

## History Bee Round 1 (Middle School)

### Regulation Questions

1. This empire was governed by the Gbara, which drew delegates from its territories across the “Twelve Doors”. According to myth, a rooster-tipped arrow allowed this empire to win the Battle of Kirina. A ruler of this empire allegedly devalued gold throughout North Africa with his lavish gifts while on a hajj to Mecca. For the point, name this West African empire that was supplanted by the Songhai and was once ruled by Mansa Musa.

ANSWER: **Mali** Empire

2. This was the highest position obtained by the man who defended the divine right of rulers in the tracts *Basilikon Doron* and *The True Law of Free Monarchies*. Thomas Hobbes worked on *De Cive* [Kee-Way] while tutoring a future holder of this position in Paris. John Milton wrote two tracts defending the execution of a holder of this position in 1649. For the point, name this position held by James I and Charles I, who ruled on an island east of Ireland.

ANSWER: **King of England** (accept equivalents such as **British Monarch**; accept *King of Scotland* during the first sentence; prompt on partial answers)

3. In 1973, Sam Massell lost a mayoral election in this city to its first black mayor, Maynard Jackson. John Bell Hood was forced to retreat from this city after a series of defeats, including one at Peachtree Creek. This city’s Centennial Park was bombed during the 1996 Summer Olympics. William Sherman started his March to the Sea in, for the point, what largest city in Georgia?

ANSWER: **Atlanta**

4. This man spared a king whom he told “Wickedness proceeds from the wicked. But my hand will never be against you.” A soldier under this man, Banaiih, was accused of killing the sons of Ariel of Moab. This man ordered Uriah the Hittite to be placed on the front lines so that he could marry Uriah’s wife, Bathsheba. This man’s son, Absalom, launched a rebellion in Jerusalem. Saul was succeeded by, for the point, what King of Israel who used a sling to kill Goliath?

ANSWER: King **David** (accept **Dawud**)

5. In a series of photographs, Emmanuil Everzrikhin contrasted the violence of this battle with the innocence of the Barmaley Fountain. Yakov Pavlov defended an apartment building in this battle for over 60 days. Friedrich Paulus was captured during this battle after being encircled by Georgy Zhukov as part of Operation Uranus. For the point, name this crucial World War II battle in which German forces failed to hold a Soviet city on the Volga.

ANSWER: Battle of **Stalingrad**

6. The Ottawa Treaty of 1997 made it a war crime to use the “triggered” variety of this weapon. In both World Wars, the Germans used a type of this weapon nicknamed “The Potato Masher.” Combining Greek Fire and ceramic jars created an early form of this weapon. In the 1940s, the United States used a pineapple-shaped type of this weapon. For the point, name these hand-thrown explosives that often requires a pin to be pulled.

ANSWER: **grenades**

7. This dynasty fought the inconclusive Battle of Ulan Butung, in which troops from the Dzungar Khanate used camel-mounted artillery. Hong Xiuquan [zhee-oo-choo-ahn] launched a rebellion against this dynasty to establish the “Heavenly Kingdom.” The Dowager Cixi [see-zhee] took power in this dynasty in the aftermath of the Second Opium War. The Taiping Rebellion was launched against, for the point, what last Chinese dynasty founded by the Manchus?

ANSWER: **Qing** Dynasty (accept **Manchu** Dynasty before “Manchu” is read)

8. In 1970, a group of Yuppies “invaded” this location in protest of the Vietnam War, seizing control of Tom Sawyer Island. Nikita Khrushchev asked if gangsters had taken control of this location after he was barred from visiting due to security concerns. At this location’s opening day, parents threw their children over crowds of people to get them onto rides like the King Arthur Carousel. For the point, name this Anaheim amusement park, the first built by Walt Disney.

ANSWER: **Disneyland** (do not accept or prompt on Disneyworld)

9. It’s not the USA, but country was the site of the Baltimore Crisis, in which two American sailors were stabbed after one of them spit on a photo of Arturo Prat. In this country, the democratically-elected Salvador Allende [eye-EN-day] was overthrown by the American-backed Augusto Pinochet. This country secured its territory in the Atacama desert by defeating a Bolivian-Peruvian alliance in the War of the Pacific. For the point, name this South American country governed from Santiago.

ANSWER: **Chile**

10. During this event, Pedro de Arbues was assassinated in La Seo Cathedral. Over 7,000 women were killed during this event as part of a witch trial targeting Logrono. Auto-de-fe was a common punishment in this period, which was spearheaded by Tomas de Torquemada. The Alhambra Decree was passed during this period to expel Jews from the Iberian Peninsula. For the point, name this period in which non-Catholics were forced to convert in Spain.

ANSWER: Spanish **Inquisition**

11. This man’s Deputy White House Counsel, Vince Foster, committed suicide in the aftermath of the Travelgate scandal. Toni Morrison referred to this man as the “first black President” in reference to his saxophone performance on the Arsenio Hall Show. This politician was investigated as part of the Whitewater controversy while he was governor of Arkansas. For the point, name this President who was impeached in relation to the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

ANSWER: William “Bill” **Clinton**

12. Tukulti-Ninurta seized control of this city after defeating Kassite king Kashtilash IV. The King of Judah, Jehoikhan, was deposed by forces from this city under Nebuchadnezzar II. A law code governing this city called for an “eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth.” For the point, name this Mesopotamian city led by Hammurabi, the site of a possibly legendary Hanging Gardens.

ANSWER: **Babylon**

13. This leader’s first international trip was to Laos for an ASEAN summit, where a planned bilateral meeting with Barack Obama was cancelled due to critical remarks made about the ongoing drug war in this leader’s country. This leader has claimed that he would be happy to slaughter millions of drug addicts, and before taking his current post, this man was mayor on three separate occasions of Davao City. For the point, what leader of the PDP-Laban party has served since 2016 as the president of the Philippines?

