

Fall League History Bee – Final Round

(1) The *Huolongjing* [[HWOH-LOHNG-JING]], or "Fire Dragon Manual," is a book of instructions for creating this material's "poison" and "divine" varieties. While allegedly attempting to create the Elixir of Immortality, alchemists from a certain country invented this chemical compound, which is grouped with the compass, paper, and printing as the Four Great Inventions of China. For the point, name this explosive mixture used to propel projectiles.

ANSWER: **Gunpowder** (accept **Black Powder**)

(2) This officer was wounded with a bayonet during the Siege of Toulon [[too-LOHN]], shortly before masterminding a plan to capture a string of forts known as "Little Gibraltar." During one conflict, this commander devastated a royalist army by delivering a "whiff of grapeshot." This man's pyrrhic victory at Borodino [[bor-roh-DEE-noh]] led to his occupation of the largely-abandoned city of Moscow. For the point, name this artillery captain-turned-emperor of France.

ANSWER: **Napoleon Bonaparte** (accept either underlined portion; accept **Napoleon I**)

(3) A spontaneous example of these languages developed in Nicaragua in the 1980s in the midst of the Sandinista [[san-dih-NEE-stuh]] Revolution. The primate Nim Chimpsky [[["CHIMP"-skee]] supposedly learned one of these languages in a study done at Columbia University. Benedictine monk Pedro Ponce de Leon created one of these alphabets to help those who took vows of silence to communicate. For the point, name this type of language often developed for the hearing impaired.

ANSWER: **Sign** Language (accept specific answers like American **Sign** Language; or **ASL**; prompt on answers indicating communicating with hand signals)

(4) This woman's reign included oversight of a trading expedition to the Land of Punt and the building of the Unfinished Obelisk. Joyce Tyldesley [[TILDS-lee]] hypothesized that this woman's son and successor, Thutmose III [[TUT-mose "the third"]], contributed to the erasure of this woman's name from archaeological and written records. For the point, name this fifth ruler of the Eighteenth Dynasty of Egypt, the second confirmed female pharaoh.

ANSWER: **Hatshepsut**

(5) This man was commissioned to work on the Manhattan Project, where he helped Hans Bethe [[BEH-tuh]] develop a formula for calculating the yield of a fission bomb. With his colleagues, Julian Schwinger [[SHWING-uh]] and Shinichirō Tomonaga [[shih-nee-CHIH-roh toh-moh-NAH-gah]], this man earned the 1956 Nobel Prize in Physics for his contributions to the field of quantum electrodynamics. For the point, name this American physicist, called the "The Great Explainer," who proposed the parton model in particle physics.

ANSWER: Richard **Feynman** [[["FINE"-man]]] (or Richard Phillips **Feynman**)

(6) Prior to the Battle of Anegawa [[ah-neh-GAH-wah]], this general's sister sent a retreat order to him by way of a sack of beans tied at both ends. In an effort to get this man to embrace his noble obligation, his mentor Hirate Masahide [[hih-RAH-teh mah-suh-HEE-deh]] committed *harakiri* [[hah-rah-KIH-ree]]. This man utilized the continuous fire of palisade-protected arquebusiers [[ahr-keh-boo-SYEH]] to defeat the Takeda [[tah-KEH-duh]] clan at the Battle of Nagashino [[nah-gah-SHEE-noh]]. The "First Great Unifier" of Japan was, for the point, which daimyo [[DIME"-yoh]] who overthrew the Ashikaga Shogunate [[AH-shee-KAH-gah SHO-"gun"-ate]]?

ANSWER: **Oda** Nobunaga [[OH-duh noh-boo-NAH-gah]] (prompt on "Nobunaga")

(7) Plutarch compared this man's eloquence to that of Demosthenes [[deh-MOSS-theh-neeZ]] in his work *Parallel Lives*. This politician was subject to a proscription endorsed by Mark Antony after he supported Decimus Junius Brutus Albinus [[al-BY-nooss]], who helped organize Julius Caesar's assassination. This Roman politician outed a conspiracy to overthrow the Republic, the pro-Sulla Cataline [[CAT-uh-line]] Conspiracy. For the point, name this 1st century BC orator who delivered the *Philippics*.

ANSWER: Marcus Tullius **Cicero** (accept pronunciations [[SIS-eh-roh]] or [[KIK-eh-roh]])

(8) This organization was given the island of Gotland under the promise that they would destroy the Victual Brothers. The disaster of the Battle on the Ice occurred to an autonomous branch of this group, the Livonian Order. Grand Duke Jogaila [[yoh-"GUY"-wah]] and Vytautas [[vee-TOH-tas]] the Great led a combined Polish-Lithuanian force to defeat this order at Grunwald [[GROON-vald]]. A Hochmeister [[HOK-my-stuh]] led, for the point, what German order of holy knights who led the Baltic Crusades?

ANSWER: **Teutonic** [[too-TAH-nik]] Order (accept **Teutonic** Knights; or **Teutons**; accept **Deutscher Orden**; accept **Livonian** Order before mentioned; accept the full name: Order of **Brothers of the German House** of Saint Mary in Jerusalem)

(9) This symphony was inspired by a trip to the town with the oldest Czech ["CHECK"] church in America, Spillville, Iowa. A tape recording of this symphony was taken by Neil Armstrong on the 1969 Apollo 11 mission. A solo melody resembles the African-American spiritual "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" in the first movement of this symphony. For the point, name this symphony inspired by "American" themes, a work of Antonín Dvořák [[duh-VOHR-zhahk]].

ANSWER: Symphony No. **9** in E Minor, "From the **New World**" (accept either underlined portion; accept **New World** Symphony; accept Dvořák's **9th**)

(10) During the Normandy invasion, this general brought his cocker spaniels "Hitler" and "Rommel." This man challenged Patton to the "Race to Messina" [[meh-SEE-nuh]] during Operation Husky, losing by a mere few hours. This general prevented an Axis envelopment of his 8th Army at the Battle of Alam el Haifa [[ah-LAHM ell "HIGH"-fuh]] before scoring the first large-scale Allied victory of the war at El Alamein [[ell ah-lah-MEHN]]. For the point, name this British World War Two general.

ANSWER: Bernard **Montgomery** (or Bernard Law **Montgomery**; prompt on "Monty")

(11) This dynasty experienced a brief restoration led by Zhang Xun [[ZHAHNG SHUN]] until he was forced to flee to the Legation Quarter. During this dynasty, an attempt to create a Christian theocratic dictatorship occurred during the Taiping [[TIE"-PING]] Rebellion. The last ruler of this dynasty, the boy emperor Puyi [[POO-YEE]], was overthrown by Sun Yat-Sen in the Xinhai [[SHIN-"HIGH"]] Revolution. The Ming were overthrown by, for the point, what Chinese dynasty composed of Manchu royals?

ANSWER: **Qing** [[CHING]] Dynasty (accept Great **Qing**; or Dà **Qing**; accept **Manchu** Dynasty before mentioned)

(12) This city was home to the author of *Dialogue on the Equal or Unequal Sin of Adam and Eve* and was also the setting of a play in which Launce and Speed debate the virtues of milkmaids. This home city of the female humanist Isotta Nogarola [[ih-SAH-tuh noh-gah-ROH-luh]] serves as the backdrop of a play in which two rival households, the Montagues [[MOHN-tah-gyoos]] and Capulets [[KAP-yoo-lets]], must deal with a love affair between their children. Shakespeare wrote *Two Gentlemen from*, for the point, what Italian city, the setting of *Romeo and Juliet*?

ANSWER: **Verona** [[veh-ROH-nah]]

(13) In an effort to invalidate this proposal, a U.S. president recognized the Carranza government as legitimate. A political cartoon depicts a bomb named for this proposal exploding in the hands of Kaiser Wilhelm II. This proposal offered to recover states like California and Arizona, which were lost in the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo [[gwah-dah-LOOH-peh hee-DAHL-goh]]. The German Empire attempted to pull the state of Mexico into the Great War with, for the point, what "Note" named for a diplomat?

