

J ERNEST HEMINGWAY

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Read and then answer the questions below.

Ernest Hemingway is considered one of the most important modern American writers. He wrote six novels and more than fifty short stories. He also wrote many poems and newspaper articles.

Hemingway's books are lively and exciting. They are full of fighting, traveling, sports, love, and war. Hemingway's life was also lively and exciting.

When he was a young high school student, Hemingway played football, boxed, and wrote for the school newspaper. He ran away from home when he was fifteen years old, but he returned and finished high school in 1917. He never went to college.

Hemingway wanted to fight in World War I, but he was rejected by the army. Instead, he went to war as an ambulance driver and was badly injured.

In 1921, Hemingway went to Paris and started writing seriously. He stayed there for six years. His first novel, *The Sun Also Rises*, was written when he was still in Paris. It made him very famous.

In 1937, Hemingway went to Spain as a journalist to write about the Spanish Civil War. In 1944 he returned to Europe and wrote newspaper articles about World War II. Although he wasn't in the army, it is believed he did more fighting than writing during the war.

**What's the Answer?**

1. Why is Hemingway considered an important writer?
 - a. He wrote many interesting works.
 - b. He liked sports.
 - c. He lived in many different countries.
2. What *didn't* Ernest Hemingway write about?
 - a. Fighting.
 - b. Traveling.
 - c. Cooking.
3. What did Hemingway do when he was fifteen years old?
 - a. He ran a long way.
 - b. He left home.
 - c. He went to high school.
4. Which of these statements about Hemingway is true?
 - a. He finished high school.
 - b. He went to college.
 - c. He didn't play any sports in high school.
5. Why didn't Hemingway serve in the army?
 - a. He wanted to fight.
 - b. The army didn't want him.
 - c. He didn't want to fight.
6. Which of these statements about Hemingway *isn't* true?
 - a. He was a journalist for a while.
 - b. He wrote about the Spanish Civil War.
 - c. *The Sun Also Rises* was written in Spain.