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## *Biographies: Alan Alexander Milne*



The teddy bear, Winnie the Pooh, has accompanied young and old throughout history. His calm nature and his sense of love and friendship have made this bear an endearing character.

He was created by Alan Alexander Milne, a British writer who wasn't world famous until he wrote about Winnie the Pooh. Alexander A. Milne was born in London on January 18, 1882, and died in Sussex on January 31, 1956. In his youth, he never imagined that his stories would be known across the globe.

In his beginnings as a writer, he published various novels that were typical of his time, as well as plays, poetry, stories, and even a police novel in 1922. In 1926, Walt Disney decided to highlight this beautiful bear and advertised it successfully with young children. This changed young Milne's life radically; he became a world-famous writer.

If you wonder how he came up with the idea of writing about this bear, you should know that he says it was based on the stories he told his son, Christopher, when he was small. These stories told about the life of the bear, Winnie, as well as his friends who always accompanied him on each of his fantastic adventures.

The best-known characters that accompany Winnie are the following:

- Kanga and Roo: two playful kangaroos.
- Eeyore: a pessimistic and sad donkey.
- Tigger: a very naughty, cheerful, and smiling tiger.
- Rabbit: a very wise but somewhat clueless rabbit.
- Piglet: a timid and scared pink pig.



Winnie lives in the Hundred Acre Woods, in a house built inside a tree. He is always dressed in a red shirt and does not wear shoes.

If I had to describe Winnie, I would say he is a kind, affectionate, and friendly bear that has a very sweet tooth. He loves to eat honey or similar sweet foods. It is said that each of the friends who accompany him in his innumerable adventures represents a concrete emotion so that they complement each other.

Winnie the Pooh's fame has increased through a series of movies, advertisements, and books, as well as in songs, audiobooks, short movies, video games, etc. Sales have exceeded several billions of dollars. The success of this bear lies in his charismatic character and the tenderness shown in each of his adventures.

January 18 is Winnie the Pooh Day, and his followers celebrate it in a big way with different activities across the world. If you live in New York, you can visit the original stuffed animals at the New York Public Library. If you live in Sussex, United Kingdom, you can walk through the Ashwood Forest, the place where Milne got his inspiration for the setting where Winnie lives. You can also visit Winnie the Pooh's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

During this next year, I think I will design and build a small house in the tree like Winnie's for my friends and me to play in on January 18. How are you going to celebrate Winnie the Pooh Day?



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## ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



**1. Who was Winnie the Pooh?**

- a. a British polar bear with many friends
- b. a very famous British writer
- c. a day to celebrate love and friendship
- d. a lovable bear.

**2. Alan Alexander Milne was a world-famous writer before writing about the bear, Winnie the Pooh.**

- a. True
- b. False

**3. The creator of Winnie the Pooh \_\_\_\_\_**

- a. worked hard for years as a gardener before he wrote about this dear little bear.
- b. created the story based on the candy shaped like a bear that his son liked.
- c. became internationally famous with his detective novel in 1922.
- d. never imagined that his character would achieve great worldwide fame.

**4. Why do you think this bear has great friends?**

- a. Because he is a kind character.
- b. Because he is a charismatic character.
- c. Because he is an affectionate character.
- d. All the answers are correct.



**5. It can be said that each of the characters in the Winnie The Pooh stories represent different emotions. Connect the options below with lines.**

- a. Kanga and Roo
- b. Eeyore
- c. Tigger
- d. Rabbit
- e. Piglet

- 1. Fearful and cowardly
- 2. Intelligent and distracted
- 3. Exhilarated, festive, and jubilant
- 4. Negative and melancholic
- 5. Fun and loving

6. Winnie the Pooh is an unconventional bear because \_\_\_\_\_

- a. He is dressed in sportswear because he is an active and playful bear.
- b. He likes to eat fruits and vegetables.
- c. He lives in an apartment in a forest overlooking the lake.
- d. He always wears the same clothes and goes barefoot.

7. Given that Winnie the Pooh is a bear with unique features, such as talking, telling jokes, and doing mischief, write 3 ideas of what you would like Pooh to do? Look at the example: *Me, I would like Winnie to fly every time I clap my hands.*

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

8. If you had the opportunity to write an episode or a chapter of Winnie the Pooh, what would it be about? Write your ideas here.

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9. If you want to see Winnie the Pooh's star, you have to go to the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

- a. True
- b. False

10. If you could design a treehouse like Winnie's, how would you want it to look?

On the inside, I would like it to have:

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On the outside I would like it to have:

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