

Bee Finals

Regulation Tossups

(1) This man defeated Licinius at the Battle of Chrysopolis [[kry-SAH-poh-lis]], and his eldest son, Crispus, won the Battle of the Hellespont. According to Eusebius of Caesarea, this man had a vision of the sign of the Chi-Rho [[KY-ROH]] before a battle in which he defeated Maxentius. That battle marked this man's possible conversion to Christianity and was fought on the Milvian Bridge. For the point, identify this Roman emperor who established a namesake capital at the site of Byzantium.

ANSWER: **Constantine I** (or **Constantine** the Great)

(2) Adherents of this myth system celebrated the summer Kupala Night and the Day of the Young Shoots. This system's fire goddess Ognjena often became conflated with Mary after adherents of this system were Christianized, starting with a mass baptism in 988. In this myth system, the evil dragon god Veles was opposed in attacks on the sacred oak tree by the eagle-like chief of the gods, Perun. For the point, name this myth system that was practiced by the pre-Christian inhabitants of Serbia, Poland, and Russia.

ANSWER: **Slavic** myth (accept **Slavic** paganism; or **Slavic** Religion; accept **Rodnovery**; prompt on pre-Christian **Russian** myth)

(3) In the present day, this group's interests are advocated by the Inkatha Freedom Party. This group was led by Dingane [[din-GAH-nay]] when it encountered the Voortrekkers. This group's expansion out of the area between the Tugela and Pongola rivers triggered a series of population displacements known as the "mfecane" [[em-fuh-KAH-nay]] or "crushing." This group won the Battle of Isandlwana [[IS-ahn-dahl-WAH-nah]] under its king Cetshwayo [[set-SHWY-oh]] during a war against the British Empire. For the point, name this South African ethnic group that expanded under the king Shaka.

ANSWER: **Zulu** People (or **Zulu** Kingdom; or **Zulu** Empire)

(4) The formation of an "African High Command" was a major goal of this leader, who was overthrown *in absentia* by the "National Liberation Council" while he was in transit from North Vietnam to China. This man's government hosted W.E.B. DuBois in the last years of his life, during which this man took the title "Osagyefo," or "Redeemer." Large public works based on cocoa exports were a key pillar of this man's regime after he led the former Gold Coast to independence. For the point, name this first president of Ghana.

ANSWER: Kwame **Nkrumah**

(5) During this war, Air Force chief of staff Ronald Fogleman accidentally leaked classified information about an American hostage at a press conference. While participating in an attempt at enforcing a no-fly zone in this conflict, Scott O'Grady's F-16 was shot down by an SA-6 missile. The U.S. participated in this conflict as part of Operation Deliberate Force and hosted negotiations to end it at the Dayton Accords. For the point, the U.S. intervened as part of a NATO force in what early 1990s series of conflicts over the breakup of a Balkan Communist state?

ANSWER: **Yugoslav** War(s) (accept **Bosnian** War; answers referring to a war or wars regarding the breakup of **Yugoslavia**; accept **Yugoslav**(ian) civil war)

(6) This building was renovated in the 19th century under the supervision of Eugène Viollet-le-Duc, and the *Magnificat* was sung in this location to celebrate a 1944 liberation of its surrounding city. King Louis VII [[the Seventh]] and Pope Alexander III oversaw the laying of this building's cornerstone in 1163. The wood roof known as this building's "forest" was completely destroyed in an April 2019 fire that started a five-year rebuilding project. For the point, name this Gothic cathedral that has stood since the 12th century in Paris.

ANSWER: Cathedral of **Notre-Dame** de Paris (or **Notre Dame** Cathedral)

(7) Diodorus of Sicily borrowed this unit's name to refer to white shield-bearing noble infantrymen in the ranks of Carthaginian armies. Under the general Pelopidas, this unit's performance during the Battle of Leuctra shattered the concept of Spartan hegemony following the Peloponnesian War. This hoplite unit was massacred by Phillip II of Macedon during the Battle of Chaeronea [[kay-roh-NAY-uh]]. 150 pairs of same-sex lovers made up, for the point, which elite infantry of Thebes?

ANSWER: **Sacred Band** of Thebes (or **Hieròs Lókhos**)

(8) A ruler of this duchy called for a crusade at the Feast of the Pheasant. Another ruler of this region organized the League of the Public Weal and was killed at the Battle of Nancy [[non-SEE]] while invading Switzerland. Charles the Bold and Philip the Good ruled this duchy, which names a French noble house that allied with England in the Hundred Years' War after John the Fearless was killed on a bridge at Montereau [[mon-TROH]]. For the point, name this duchy that once controlled much of Franche-Comte [[FRONSH caw-TAY]] and the Low Countries before being incorporated into France.

