

Brown University Class of 1980 Answers to the Trivia Quiz

1. *What is the name of the artsy punk rock group pictured on this web page? And what was the name of their first big national hit?*

The Talking Heads. "Psycho Killer."

2. *What is Josiah Carberry's middle name? And what is his field of study?*

His middle name is **Stinkney**. His field of study is "**Psychoceramics**."

3. *What Rhode Island-based group wrote and performed the cult classic song, "Complex World"?*

The Young Adults

4. *Which of the following people did NOT graduate from Brown?*

**Ted Turner
John Heisman**

5. *What Brown graduate hosted "This American Life" on National Public Radio?*

Ira Glass

6. *True or False: Brown University was originally named "The College in the English Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations," but was renamed after Nicholas Brown donated \$5,000 to the school in 1804 when tuition was only \$5.*

True.

7. *True or False: Brown was the first Ivy League university to accept students regardless of religious background.*

True.

8. *What female blues singer performed at Brown during Spring Weekend 1979?*

Bonnie Raitt

9. *When did Josiah Carberry first appear on the Brown campus?*

Carberry first appeared when John William Spaeth, Jr. posted a false notice for a Carberry lecture on a bulletin board at Brown in **1929**. The lecture's title was "Archaic Greek Architectural Revetments in Connection with Ionian Philology." When asked, Spaeth provided fictional details about the professor's family and academic interests.

10. *What famous singer-songwriter was temporarily barred from re-entering the Brown campus during a concert at which he was scheduled to perform?*

Bob Dylan

11. *True or False: Princess Diana of England once spent a night in Metcalf dormitory at Brown following her divorce from Prince Charles (now King Charles III)?*

Sadly, false.

12. *Was the closure of the East Campus Dining Center (ECDC) one of the greatest tragedies in the history of human civilization?*

Duh!

13. *True or False: The legal drinking age in Rhode Island in 1976 was 18 years of age.*

True.

14. *True or False: Novelist Ralph Ellison, author of *Invisible Man*, received an honorary degree from Brown during the 1980 Commencement ceremonies.*

True.

15. *True or False: St. Mary's, Rhode Island's oldest Roman Catholic parish, was founded in 1828. The church is best known as the site of the wedding of Jacqueline Bouvier to John Fitzgerald Kennedy in 1953.*

True.

16. *What was the freshman curse involving Brown libraries?*

The legend says that if Brown students visit ALL of the university's libraries during their freshman year, they will never get married.

17. *What was the name of the revolutionary bookstore on Thayer Street during our time at Brown?*

Dorr War Books, named after Thomas Wilson Dorr (November 5, 1805 – December 27, 1854), who was an American politician and reformer in Rhode Island, best known for leading the Dorr Rebellion.

18. *What is the meaning of Josiah Carberry's bookplate (motto) "*Dulce et Decorum Est Desipere in Loco*"?*

"It is pleasant and proper to be foolish once in a while."

19. *How old was John Travolta when he starred in "*Saturday Night Fever*" and what year did that movie appear?*

23. The movie first appeared in 1977.

20. True or False: Thomas Jefferson and John Adams publicly acknowledged Roger Williams, as the originator of the concepts and principles reflected in The First Amendment. Among those principles were freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and freedom of public assembly.

True.

21. Why does Brown use the abbreviation "A.B." instead of "B.A." on diplomas?

AB is the abbreviation of "artium baccalaureus," which is the Latin name for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree.

22. What is the name of Josiah Carberry's "future wife"?

Laura.

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