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Replace the Missing Letters

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Tokens (for scorekeeping); prizes (small) for winner(s)

Overview:

Fill in the missing letters to reveal a list of **BOOKS AND PLAYS THAT ARE REPEATEDLY CITED ON LISTS OF THE BEST BOOKS EVER WRITTEN.**

Instructions:

1. Write the first clue on a white board or easel large enough for all to see. Be sure to place empty lines where the letters are missing.
2. Allow players to shout out answers.
3. Instead of scoring, you might consider passing out a token (for example, a poker chip, or a piece of cardboard, or a spare button) to the first person you hear shout out the correct answer.
4. When the game is over, the person with the most tokens wins the game. You might consider giving him or her a lottery ticket or a special chocolate bar for that achievement.

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QUESTIONS

1. BE _ _ VED
2. _ LY _ _ ES
3. EL _ _ R • GA _ T _ _
4. TH _ • GO _ _ • E _ RT _
5. DO _ _ _ R • _ HI _ AGO
6. LO _ _ • O _ • _ HE • FL _ _ S
7. _ F • MI _ _ • A _ D • ME _
8. _ _ E • FO _ _ YT _ • SA _ _
9. WA _ _ IN _ • _ OR • G _ _ OT
10. A • _ _ REWE _ _ • T _ • AR _ S
11. TH _ • G _ A _ ES • OF • W _ AT _
12. _ O • _ _ LL • _ • MO _ _ IN _ _ IRD
13. T _ _ • SO _ N _ • A _ D • _ _ E • F _ _ Y
14. T _ E • O _ _ • _ AN • A _ _ • _ _ E • _ _ A

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ANSWERS

1. BELOVED
2. ULYSSES
3. ELMER GANTRY
4. THE GOOD EARTH
5. DOCTOR ZHIVAGO
6. LORD OF THE FLIES
7. OF MICE AND MEN
8. THE FORSYTE SAGA
9. WAITING FOR GODOT
10. A FAREWELL TO ARMS
11. THE GRAPES OF WRATH
12. TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD
13. THE SOUND AND THE FURY
14. THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA