

Fall League History Bee - Round 2

Regulation Tossups

(1) This monarch names the North American theatre of the Nine Years' War, a conflict ended by the 1701 Treaty of Ryswick. The Immortal Seven sent a request to this *stadtholder* to seize control of one kingdom. The Jacobites, who sought to restore James II, were defeated by this man's army at the Battle of the Boyne. The husband of Queen Mary was, for the point, which Dutch nobleman from the House of Orange who was bestowed the English throne during the Glorious Revolution?

ANSWER: **William of Orange** (accept **William III**; prompt on "William")

(2) This building was wrapped in silver fabric by the artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude in commemoration of one nation's reunification. Marinus van der Lubbe [[LOO-buh]] set fire to this building, leading to a "Decree" effectively banning the Communist Party. Yevgeny Khaldei [[KAHL-day]] photographed a Red Army soldier hoisting the Soviet flag above this building during the Battle of Berlin. For the point, name this German parliamentary building which today houses the Bundestag [[BOON-deh-shtahg]].

ANSWER: **Reichstag** [[RIKE-shtahg]] (accept **Reichstag** Fire Decree; accept **Bundestag** before mentioned)

(3) Under this fixture is a chapel dedicated to the patron saint of one nation, Our Lady Revealed, who supposedly appeared before three fishermen near the Paraiba [[pah-RYE-bah]] river. This figure, built to combat "an advancing tide of Godlessness," had much of its funding raised through the Semana do Monumento. This Philipp Landowski-designed statue sits atop Corcovado Mountain. For the point, name this massive statue of Jesus in Rio de Janeiro.

ANSWER: **Christ the Redeemer** (or **Cristo Redentor**)

(4) The Naryshkin family supported this ruler at a young age, stopping his sister-regent Sophia from usurping power from him. This man's reign was followed by the so-called "half-tsar," Alexander Menshikov, who dominated the reign of Catherine I. His tall stature and thick accent led to this tsar being easily recognized during his incognito "Grand Embassy" of Europe. The Empire of Russia was modernized by, for the point, what "Great" tsar?

ANSWER: **Peter I** (or **Peter** the Great; accept **Pyotr** Velikiy; or **Pyotr** Pyervyy)

(5) While the first published mention of these natural formations was by Pedro Cieza de León, these formations were not studied until Paul Kosok re-discovered them. When Greenpeace set up a banner at the site of these natural formations, they were accused of inadvertently damaging them. These landmarks are located near a namesake tectonic plate south of Lima. Designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for the point, what group of very large geoglyphs are located in a namesake desert in southern Peru?

ANSWER: **Nazca Lines** (prompt on "Nazca desert")

(6) This politician's namesake "Doctrine" allowed for Middle Eastern nations to directly request American military and financial aid. This president's Farewell Address warned of the growing Military-Industrial Complex and large-scale deficit spending. This man's time in occupied Germany and visit to the Autobahn inspired his promotion of the Interstate Highway System. For the point, name this general-turned-president in the 1950s, nicknamed "Ike."

ANSWER: Dwight D(avid) "Ike" **Eisenhower**

(7) A self-taught weapon designer from this nation, Aimo Lahti, created the anti-tank "Elephant Gun," though it proved unable to penetrate T-34s. To prevent the USSR from using radio-controlled explosives, this nation's military played four months of non-stop polka during the Continuation War. This nation built a ring of fortifications known as the Mannerheim Line to defend the Karelian Isthmus. The Winter War was fought against the Soviets by, for the point, what Scandinavian nation?

ANSWER: Republic of **Finland** (or **Suomen** tasavalta; accept **Suomi**)

(8) In this year, much of the Jewish population of Granada was massacred following a plan by the Jewish vizier Joseph ibn Naghrela to betray the city to a rival *taifa* [[tah-EE-fah]]. In this year, the Earl of Orkney provided shelter to the Norwegians following the loss at Stamford Bridge and death of Harald Hardrada at the hands of Harold Godwinson. The Battle of Hastings led to William the Conqueror seizing the English throne in, for the point, what year?

