



About Bram Stoker

Quiz Sheet

During 2012, An Post issued two stamps to mark the centenary of the death of Bram Stoker, author of one of the world's most renowned horror novels, *Dracula*.



Bram Stoker was born in Dublin in 1847 and was educated at Trinity College. He worked as a civil servant and was also the drama critic of the Dublin Evening Mail Newspaper. Following his marriage to Florence Balcombe in 1878, he moved to London where he became personal assistant to his acting idol Sir Henry Irving, and manager of Irving's Lyceum Theatre.

In his spare time, Stoker wrote many novels to augment his income. The most famous

of these was his fifth novel, **Dracula**, which was published in 1897. It tells the story of the Transylvanian vampire Count Dracula. The Count's character was partly inspired by 15th century Romanian Prince Vlad III the Impaler, also known as Vlad Dracula.

In his lifetime, Bram Stoker wrote eighteen books. He died in London in 1912.



The An Post stamps were designed by David Rooney, based on his drawings of Bram Stoker and Dracula.





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Answer the following questions:

1. What year was Bram Stoker born?
2. Where was he educated?
3. Who did Bram Stoker marry?
4. What is Bram Stokers most famous novel?
5. How many novels did Bram Stoker write?
6. What year was the novel Dracula published?
7. Where was the vampire Count Dracula said to be from?
8. Who inspired the Count's character?
9. What year did Bram Stoker die?
10. Whose drawings are the Bram Stoker 55c stamps based on?

Suggested Homework:

- Imagine you are an author like Bram Stoker. Create your own vampire and write a paragraph to describe him/her.
- Imagine you were awake late one night and you saw a vampire from your bedroom window. Write an e-mail to your friend telling them about what you saw and how you felt.
- Choose your favourite horror story and draw your own stamp for An Post using this film/book as your theme.

