

MFAH **Rienzi**

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1. When hitting the town for a night out, we are likely to . . .

- a) Have an early dinner at a spot we both love—it's my turn to pick.
- b) Meet up with friends for drinks and then compare new shoes—we are incredibly stylish!
- c) Stay home, make dinner, and Netflix some comedies—nothing like a good laugh to start the weekend.
- d) Get in the car and start driving—who knows where we will end up?

2. Our idea of a perfect vacation is . . .

- a) Reading books by the pool and comparing plots
- b) Jetting off to an all-inclusive resort located in a glamorous locale
- c) Visiting an amusement park
- d) Rock climbing in Wyoming's Grand Teton National Park

3. If we were a famous couple, we would be . . .

- a) Oprah Winfrey and Stedman Graham
- b) Victoria and David Beckham
- c) John Legend and Chrissy Teigen
- d) Cara Delevingne and Ashley Benson

4. Our hashtag would be . . .

- a) #onelove
- b) #luxurylove
- c) #lovelaughter
- d) #loveaches

5. "Our" song is . . .

- a) "Lover" by Taylor Swift
- b) "Stay with Me" by Sam Smith
- c) "Sucker" by the Jonas Brothers
- d) "Call Out My Name" by The Weeknd

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If most of your answers are letter a:

Hero and Leander

Like the devoted Greek mythological couple Hero and Leander, there is nothing you wouldn't do for each other. Unload the dishwasher, bathe the dog, no job is too big or too small to make life a little easier for your beloved. Unlike Hero and Leander, hopefully you will not have to sacrifice yourself on the treacherous straits of the Dardanelles. Visit the Foyer to see Hero and Leander's tragic final moments as a couple.



If most of your answers are letter b:

French King Louis XVI and his wife Queen Marie Antoinette

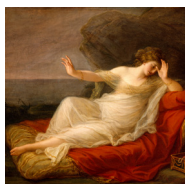
You and your significant other enjoy the finer things in life. Trips to exotic places and fine dining experiences round out your typical weekend. While you and your partner admire nice things, you are much more relatable than the 18th-century French monarchs, Louis and Marie Antoinette, who both lost their heads during the French Revolution as a result of their extravagant spending and outlandish lifestyle. Study the porcelain portrait busts of this doomed duo in the Drawing Room.



If most of your answers are letter c:

The Dashwoods

You like to laugh, and your beloved does not mind being the clown if it makes you smile. Funny moves on the dance floor and silly inside jokes dominate your relationship and that suits you just fine. Lady Dashwood had to have a good sense of humor to endure the bawdy behavior of her cut-up husband Sir Francis. Luckily for you, both of you like to laugh together and with each other's shared adventures. Visit the Breakfast Room to see this mischief-maker and his indulgent wife.



If most of your answers are letter d:

Ariadne and Theseus and Bacchus

You and your partner love a bit of exhilaration either at the movies or in your travels. You have had your romantic dilemmas but *nothing* like those of the Greek princess Ariadne. Abandoned on a deserted island by Athenian hero Theseus, Ariadne's dramatic story ends with her finding true love with none other than the god of wine and revelry, Bacchus. Find Ariadne at the depths of her lovelorn despair in the Foyer.

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Above: Richard Cosway, *Hero and Leander* (detail), c. 1790, oil on wood, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, the Riengi Collection, gift of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Masterson III, 94.1073.

Made by Sèvres Porcelain Manufactory, after a model by Louis-Simon Boizot, *Bust of Louis XVI* and *Bust of Marie Antoinette*, c. 1785, porcelain, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, the Riengi Collection, museum purchase funded by the Riengi Society, Jas Gundry, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Reckling III in honor of Dr. Marjorie Horning and Mrs. Rosanette Cullen, and Lucy J. Currie in memory of Mary Ellen Carey, 2015.661, 2015.662.