ANSWER: **Zimmerman** Note (or **Zimmerman** Telegram)

(14) The official report claims this pilot died after an Su-15 jet flew too close to his own MiG-15, forcing him to crash near the Chkalovsky [[chkah-LOF-skee]] Air Base. In reference to this man's accomplishment, Nikita Khrushchev [[KROOS-shoff]] stated [this man] "didn't see anyone up there." This pilot shouted "Off We Go!" shortly before departing from Baikonur [[BY-koh-noor] Cosmodrome on Vostok I [[ONE]]. The first human in space was, for the point, which Soviet Cosmonaut?

ANSWER: Yuri **Gagarin** [[gah-GAH-rin]] (or Yuri Alekseyevich **Gagarin**)

(15) This god, sometimes worshipped as *Panoptes* [[pan-AHP-teez]], informs Demeter of the abduction of Persephone [[per-SEH-foh-nee]] by Hades. Julian the Apostate [[uh-PAH-"state"]] wrote a "Hymn to [this deity]," describing his conversion from Christianity to the worship of this god. This son of Hyperion, who was sometimes syncretized with Apollo, supposedly drove a golden chariot across the heavens. The Colossus of Rhodes depicted, for the point, what personification of the Sun from Greek mythology?

ANSWER: **Helios** (or **Sol**)

(16) During these wars' Battle of Bizani [[bih-ZAH-nee]], the first combat biplane was shot down while being flown by a volunteer Russian pilot. During these wars, Eleftherios Venizelos [[el-eff-THEHR-yohs veh-nee-ZEH-lohs]] pulled rank on King Constantine I to force a march on Thessalonica [[thess-uh-LOH-nee-kuh]]. The first of these wars concluded with the Treaty of London, resulting in Enver Pasha giving up most of the Ottoman territory in Europe. Bulgaria lost much of its territory in the second of, for the point, which wars named for a peninsula in southeastern Europe?

ANSWER: **Balkan** Wars (accept First **Balkan** War or Second **Balkan** War)

(17) The introduction of the eunuch-magistrate is attributed to a queen of this empire named Semiramis [[seh-mih-RAHM-iss]]. An early use of the *casus belli* [[kah-SOOSS "BELL"-eye]], or "justification of war," is found in the annals of this empire's Tiglath-Pileser I [[TIG-lath pie-LEE-ser "the first"]]. The subjugation of the Kingdom of Judah and the destruction of the rival city of Babylon is attributed to King Sennacherib [[seh-NAH-keh-rib] of this empire. For the point, name this Mesopotamian empire named for its capital city of Assur.

ANSWER: **Assyrian** Empire (or Neo-**Assyrian**)

(18) The first four of these events were named after the village of Stoke Mandeville in the UK, while a similar version of these events was held in Örnsköldsvik ["urn"-SHURLDS-veek] in 1976. A 2016 *Nature* article detailed the advantages of running counterclockwise in these events. The 2000 edition of these events was plagued by a Spanish team's cheating during a Basketball ID tournament. For the point, name these games held after the Olympics that feature athletes with disabilities.

ANSWER: **Paralympics** (or **Paralympic** Games; accept Games of the **Paralympiad**; accept **International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports** World Games or **IWAS** World Games before "Örnsköldsvik"; prompt on "Olympics" before mentioned; accept descriptive answers)

(19) This proposal asserted the need for free passage through the Dardanelles [[dar-dah-NELLS]] as well as the creation of an independent Poland. The last part of this proposal suggested the need for an international body to guarantee territorial integrity. This proposal led to the creation of the League of Nations, although the United States never joined. For the point, name this multi-part proposal by Woodrow Wilson arguing for national self-determination following World War One.