ANSWER: Duchy of **Burgundy** (accept Duché de **Bourgogne**)

(9) France withdrew its diplomat Philippe Étienne [[EH-tee-ehn]] from the U.S. following this man's administration's sale of nuclear-powered submarines to Australia. A sticker of a politician saying "I Did That" next to the gas pump display went viral following grassroots Republican support. Americans received fourteen hundred dollar checks following this president's signing of the American Rescue Plan Act. Kamala Harris serves as the vice president of, for the point, which U.S. president since 2021?

ANSWER: Joe **Biden** (or Joseph Robinette **Biden** Jr.)

(10) During this event, a cache of diamonds worth over 1.5 percent of the national economy was lost at the Casa da India. A flexible wooden "cage" was named for a man tasked with rewriting building codes after this event. The massive amounts of candles lit for All Saints' Day worsened the fires in the wake of this event, which led to the modernizing Marquis of Pombal taking power. A slip on the Azores-Gibraltar faultline caused this event, which is depicted in *Candide*. For the point, identify this 1755 natural disaster which devastated the capital of Portugal.

ANSWER: Great **Lisbon Earthquake**

(11) These people, whose name may be derived from the Quechua term for "vagabond," included a Jewish subgroup led by industrialist Maurice von Hirsch. Future president Domingo Sarmiento wrote a semi-fictional account of one of these people in *Facundo* who terrorizes the region of Entre Rios. These *vaqueros* worked as cattle herders and hunters for ranches called *estancias* [[eh-STAWN-see-AHS]]. For the point, name these Spanish-speaking cowboys of the Pampas.

ANSWER: **Gauchos** (prompt on "Vaquero" or "Cowboy" before mentioned)

(12) The legendary republic of Libertatia in Madagascar was founded by these people who were the subject of a "General History" by Charles Johnson. One of these people was hunted down by a force led by Alexander Spotswood after blockading Charleston for five days. Mary Read and Anne Bonny became famous as female members of this profession who both avoided execution by claiming to be pregnant. The "Golden Age" of this profession was centered on locations such as Tortuga and Port Royal in the 18th-century Caribbean. For the point, name these people who included Blackbeard.

ANSWER: **Pirates** (accept **Buccaneers**; prompt on **Privateers**)

(13) Rulers of this empire temporarily reversed its collapse after expelling the marauding archon Mihirakula [[mee-hee-rah-KOO-lah]], the son of a Hephthalite king. The playwright Kalidasa was a court poet for a ruler of this empire, which vied for supremacy on the Deccan plateau with the Vakataka kingdom. This empire's exploits are recorded on the Allahabad Pillar, detailing which frontier kingdoms paid tribute to them. Vikramaditya [[vee-krahm-ah-DEEHT-yah]] was a king of, for the point, which Indian empire that was destroyed by the "White Huns"?

ANSWER: **Gupta** Empire

(14) American civil engineer Charles S. Storrow left a lengthy journal of this event while he was completing his thesis at the École des ponts. The attempted passage of the Ordinances of Saint-Cloud led to this violent period. The sacking of the Tuileries Palace occurred on the final day of this event's "Three Glorious Days," which led to the widespread exile of "Legitimists" in favor of "Bourbonists." The abdication of the Charles X ["the Tenth"] occurred due to, for the point, which 1830 French Revolution that culminated in the coronation of Louis Philippe in a namesake summer month?

ANSWER: **July** Revolution (accept Revolution of **1830** before mentioned)

(15) Napoleonic veteran Joseph Seve [[SEV]] converted to Islam and joined this ruler's retinue to develop a new soldiers' school in Aswan. This man, who lost the battle of Navarino with his son Ibrahim, later went to war with his former overlord after they refused to cede Syria to him. Following a French withdrawal from one region, this Albanian and his European mercenaries decimated the Mamlukes in a massacre at Cairo Citadel. 19th century Egypt was reformed by, for the point, what "Pasha" and general under the Ottomans?

ANSWER: **Muhammad Ali** Pasha (or **Muhammad Ali** of Egypt (and the Sudan); accept **Muhammad Ali** Pasha al-Mas'ud ibn Agha)

(16) This general, who was known as the "Gray-eyed man of destiny," lost the Second Battle of Rivas to Costa Rican hero José María Cañas [[CAH-nyahs]]. Following a revocation of shipping rights, Cornelius Vanderbilt sent a private army backed by various Central American nations to overthrow this man's regime. This man's first expedition seized Baja California, declaring the Republic of Sonora until Mexican forces kicked him out. For the point, name this American Filibuster who seized control of Nicaragua for ten months.