ANSWER: **1066**

(9) 2007 riots in this city resulted from Muslim Imams calling for the death of writer Taslima Nasrin. Outside this city in the suburb of Barrackpore, the *sepoy* Mangal Pandey openly declared he would rebel against the British Raj due to the use of pig fat to grease cartridges. In this city, the Nawab of Bengal supposedly stuffed 140 prisoners of war in the tiny dungeon of Fort William. The Hooghly River runs through, for the point, what East Indian city with an infamous "Black Hole"?

ANSWER: **Calcutta** (or **Kolkata**)

(10) A legal code by this man was used by the Roman legal theorist Paulus to compose *Lex Rhodia*, which governed maritime laws in the eastern Mediterranean. This son of Sin-Muballit was supposedly given a codex by the god of Justice, Shamash [[shah-MAHSH]], while atop a mountain, possibly inspiring the story of Moses getting the Ten Commandments from God. "An Eye for an Eye" is a maxim found in, for the point, which Babylonian king's namesake "Code"?

ANSWER: **Hammurabi** (accept pronunciations sounding like [[hah-ahm-oo-RAH-bee[/a]])

(11) This man was able to transition from civil servitude to composition full-time after the wealthy patron Nadezhda [[nah-DESH-dah]] Von Meck sponsored him on the condition that they never meet in person. This composer wrote both the music and libretto to his opera, *The Oprichnik*. Inspired by his nation's victory at Borodino over Napoleon to write one composition, this composer implemented the sound of cannon fire at its climax. For the point, name this Russian composer of *The 1812 Overture* and *Swan Lake*.

ANSWER: Pyotr Ilyich **Tchaikovsky**

(12) In order to protect this monarch and his family, Leopold II and Frederick William II threatened war in the Declaration of Pillnitz. The Marquis de Lafayette put down a riot against this monarch, resulting in the Champ de Mars [[SHAHMP duh MAHR]] Massacre. The National Convention convicted this king of high treason and executed him by guillotine in Revolution Square. The husband of Marie Antoinette was, for the point, which Bourbon king, deposed by the French Revolution?

ANSWER: **Louis XVI** ["the sixteenth"] (prompt on "Louis Capet" or "Citizen Capet")

(13) In a work named for this field, ancient thinker Xenophon [[ZEN-uh-fun]] crafted a dialogue between Socrates and Ischomachus [[ISS-koh-MAHK-us]] in which they discuss farming techniques and how to manage a household. The first modern analysis in this field is considered Fernando Galiani's treatise *Della Moneta*. The mercantilism of Britain was criticized by Adam Smith in the *The Wealth of Nations*, a work in, for the point, what field concerning fiscal policy?

ANSWER: **Economics** (or **Economists**; accept **Oeconomicus**)

(14) The duties of knighthood lead a mythical figure from this nation, Owain, to lose his love, "The Lady of the Fountain." The Celtic goddess of horses, Epona, is sometimes equated to this nation's mythic queen Rhiannon [[ree-AH-non]]. Bran the Blessed appears in a mythic cycle from this nation, attacking neighboring Ireland in an attempt to free his sister, Branwen. The *Mabinogion* [[MAH-bih-NOH-gee-un]] is a collection of myths from, for the point, which British substituent nation?

ANSWER: **Wales** (accept **Welsh** Mythology; accept **Cymru**)

(15) This man's grand-nephew, George Hardeen, filed a court order to exhume his corpse to investigate whether he was murdered by spiritualists, whom this man had deemed frauds. This man popularized several tricks including being buried alive, shot with a cannon ball, and escaping from a straight jacket. Sometimes given the alliterative appellation, "Handcuff," for the point, who was this turn-of-the-century Hungarian-American illusionist?

