

## The Life of Charles Dickens

Dickens' 200th birthday is February 7th, 2012

**Question 1** Dickens is known as a Victorian novelist. But who was on the throne when he was born?

**George III (in 1812)**

**Question 2** In which English town was Dickens born?

**Portsmouth**

**Question 3** In 1824, at the age of 12, Dickens was sent out to work because of his father's bankruptcy. Where did he work? ?

**Warren's Blacking Factory (now the site of Charing Cross Railway Station)**

**Question 4** Dickens returned to school in the same year. What was his first job after leaving school in 1827?

**Solicitors' clerk**

**Question 5** How many children did Dickens and his wife have?

**Ten (one died in infancy)**

**Question 6** In 1865, Dickens survived a train crash. Where did this happen?

**Staplehurst, Kent**

**Question 7** In later years, Dickens wrote in a chalet in his garden. Which country did the chalet come from?

**Switzerland**

**Question 8** What was the name of the young actress who was Dickens' mistress in the last years of his life?

**Ellen Ternan**

**Question 9** In which year did Dickens die?

**1870**

**Question 10** Which of Dickens' friends wrote The Life of Charles Dickens, published in three volumes between 1872 and 1874?

**John Forster**