ANSWER: The **Fourteen Points**

(20) Mosul along with his brother. That member of this family earlier put down Shiite [[SHEE-ite]] uprisings with his Republican Guard in the 1990s. A patriarch of this family led a branch of the Ba'ath [[buh-AHTH]] party and in the Al-Anfal Campaign used chemical weapons against the Kurds. The invasion of Kuwait and Iran was done by a member of, for the point, what family, led by Saddam [[sah-DAHM]]?

ANSWER: **Hussein** [[hoo-SEHN]] (accept Saddam **Hussein**, Qusay **Hussein**, or Uday **Hussein**)

(21) During a snowstorm power outage, a suburb of this city named Boucherville [[boo-shehr-VEEL]] intentionally derailed a diesel train and used it as an emergency generator. This city experienced the Murray-Hill riots after worker conditions became unsafe due to bombs being planted by the FLQ. A visit by Charles de Gaulle [[SHARL deh GAHL]] to this city in 1967 infamously led him to proclaim, "Vive le Quebec Libre" [[VEEV luh keh-BEK LEE-bruh]] while at this city's World Exposition. For the point, name this largest Francophone city in Canada.

ANSWER: **Montréal** [[mon-TREH-ahl]]

(22) Arab polymath al-Kindi [[KIN-dee]] introduced the use of this good as a general anesthetic, and Emperor Jahangir's [[jah-HAHN-"gears"]] consumption of wine and this drug made him an incapable ruler. Ending a war named for this good, the Treaty of Nanking created the five treaty ports and gave away the island of Hong Kong. China lost multiple 19th-century wars to the British named for, for the point, what narcotic, often found in "poppy" form, which is used to create heroin?

ANSWER: **Opium** poppy (accept **Opium** War(s); prompt on "Heroin" before mentioned; do not accept "Opiate")

(23) The Gramm–Leach–Bliley Act gave this institution the designation of "super-regulator." A head of this institution caused a namesake "Put" due to his monetary policy, leading to Wall Street investors overusing "Repurchase Agreements" and contributing to the real estate mortgage bubble of the 1990s and 2000s. That head of this institution, Alan Greenspan, was succeeded in 2006 by Ben Bernanke. For the point, name this Central Banking system of the United States.

ANSWER: The **Federal** Reserve System (accept The **Fed**)

(24) Wealthy merchant Emon Saburo [[eh-MON sah-BOO-roh]] broke the bowl of a man in this profession named Kukai [[koo-KYE]], leading to the merchant's eight sons simultaneously falling ill and dying. Li Jong [[LEE JONG]] of the Chan [[CHAHN]] school held this occupation, though he was known for intentionally ignoring its rules by drinking alcohol to excess and eating meat. Often depicted meditating in Zen gardens, for the point, what clerical occupation is prominent in Buddhism?

ANSWER: Buddhist **Monk** (accept **Bhikku**; or **Bhiksu**)

(25) The Shower Posse, named for their "showering" of politicians with bribes, is a drug cartel aligned with this nation's conservative Labour Party. Enslaved Akans [[ak-KAHNS]] nearly wrested control of this island nation during Tacky's War. The Treaty of Madrid transferred this modern nation to England from Spain, after which this country was unofficially governed from Port Royal. The Maroon Wars occurred in, for the point, what Caribbean island nation?

ANSWER: **Jamaica** (or **Jumieka**)

(26) A gift containing this animal's dung sent to Emperor Lê Thánh Tông [[LEH TAHN TONG]] precipitated a failed invasion of Lan Xang [[LAHN SHAHNG]]. Over 500 of these animals entered the stables of Seleucus [[seh-LOO-kus]] I after his daughter married Chandragupta Maurya [[CHAHN-drah-GOOP-tuh MAHR-yah]]. The majority of these animals used to cross the Alps during the Second Punic [[PYOO-nik]] War were lost by Hannibal. For the point, name these large land mammals which saw heavy use in the kingdoms of Southeast Asia and India.