ANSWER: Harry **Houdini** (or Erik **Weisz**)

(16) In an effort to win concessions in the last days of this war, Deng Hua [[DUNG-HWAH]] led the Jincheng campaign. The landings at Green, Blue, and Red Beaches led to combined UN forces securing the port of Incheon during this war. Following the loss of his capital early in this war, Syngman Rhee relocated the government to Busan [[boo-SAHN]]. The Demilitarized Zone was established following, for the point, what East Asian conflict of the 1950s?

ANSWER: **Korean War** (accept **Choson War**)

(17) One book by this man, which is dedicated to Paul III, was published with a forward claiming it was only meant to make mathematical predictions. This author of *On the Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres* claimed that objects orbit in perfect circles. This man's namesake revolution led to the replacement of Ptolemy's geocentric model of the universe. For the point, name this Polish astronomer who promoted heliocentrism.

ANSWER: Nicolaus **Copernicus** (accept the **Copernican** Revolution; accept Mikołaj **Kopernik**; or Niclas **Koppernigk**)

(18) Protests of this legislation included the hanging of effigies of Massachusetts governor Andrew Oliver and of Martin Howard, who had promoted this legislation in "A Colonist's Defence of Taxation." This legislation was introduced by George Grenville and inspired protests of "taxation without representation." For the point, name this 1765 act that required playing cards and newspapers sold in the American colonies to be printed on paper from London.

ANSWER: **Stamp** Act of 1765 (accept **Duties** in American Colonies Act 1765)

(19) A *Wali* from this city named Husayn Pasha ibn Makki failed to prevent a Bedouin raid of *hajj* pilgrims. A type of high-quality steel named for this city had its method of production lost to modern smiths. The assassination of Uthman during the First Fitna and the rise of the Umayyads led to this city becoming the Caliphate's capital until the Abbasids moved it to Baghdad. For the point, name this modern capital of Syria.

ANSWER: **Damascus** (accept **Dimašq**; or **Darmswq**)

(20) During the French and Indian War, George Washington carried a recipe for a "small beer" made with this resource as a substitute for water. One plant was exported to the Thirteen Colonies to be distilled into this resource to make rum as part of the larger Triangle Trade Route. The 1919 bursting of a storage container containing this good killed 21 Bostonians in the city's North End. For the point, name this sticky byproduct of refining sugar.

ANSWER: **Molasses** (accept Great **Molasses** Flood; accept **Black Treacle**)

(21) During the Cultural Revolution in China, musical works of this form were highly edited by Jiang Qing [[CHING] and her staff of composers. Kim Jong-il published a treatise written specifically about this musical style. Musicologists suggest that Mozart's three great works in this style are subtle commentaries on society, as were the works of Verdi and Wagner [[VAHG-nur]]. For the point, name this genre of theatrical music exemplified by *The Marriage of Figaro* and *Nixon in China*.

ANSWER: **Opera**

(22) This person is worshipped as a divine figure by the Yaohnanen [[yow-YAH-nen]] tribe, a cargo cult who venerate a photo depicting his 2007 visit to Vanuatu. This man, who was smuggled out of Greece as an infant in a fruit box, adopted his uncle's last name of Mountbatten due to anti-German sentiment in England. This man's funeral was held in April of 2021 in St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle. For the point, name this man who held the title Duke of Edinburgh, the consort of Queen Elizabeth II.

ANSWER: Prince **Philip**, Duke of Edinburgh (or **Philip** Mountbatten)

(23) An Upton Sinclair work titled solely for this commodity tells the story of the Ross family, who become wealthy due to finding this resource on the Watkins's Ranch. In the 1940s, the method of "Hydraulic Fracturing" was introduced to acquire this resource. A "spill" of this product by the BP *Deepwater Horizon* led to devastation in the Gulf of Mexico. The breakup of John D. Rockefeller's company in, for the point, what industry led to subsidiaries like Exxon and Chevron?