ANSWER: Rodrigo **Duterte**

14. A piece inspired by this country includes a mandolin solo in its “October Harvest Festival” movement and later depicts a battle in its “Circuses” movement. A “Pilgrim’s March” appears in an A major piece named for this country, Mendelssohn’s Fourth Symphony. A piece set in this country features a recording of a nightingale and depicts the title “Pines” on the Appian Way. For the point, name this country that inspired Ottorino Respighi’s work Festivals of Rome.

ANSWER: **Italy** (accept **Italian** Republic; accept **Italia**)

15. After losing this war’s Battle of Metaurus, a general was executed and his head was thrown into the camp of his brother. Quintus Fabius suffered heavy losses in this war after the disastrous Battle of Cannae. During this war, enemy elephants were scared off by the tactics of Scipio Africanus at the Battle of Zama. Hannibal crossed the Alps during, for the point, what second conflict between Carthage and Rome?

ANSWER: **Second Punic** War (prompt on Punic War(s))

16. This territory most recently changed hands with an elaborate ceremony at the Golden Bauhinia Square, an event that prompted the drafting of the Basic Law. This territory was the site of the Umbrella Revolution against Chief Executive C.Y. Leung and recent protests against an extradition bill. Carrie Lam leads this territory, which is governed under the principle of “one country, two systems.” For the point, name this territory that Great Britain returned to China in 1997.

ANSWER: **Hong Kong**

17. Anatoly Stessel was forced to surrender Port Arthur during this conflict after the disastrous Battle of Liaoyang. Theodore Roosevelt helped negotiate an end to this conflict in the Treaty of Portsmouth, which was signed after the Baltic Fleet was defeated at the Battle of Tsushima. The southern part of Sakhalin Island was seized during, for the point, what 1905 conflict between a European power led by Nicholas II and an upstart Asian empire?

ANSWER: **Russo-Japanese** War (accept **Nichiro** senso)

18. This person was given the task of determining whether or not a blacksmith lied when claiming that a crown for the King of Syracuse was made with pure gold. Water and grain can be lifted using a screw named for this person. This scientist discovered that the weight of the fluid displaced by an object is equal to the exerted force on the object. For the point, name this Ancient Greek who, when he discovered the principle of buoyancy, exclaimed "Eureka!"

ANSWER: **Archimedes**

19. Controversy of this city's placement of 400 bronze cannons in Belleville and other working-class neighborhoods led to riots. In 1871, government forces reclaimed this city during the "Bloody Week" after it was seized by a namesake commune. Baron Haussmann led a renovation of this city during which he widened the streets to prevent the construction of barricades. In 1789, citizens in this city stormed the Bastille in, for the point, what capital of France?

ANSWER: **Paris**

20. A leader of this empire freed the Jews from the Babylonian Captivity following his defeat of Nabonidus. Aristagoras launched the Ionian Revolt against this empire rather than be removed as tyrant. This empire simultaneously operated out of Susa and Persepolis under the rule of Darius I. Cyrus the Great founded, for the point, what rival of Greece, an empire that covered much of modern-day Iran?

ANSWER: **Persian** Empire (accept the **Achaemenid** Empire; accept **Persia**)

21. This company was founded in 1985 as a result of service cuts from what would soon become a competitor, Gulf Air, based in Bahrain. Merger speculation has been discussed between this airline and its domestic rival, Etihad. Now the largest non-American airline in the world by international passengers carried, for the point, what airline is based in the most populous city of its namesake nation, Dubai?

ANSWER: **Emirates** Airlines

22. The only British prime minister to be assassinated, Spencer Perceval, served this ruler, who was also aided by the Ministry of All the Talents under Lord Grenville. William Pitt helped pave the way for a regency to rule in the name of this ruler, who suffered from porphyria in his later years. For the point, name this English king who lost the thirteen colonies during the American Revolution.

ANSWER: **George III**

23. Wyndham Lewis was inspired by this war to create the works Canadian Gun-pit and A Battery Shelled. John Nash depicted soldiers in this war, members of the Artist Rifles, performing the title action in Over the Top. Blind soldiers recovering from a mustard gas attack are shown in a depiction of this war, Gassed, by John Singer Sargent. For the point, name this 20th century war that inspired art about life in the trenches.

ANSWER: **World War I** (accept The **Great War**)

24. During the Mexican-American War, John Sloat occupied this modern-day state after seizing control of Monterey Bay. William B. Ide led a revolt in this state secretly supported by John C. Fremont that introduced the Bear Flag. Workers in this state discovered a precious metal at Sutter's Mill, setting off a mass migration. For the point, name this state where the Gold Rush of 1849 led to the growth of towns like San Francisco.

ANSWER: **California**

25. A portion of this river labeled the "Great Bend" forms the northeast boundary of the Bayuda Desert. The second of this river's six major cataracts, located near Wadi Halfa and the Abu Simbel temple complex, was the historical region of Nubia before being submerged beneath Lake Nasser. This river is formed by two major tributaries named for the white and blue clay they carry. The Aswan High Dam is on, for the point, what major river of Sudan and Egypt?

ANSWER: **Nile** River

### Extra Question

Only read if moderator botches a question.

A portion of this island was occupied in Operation Banner, a response to the August 1969 riots. The Good Friday Agreement ended a conflict on this island which included groups like the Ulster Defense Association. In 1972, 26 civilians on this island were killed by soldiers in Derry during Bloody Sunday. The Troubles took place on, for the point, what British isle where the IRA carried out attacks in cities like Belfast?

ANSWER: **Ireland** (accept **Eire**)