Unknown British, *Portrait of a Couple* (detail and front), 1776, oil on canvas, Sarah Campbell Blaffer Foundation, Houston, BF.1985.13.

Angelica Kauffmann, *Ariadne Abandoned by Theseus* (detail), 1774, oil on canvas, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, gift of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Masterson III in memory of Neill Turner Masterson, Jr., 69.23.

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1. Our dream house would be . . .

- a) A large villa with many rooms and a lot of extra space with separate bedrooms
- b) A country farmhouse with geese, ducks, and lambs frolicking in the meadow
- c) A beach house on an island paradise with a looming volcano as a backdrop
- d) A sprawling tea estate in a tropical climate with room for a lot of children

2. If we were a musical couple, we would be . . .

- a) Cardi B and Offset
- b) June Carter and Johnny Cash
- c) Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown
- d) Beyoncé and Jay Z

3. What Valentine's Day dessert would you and your beloved be?

- a) Rocky road ice cream
- b) Apple pie
- c) Sour Patch Kids
- d) Trifle

4. Our favorite TV show is . . .

- a) *The Crown*
- b) *This Is Us*
- c) *The Flight Attendant*
- d) *Normal People*

5. How do your friends describe your relationship?

- a) Complicated and eccentric
- b) Sentimental and romantic
- c) Passionate and intense
- d) Devoted and steadfast

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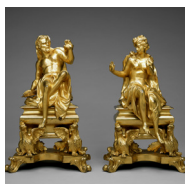
If most of your answers are letter a: *Duke and Duchess of Parma*

You and your sweetheart have had your share of ups and downs, but you are dedicated to making your relationship work, no matter what. You have open lines of communication and in the end appreciate each other's range of traits. Unfortunately, for the Duke and Duchess of Parma, they never could come to an understanding about their shortcomings. They say a picture is worth a thousand words, and if this canvas could talk, it would tell a tale of arranged marriage, infidelity, and resentment. Don't miss the cautionary tale of the Duke and Duchess in the Drawing Room.



If most of your answers are letter b: *Fêtes Galantes couple*

Always in the throes of young love, you and your partner act like today is the first day you met—butterflies in the stomach, sweaty palms, and googly eyes. Every day is Valentine's Day at your house, whether you are serenading your companion or leaving love poem sticky notes on the refrigerator. The idealized French countryside is the setting for Rienzi's *Fêtes Galantes* couple. Basking in each other's love and admiration, this duo only has eyes for each other. Find these affectionate lovebirds in the Ballroom.



If most of your answers are letter c: *Venus and Vulcan*

Everyone says opposites attract, and you know that you and your sweetheart are meant for each other despite your differences. Sure, you have had moments of intense disagreement, but in the end, only the two of you get each other. Thankfully, you are nothing like the tempestuous Roman gods Venus and Vulcan who were also mismatched. These two could never embrace their differences and just kept torturing each other with betrayal and distrust. Visit the fireplace and mantle in the Ballroom to see this godly adulterous wife and her suspicious husband.



If most of your answers are letter d: *Colonel and Mrs. Fortnum*

You and your significant other are constant and steady, and you have the serene family life to prove it. No matter what curveballs come your way, you support each other through thick and thin, whether it is moving across the world for work or purchasing your children an exotic pet. Colonel John Fortnum and his wife and children represent the iconic British family in one of the United Kingdom's far-off international posts, India. A dutiful family man, Colonel Fortnum served the British Empire until his death in Central India in 1779. See this group family portrait in the Gallery.

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Above: Johann Zoffany, *Portrait of the Archduchess Maria Amalia of Austria, Duchess of Parma* (detail and cover), c. 1778, oil on canvas, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, the Rienzi Collection, museum purchase funded by the Rienzi Society, 2015.663.

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Tilly Kettle, *Colonel John Fortnum and Family* (detail), c. 1775, Sarah Campbell Blaffer Foundation, Houston, BF.1986.2.