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Hangman

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Overview:

Hangman is an English word game that most historians believe was developed during the Victorian era (1837 – 1901). Today, most English-speaking kids learn how to play **Hangman** around the same time they become proficient in spelling.

Play **Hangman** or **Replace the Missing Letters** (posted separately) with this list of **FAMOUS FICTIONAL CHARACTERS**.

For an extra challenge, see if can you name the author of the literary work each character appears in? (See answers below.)

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SUPERMAN

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JAMES BOND

OLIVER TWIST

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MARY POPPINS

LADY MACBETH

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WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE
J. M. BARRIE
JERRY SIEGEL (WRITER); JOE SHUSTER (ARTIST)
F. SCOTT FITZGERALD
(A LEGENDARY FIGURE WITH NO SINGLE CREATOR)
IAN FLEMING
CHARLES DICKENS
J. K. ROWLING
HARPER LEE
ROALD DAHL
P. L. TRAVERS
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE
WALT DISNEY (WRITER); UB IWERKS (ARTIST)
MARGARET MITCHELL
ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE
DANIEL DEFOE
MARK TWAIN
J. D. SALINGER
TENNESSEE WILLIAMS
CHARLES DICKENS