ANSWER: **Oil** (accept crude **oil** or **petroleum**; prompt on "gas" alone)

(24) This city's Armenian Quarter was temporarily emptied following Justinian the Great's Monophysite [[muh-NAH-fih-site]] persecutions. While ruling a kingdom named for this city, Godfrey of Bouillon [[bwee-YOHN]] adopted the titles of *princeps* [[PRIN-seps]] and "Defender of the Holy Sepulchre" [[SEH-pul-ker]]. The success of the Maccabean revolt led to the cleansing of this city's Second Temple, inspiring the holiday of Hanukkah. The holiest city in Judaism is, for the point, what modern capital of Israel?

ANSWER: **Jerusalem** (accept **Yerushaláyim**; or **al-Quds**; accept Kingdom of **Jerusalem**)

(25) After this man's death, his literary rival, Rufus Wilmot Griswold, wrote an obituary and biographical profile of this man, depicting him as a drunken lunatic. In this man's first publication, *Tamerlane and Other Poems*, he was credited as only "a Bostonian." Before this author died under mysterious circumstances in Baltimore, he dreamt of producing his own journal, *The Stylus*. For the point, name this innovator in the detective genre who penned "The Raven."

ANSWER: Edgar Allan **Poe**

(26) Structures on this island were toppled over in the decades following the arrival of Jacob Roggeveen [ROH-ge-veen], the first European to visit this island. A yearly race to retrieve an egg from a rock next to this island was an important part of this island's birdman cult. The still-undeciphered Rongorongo script was found on this island, which was annexed by Chile in 1888. For the point, name this island, home to sculpted heads called *moai* [[MOH-eye]].

ANSWER: **Easter** Island (or **Rapa Nui**)

(27) The appearance of one of these objects prompted the abdication of Emperor Ruizong [[RWEE-ZONG]], passing the throne to Xuanzong [[ZHWAN-ZONG]]. Suetonius [[sweh-TOH-nee-us]] records one of these events occurring a few months after the death of Julius Caesar, believed by Roman citizenry to be his departing soul. One of these objects named Hale-Bopp precipitated Napoleon's 1812 invasion of Russia. Mark Twain's birth year and death year coincided with the arrival of, for the point, what type of astronomical phenomenon named for Edmund Halley?

ANSWER: **Comets** (accept Halley's **Comet**; accept **Comet** Hale-Bopp)

(28) A downturn in this industry led to the Spitalfields [[SPIT-all-"fields"]] Riots in London's East End, where soldiers fired on weavers outside "The Dolphin" pub. Nylon was mass-produced in wartime Japan to replace a shortage of this product. The innovation of the Jacquard Loom led to resurgence of this cloth on the world market after it was overtaken by cotton. An ancient trade network traversing East Asia to Europe is named for, for the point, what luxury cloth?

ANSWER: **Silk** (accept **Silk**worm; accept **Silk** Road)

(29) It's not porcelain, but Parliament unintentionally increased the sale of this good following its ban on textile imports from China. Catherine de Braganza's arrival in England to marry Charles II likely made it fashionable to consume this drink daily rather than for medicinal purposes. The British East India Company's steady import of, for the point, what commodity led to its ubiquity in British culture?

ANSWER: **Tea** (accept **Tea** leaves; or specific teas like Black **Tea** or Green **Tea**)

(30) Early in his reign, this king ordered the execution of his cousin, Amyntas IV. On his quest to reach the "ends of the world and the Great Outer Sea," this man defeated the Indian King Porus at the Battle of the Hydaspes [[hy-DASS-pees]]. This member of the Argead Dynasty ascended to the throne after his sister's wedding, at which his father was killed. For the point, name this king who created an empire stretching from Greece to northwestern India before his untimely death at age 32.

ANSWER: **Alexander** the Great (or **Alexander** III of Macedon; accept **Alexandros**)

Extra Questions

This state's hide trade led to the development of "floating department stores," as described in *Two Years Before the Mast* by Richard Henry Dana. Tax relief was granted to farmers in this state via the Williamson Act. This state passed a Labor Relations Act following the Salad Bowl Strike. Thousands of workers migrated to this state after a precious metal was found at Sutter's Mill. For the point, name this U.S. state that experienced an 1849 Gold Rush.

ANSWER: California (accept California Gold Rush)