ANSWER: William **Walker**

(17) Chandragupta II erected pillars of this substance that tell of his conquest of the Vanga people and his crossing of the seven rivers of India. During the Yuan Dynasty, Wang Zhen published a pamphlet that outlined how waterwheels were used to operate furnaces, creating the pure form of this product. The Nok Culture of modern Nigeria was the first in Africa to make use of this metal. The Hittite Empire is often credited for smelting this metal to equip its armies. The Bronze Age preceded, for the point, an age named for what metal?

ANSWER: **Iron** (accept **Fe**; or **Ferrum**; accept both Pig and Wrought **iron**; accept **Iron Pillar**)

(18) Negotiating peace with this empire was the first major action of Philip the Arab. Julian the Apostate was mortally wounded at Samarra, forcing his successor Jovian to make peace with this empire. The only Roman emperor to be captured in battle, Valerian, was taken prisoner alongside his army by this empire in the disastrous Battle of Edessa. This Zoroastrian empire was led by Ardashir I, who overthrew the Parthians. For the point, identify this Persian empire that was ended by the Muslim conquest of the Middle East.

ANSWER: **Sassanid** Empire (accept **Sasanian** Empire; accept **Ērānshahr**; accept **Neo-Persian** Empire before "Persian"; prompt on "Empire of the Iranians")

(19) A 2008 riot in this nation occurred after football fans of the team Socozaki claimed the rival goalkeeper cast a spell on the field. In this nation, child-soldiers known as *kadogos* hatched a successful plot known as Operation Mbongo Zero to kill President Laurent-Désiré Kabila. That president was succeeded by his son, Joseph, who led this nation during and after the "Great African War" between this nation and neighboring militia from Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda. Men like Patrice Lumumba and Mobutu Sese-Seko once led, for the point, which Central African state governed from Kinshasa?

ANSWER: **Democratic Republic of the Congo** (accept **Congo-Kinshasa** before Kinshasa is mentioned; accept **Zaire**; accept the **DRC**; do not accept "Republic of Congo")

(20) A leader of this country likened to Napoleon, Jorge Ubico, offered major concessions to banana companies before being overthrown in a 1944 revolution that led to the election of Juan Jose Arevalo. In 1954, the CIA-led Operation PBSuccess, lobbied for by the United Fruit Company, overthrew another of its revolutionary opponents, Jacobo Árbenz. For the point, name this Central American country where Efraín Ríos carried out attacks on the Mayan people.

ANSWER: Republic of **Guatemala** (or **República** de Guatemala)

(21) Confucius outlined the beneficial type of this artform as *yayue*, labelling it essential for self-cultivation in the *Analects*. Art found in Mohenjo-Daro depicts a bronze statue of a girl performing this activity, seen with her hand on her hip. Plantation slaves developed one of these artistic performances known as the "cakewalk" in a subtle mockery of their slaveholding owners. The Cha-Cha and Waltz are types of, for the point, what kind of rhythmic movement often done with a partner?

ANSWER: **Dance** (accept **Dancing**; accept **Dancing** Girl; prompt on "Music")

(22) In an effort to dismiss Erich von Däniken's claim that ancient astronauts created this site, Joe Nickell and a small team recreated these sites without aerial assistance and utilizing pre-Columbian tools. This site was inadvertently damaged by Greenpeace activists in 2014 after they set up banners there, leading to extensive fines from the Humala administration. A monkey with a spiral tail and a heron are two of the glyphs present at, for the point, what group of geoglyphs in a namesake desert in Peru?

ANSWER: **Nazca Lines** (prompt on partial answer)

(23) In this city, the characters Duman, Pskiopat, and Bengü are among the seven cats depicted in the 2016 documentary *Kedi*. In another film, a man travels to this city to accept the defection of Tatiana Romanova, who plans to steal a Soviet Lektor machine. This non-Russian city is the setting of the first half of *From Russia with Love*. The film *Fetih 1453* depicts Mehmet II's conquest of, for the point, what Turkish city, formerly the capital of the Byzantine Empire? For the point, name this city whose conquest from the Byzantine Empire is the subject of the film

ANSWER: **Istanbul** (or **Constantinople**; prompt on "Byzantium" before "Byzantine")

(24) This currency was used to pay out dual-currency debt instruments denominated in dollars known as *tesobonos*. A 50 billion dollar IMF bailout followed the December 1994 collapse of this currency. Confidence in this currency was lowered by the assassination of Luis Donaldo Colosio and the intensifying Zapatista uprising in Chiapas. The devaluation of this currency became known as the Tequila Crisis. Established officially in 1821 by the First Empire, for the point, what is this Mexican currency?

ANSWER: (Mexican) **Peso**

(25) This man, who held a PhD in anthropology, joined a paramilitary group known as the "Steel Helmet" after he graduated high school and studied under Otmar von Verschuer, who would go on to direct the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute. This man attempted several experiments, including changing eye color and sewing twins together while in his most notable position. Fleeing after World War Two to Argentina, for the point, who was this Nazi German scientist at Auschwitz, known as the "Angel of Death"?

