



LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. What did W.C. Fields say about starting the day?

- a) A smile is the best way to maintain a positive attitude throughout the day
- b) It is better to delay smiling until later in the day
- c) You should start the day with a smile and get it over with
- d) Smiling early helps build strong social connections

2. How important is the smile to communication today? Was this always the case?

- a) The smile has always been equally important in all historical periods regardless of class
- b) The smile is mainly used in formal communication today
- c) People today rely less on smiling than in the past
- d) The smile is central to interaction today, but earlier societies encouraged closed expressions

3. What do you learn about pictures C and E? Why might the “Laughing Cavalier” in E not be laughing?

- a) The “Laughing Cavalier” is clearly smiling because open expressions were fashionable
- b) Portrait titles were often exaggerated and unrelated to the subject’s expression
- c) The sitter may be laughing quietly while still showing his teeth
- d) Sitters generally kept their mouths closed, and he may have avoided showing poor teeth

4. What role did sugar play in posing for portraits?

- a) It was commonly included in portraits as a symbol of wealth and luxury
- b) It’s sweet taste made people smile for portraits with broader smiles
- c) It had no significant influence on how people were portrayed
- d) It contributed to tooth decay, leading people to avoid showing their teeth

5. What did Madame Vigée-Lebrun in G have that the “Laughing Cavalier” didn’t? What was the reaction to her portrait?

- a) Her relaxed posture was criticized, but her expression was considered normal
- b) Her portrait followed traditional conventions and was widely praised
- c) She displayed an open smile with good teeth, which some viewers found shocking
- d) She avoided smiling entirely, which made the portrait controversial