

Test your knowledge of the cultural minutiae of the 70s and 80s with

The culture quiz

1. Bella Abzug _____
2. Kate Millett _____
3. Jill Johnston _____
4. Transcendental Meditation (TM) _____
5. Gurdjieff _____
6. EST _____
7. Samadhi flotation tank _____
8. Parquat _____
9. *Total Woman* _____
10. the Upanishads _____
11. G. Gordon Liddy _____
12. Consciousness Raising (CR) _____
13. Gestalt therapy _____
14. James McCord _____

Write the letter of the correct definition on the line next to the matching term/name.

Most of this play takes place in 1984-ish, with segments going back as far as 1970. Take this test to determine your "Culture Quotient"(CQ) for this time period. Score one point for each correct answer (Correct answers are at the bottom of the page).

12-14 correct: Good job! You are obviously a respectable baby boomer who may, however, be living too much in the past. CQ: 150

9-11 correct: Not bad, but you might want to consider brushing up a bit. Watch some *Mary Tyler Moore* reruns, listen to a Holly Near record, or take some notes during the show. CQ: 110

6-8 correct: Bummer, dude. You were clearly born after 1985, and got your cultural history from *That 70s Show*. Talk to your parents. CQ: 90

below 6: You're probably not laughing at many of the jokes tonight. Talk to your grandparents.

A. Wrote *Sexual Politics* about the oppression of women. Called for the end of marriage and the family as "patriarchy's chief institution."

B. The "mastermind" of the Watergate, later indicted and convicted. As the least cooperative witness, he served the longest sentence--4 1/2 years.

C. A technique of meditation derived from Hindu traditions, promoting deep relaxation through the use of a mantra.

D. Spiritual teacher who believed that human life is lived in waking sleep, and that transcendence of the sleeping state requires a specific inner work, which is practiced in private quiet conditions, and in the midst of life with others. This leads to otherwise inaccessible levels of vitality and awareness.

E. Large Group Awareness Training program, teaching people to get "it," consisting of two weekend sessions, and focused, in part, on individuals accepting responsibility for everything in life that happened to them.

F. A lawyer specializing in civil liberties, elected to Congress on a strong feminist and peace platform; known as an anti-war activist and for her concern about economic and social justice.

G. A box-like, sound- and light-proof structure, developed in 1972, that was filled with water and used for meditation, visualization, rejuvenation, self observation, creativity, time travel, prayer, solitude, rest and relaxation.

H. Written by sages of India between the eighth and fourth centuries BC. They are the final part of the *Vedas* and the basis for the philosophy of Vedanta, which means the end of the *Vedas*, the most ancient and sacred scripture of India; the name signifies wisdom.

I. Book that was written in response to the feminist movement suggesting that women be more focused on seducing their husbands using such techniques as meeting him at the door wearing nothing but Saran Wrap.

J. One of the Watergate "burglars" who later sent a letter to Judge John Sirica implicating others close to Nixon. His testimony, allegedly under threat of harm, made it possible to build the case beyond the original burglars, which eventually led to Nixon's impeachment hearings and resignation.

K. Counseling method that promoted the theory that every psychological problem can be explored and resolved as a polarized conflict between two aspects in personality. Sessions involved a four-step process, often including role-playing techniques as a means of reinforcing and resolving these polarized conflicts.

L. A group technique developed during the 1970s as a result of the Women's Liberation Movement, through which women began "to understand ourselves and other women by looking at situations . . . in our own lives. We see that personal problems shared by so many others--not being able to get out of the house often enough, becoming exhausted from taking care of the children all day, perhaps feeling trapped--are really political problems." (Definition from a leaflet distributed in 1971 by the Chicago Women's Liberation Union)

M. Wrote *Lesbian Nation: The Feminist Solution* and other works that helped change the way Americans think about gender and sexuality

N. Pesticide weed killer once promoted by the United States for use in Mexico to destroy marijuana; can cause lung damage by inhalation and esophageal erosions.

Answers: 1 (F); 2 (A); 3 (M); 4 (C); 5 (D); 6 (E); 7 (G); 8 (N); 9 (I); 10 (H); 11 (B); 12 (L); 13 (K); 14 (J)