ANSWER: Josef **Mengele** [[MEN-geh-luh]] (prompt on "Angel of Death" or "Todesengel" before "Angel")

(26) A Serbian king of this name came to power in the May Coup after officers assassinated the sitting royals of the Obrenović [[oh-BREH-noh-vich]] dynasty in 1903. Another man of this name led Christians in the Rhineland Massacres, which targeted Jews during the "People's Crusade." An emperor of this name undertook a "Grand Embassy of Europe," working jobs such as shipbuilding in the Netherlands in an attempt to modernize Russia. The first pope of the Catholic Church had, for the point, what name, shared by a "Great" Russian ruler?

ANSWER: **Peter** (accept **Peter** I of Serbia; accept **Peter** the Hermit; accept variations of **Peter** such as **Pyotr** or **Pietro**)

(27) The protégé of Umberto Eco, Angelo Fabri, was killed at this institution during the politically motivated DAMS murders. The first female professor in Europe, Laura Bassi, worked in this institution and was responsible for popularizing Newtonian Physics in Italy. This university, which was formally chartered by Frederick Barbarossa, began after an 11th century guild of students organized into "nations." For the point, name this oldest continuously-operating university in the world, located in a Northern Italian city.

ANSWER: University of **Bologna** [[boh-lohn-YAH]] (accept **Bologna** University; accept Università di **Bologna**; or **UNIBO**)

(28) Two decades after this event, Edward R. Murrow hosted a dramatization of this incident titled "The Night America Trembled," which exaggerated certain aspects of it like people flooding New Jersey Police with fearful calls. Tension in the lead-up to World War Two fueled the reaction to this event, which was part of the larger *Mercury Theatre* anthology series. This event caused an isolated panic after a narrator claimed extraterrestrials had landed in Grover's Mill. Orson Welles narrated, for the point, which 1938 radio broadcast based on an H.G. Wells novel?

ANSWER: 1938 *The **War of the Worlds*** Broadcast

(29) This book was removed from Russian bookstores immediately before Victory Day in 2014 due to its cover artwork. This book was derived from four days of interviews with the author's father, Vladek, who was at one point interned at Gross-Rosen. In January 2022, the board of trustees for McMinn County Schools in Tennessee unanimously banned this book, sparking national outrage. Depicting Germans as cats, for the point, what is this Art Spiegelman graphic novel about a Polish Jew's experience of the Holocaust?

ANSWER: **Maus**

(30) This location appears in the title of a Stephen Vincent Benet story in which the protagonist searches a ruined New York City. A Jorge Luis Borges story partly titled for this location describes the rewards and punishments of its "lottery." Another story partly named for this city features an alcoholic protagonist named Charlie Wales who travels to Paris to regain custody of his daughter. For the point, what ancient city is "Revisited" in a short story by F. Scott Fitzgerald?

ANSWER: **Babylon** (accept "By the Waters of **Babylon**;" accept "The Lottery in **Babylon**;" accept "**Babylon** Revisited")

Extra Questions

(1) The abolition of this country's monarchy occurred during an economic crisis named for the act of mounting a horse, the Encilhamento [[EN-cil-ha-men-to]]. This country's purchase of three dreadnoughts began a naval arms race with the two other members of the 'ABC powers.' Cattle and coffee barons controlled this country's politics during its "coffee with milk" period. Slavery in this country was abolished in the 1888 Golden Law. For the point, name this South American country ruled by the Emperor Pedro II.

ANSWER: Federative Republic of **Brazil** (or República Federativa do **Brasil**; accept Kingdom of **Brazil**; or Reino do **Brasil**)

(2) An axe blow to the head nearly knocked out a king at this battle while he attempted to shield his brother, the wounded Duke of Gloucester [[GLAH-ster]]. According to one account, skirmishers at this battle used war hammers known as "mauls" to drive stakes into the ground. In the aftermath of this battle, the Burgundians marched on Paris and Charles VI [[the Sixth]] signed the Treaty of Troyes [[TWAH]]. The English longbowmen of Henry V triumphed over the French at, for the point, what 1415 battle during the Hundred Years' War?

ANSWER: Battle of **Agincourt** (accept **Azincourt**)

(3) The signing of the Cullen-Harrison Act liberalized this policy, which ended later the same year. This policy was enabled by the Volstead Act, and its promoters included the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Anti-Saloon League. Begun with the 18th Amendment in 1920 and ended by the 21st Amendment in 1933, for the point, what policy instituted a Constitutional ban on the production and sale of alcohol?

ANSWER: **Prohibition** (accept **Temperance** before mentioned)