 11 of her novels.

In 1926, Sayers got married to Captain Oswald Arthur Fleming. Three years later, they went to live in a town in Essex. It was a good place for her to work because it was quieter than London. In the 1930s, she began writing plays for the theatre.

By 1936, the BBC asked her to produce a radio drama. Many people listened to the radio for entertainment because the TV wasn't invented yet. She wrote *The Man Born to Be King* – a radio play in 12 parts about the life of Jesus. It became very popular and people listened to it on the radio for many months during the Second World War.

Sayers was hard-working and intelligent, and she wasn't afraid to give her opinion. She wrote many letters and articles about religion, war and other important subjects. Dorothy Sayers died in Essex in 1957. She had one child, a son.



1. Sayers wrote her first novel while she was living .....
2. Lord Peter Wimsey was ..... in many of her crime novels.
3. In the 1930s, many people used the radio for entertainment because .....  
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4. Sayers' radio drama for the BBC was about .....
5. Dorothy Sayers wrote novels, radio dramas, ..... and .....

# 2 Answer the questions. (5 points)

1. When did Sayers start writing?  
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2. Who was Lord Peter Wimsey?  
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3. Why did many people use the radio for entertainment in the 1930s?  
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4. Who was *The Man Born to Be King*?  
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5. How did Sayers express her opinions to the public?  
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