ANSWER: **Elephants** (accept Asian or Asiatic **Elephants**; accept African **Elephants**; accept White **Elephant** War)

(27) A statue of a skeptical poet who wrote *The Epistle of Forgiveness* in this language was beheaded in the midst of the Syrian Civil War. The denouncement of scholars like Alfarabi [[al-fah-RAHB-yus]] occurs in *The Incoherence of the Philosophers* by Al-Ghazali [[al-guh-ZAH-lee]], who wrote in this language. "The Seven Voyages of Sinbad" and "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves" appear in *A Thousand and One Nights*, written in this tongue. For the point, name this Semitic language also used for the *Quran* [[kuh-RAHN]].

ANSWER: **Arabic** (or **Arabiyy** [[ah-rah-BEE]])

(28) This nation's presidency is named for the god of justice, Forseti. The Allies occupied this country when its sovereign was invaded in Operation Weser [[VEH-suh]] Exercise. This nation disputed fishing rights with the UK in the Cod Wars, and with the blessing of Christian X [[the tenth]], a plebiscite in this island nation decided to break away from Denmark. Sveinn Björnsson [[SVAYN BYORN-son]] served as the first head of state of, for the point, what Nordic island nation?

ANSWER: Republic of **Iceland** (or Lydveldid **Ísland** [[EEZ-lahnd]])

(29) Near the waters of this river, the British incapacitated German-controlled drydocks during the St. Nazaire [[sehn nah-ZARE]] Raid to prevent the *Bismarck* from being repaired. During the War of the Vendée [[vahn-DEH]], Jean-Baptiste Carrier [[kahr-YEH]] mass-drowned monarchists from Nantes [[NONT]] in this river. The 17th-century Briare [[bree-AHR]] Canal connects this river to the Seine [[SEHN]]. The longest river in France is, for the point, what body of water which crosses into Orleans [[ohr-leh-AHN]] and Nevers [[neh-VEHR]] as it flows to the Atlantic?

ANSWER: **Loire** [[LWAHR]] River (accept **Léger**; or **Liger**)

(30) A statue titled *Discovery of America* was removed from this building in 1958 due to it depicting Christopher Columbus towering over a cowering native woman. This building's namesake "Rotunda" houses the original *Surrender of General Cornwallis* by John Trumbull. Charles Bulfinch designed this government building's dome, on which the fresco *The Apotheosis of Washington* is painted. The Senate and House of Representatives chambers are in, for the point, what Washington, D.C. building?

ANSWER: United States **Capitol** (accept The **Capitol**; or **Capitol** Building)

(31) This man's chief lieutenant was a former African chieftain named Black Caesar, who previously ran a slave camp in the Upper Florida Keys. This man's ship, which was once a merchant vessel named the *Concord*, was renamed in reference to the last Stuart monarch. This man died off the coast of North Carolina in 1719 after having been run aground by the HMS *Bedford*. For the point, name this pirate, whose real name was Edward Teach, the captain of the *Queen Anne's Revenge*.

ANSWER: **Blackbeard** (accept Edward **Teach** before mentioned)

(32) An armored corps from this nation known as the "Black Division" was tasked with breaking the Nazi defense at the Falaise [[fah-LAYZ]] Gap. A team of mathematicians from this nation worked on breaking the German Enigma machine cipher led by Marian Rejewski. The majority of death camps, including Treblinka and Auschwitz, were located in this occupied nation. The September 1, 1939 Nazi invasion of, for the point, what nation ushered in the Second World War?

ANSWER: Republic of **Poland** (or Rzeczpospolita **Polska**; accept Second **Polish** Republic)

(33) On the first day of this battle, John Buford spread his defenses around Herr Ridge, McPherson Ridge, and Seminary Ridge, anticipating the arrival of the Confederate army. This battle, which saw fierce fighting at Little Round Top, was lost for one side following the failed Pickett's Charge. For the point, name this U.S. Civil War battle fought over three days in 1863 in and around a namesake town in Pennsylvania.

ANSWER: Battle of **Gettysburg**