

History Bee Round 2 – Middle School

Round 2 tossups

(1) Diplomat Megasthenes [[meh-gas-the-nees]] claims a tribe living in the empire, the *Surasena*, worshipped Heracles as their founder. A ruler of this empire gave Seleucus I Nicator [[seh-loo-CUS ONE neh-KAY-tore]] elephants he used at the Battle of Ipsus as a part of a marriage alliance between the two. This empire fought a bloody war against the kingless Kalinga people, which convinced one ruler to convert to Buddhism. For the point, name this Indian empire with capital at Patliputra, the state of Ashoka.

Answer: **Mauryan** Empire

(2) Isla Salas y Gómez and Motu Nui are both administered by this island, the latter of which was home to a famous annual tradition where a Manutara egg had to be carried from Motu Nui back to this island as part of the Birdman cult. Adamstown is the closest other human settlement to this island known for its Rongorongo script and *moai* statues of large human heads. For the point, name this remote Chilean island that forms the easternmost part of Polynesia.

ANSWER: **Easter** Island (accept Isla de **Pascua** or **Rapa Nui**)

(3) Honghuzi [[HOHNG-HOO-ZEE]] were recruited as *chunchu* [[CHOON-choo]] sabotage units during this war. This war also featured land battles at Mukden and Port Arthur. This war featured a battle in which battleships under Admiral Togo sunk the fleet of Zinovy Rozhdestvensky [[roh-zhest-VEN-skee]] at Tsushima [[tsoo-SHE-mah]] Strait. For the point, name this war which was ended by the 1905 Treaty of Portsmouth.

ANSWER: **Russo-Japanese** War (accept **Japanese-Russian** War)

(4) Felipe Poma de Ayala created a book about the recording devices made of camelid fibers which these people used to record information like *mita*, their mandatory public service. This empire had Chasqui runners who ate coca leaves and used *quipu* [[KEE-poo]] knotted strings to keep records. For the point, name this Quechua [[KEH-chwah]]-speaking South American empire.

ANSWER: **Incan** Empire

(5) The first "Search Bloc," under the command of Hugo Martinez, was created by Virgilio [[veer-HEE-lee-oh]] Barco with the sole goal of apprehending this man. After this man's death, four hippos that he kept at Hacienda Nápoles escaped confinement and have since become an invasive species in this man's country. The Medellín [[meh-deh-YEEN]] Cartel was led by, for the point, what notorious Colombian drug lord?

ANSWER: Pablo **Escobar**

(6) In this country, the M23 movement seized Goma, and many Pygmies have been genocidally killed in this country's North Kivu province. One political party in this country is named Rally for Democracy, and this country's ADFLC was led by Laurent-Desire Kabila [[loh-RAHNT deh-sih-REH kah-BEE-lah]]. Once known as Zaire, for the point, what is this Central African nation?

ANSWER: **Democratic Republic of the Congo** (accept **DRC**; accept **Congo-Kinshasa**; accept **DR Congo**; accept **DROC**; prompt on the "Congo"; do not accept or prompt on "Republic of the Congo")

(7) This adventurer accompanied his friend Pirithous [[PEER-uh-thus]] to the underworld, where he was trapped by Hades until Heracles rescued him. As a young man, this hero slew several bandits, including Sciron [[SKY-ron]], Sinis, and Procrustes [[proh-KRUS-teez]]. On the island of Crete, Ariadne gave this man a ball of string to help him find his way out of Daedalus's labyrinth. For the point, what mythological founder of Athens slew the Minotaur?

ANSWER: **Theseus**

(8) In the aftermath of this event, a Hawaiian minister observed a solar effect named for him where excess dust creates a dark ring around the sun. Art historians have speculated that the orange haze in the artwork of *The Scream* was caused by the aftermath of this disaster. This 19th century eruption led to a two degree drop in world temperatures, and it was heard from the continent of Australia. For the point, name this 1883 eruption of an Indonesian caldera located between Java and Sumatra.

Answer: **Eruption** of **Krakatoa** (accept descriptive answers including a disaster involving **Krakatoa**)

(9) A Georgia representative filed six articles of impeachment against this person for abuse of power. This man proposed the American Rescue Plan, which included \$1,400 direct payments to Americans, and nominated cabinet officials including Marcia Fudge, Deb Haaland [[HAH-lund]], and Lloyd Austin. For the point, name this U.S. senator from Delaware and 46th U.S. president.

ANSWER: Joseph "Joe" **Biden**

(10) This Leiden native was popular for his ingeniously arranged group portraits, such as his painting of the *Syndics of the Drapers Guild* and his huge canvas of the Militia Company of District Two under the Command of Captain Frans Banning Cocq. One of this painter's works depicts Aristotle, in Baroque dress, contemplating a bust of the Greek poet Homer. For the point, what Dutch Golden Age artist painted *The Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Nicholaes Tulp* and *The Night Watch*?

ANSWER: **Rembrandt** van Rijn

(11) This man's Rule of Signs provided a method for finding the positive real roots of a polynomial. This "father of analytical geometry" changed how mathematicians viewed algebra in his work *La Géométrie*. In *Meditations on First Philosophy*, this skeptic arrived at only one statement he believed that he could know for certain, "*Cogito ergo sum*" [[KAH-gee-toh EHR-goh SOOM]]. For the point, name this Frenchman who invented the x-y coordinate system and concluded, "I think. Therefore, I am."

ANSWER: René **Descartes** [[day-KAHR]]

(12) A U.N.-designated "safe area" came under siege by VRS forces led by Ratko Mladić [[MLAH-ditch]] during this war. The first genocide in Europe since World War Two occurred during this war, which ended with the 1995 Dayton Accords. For the point, name this war between proto-states sponsored by Croatia and Serbia, a part of the larger Yugoslav Wars.

ANSWER: **Bosnian** War (prompt on "Yugoslav War(s)")

(13) The Flamen dialis historically oversaw the sacrifices associated with this city's Lupercalia festival. Ovid's *Metamorphoses* ends with the rise to power of one of this city's rulers. This city was founded by a pair of twins who were raised by a she-wolf. For the point, name this city which once was the center of the worship of Jupiter who had a temple on the Capitoline Hill near the Forum.

ANSWER: **Rome**

(14) This country was the location of the People Power Revolution during which Benigno Aquino [[beh-NEE-noh ah-KEE-noh]] was assassinated. Aquino's wife, Corazon, succeeded Ferdinand Marcos as president of this country. The site of the 1991 eruption of Mount Pinatubo, for the point, what is this Asian island nation, a former U.S. colony centered around Manila?

ANSWER: Republic of the **Philippines**

(15) On a voyage to explore this landmass, one man said, "I am just going outside and may be some time." That man, Captain Lawrence Oates, was one of the members of the failed *Terra Nova* mission to explore this landmass. Edward J. Bird, who visited this landmass in the 1840s, is the namesake a shield volcano on this landmass. Robert Scott and Ernest Shackleton led unsuccessful expeditions on this fifth-largest continent, the driest on Earth. Ross Island and Mt. Erebus [[EHR-eh-bus]] are located on, for the point, what southernmost continent?

ANSWER: **Antarctica** (do not accept or prompt on "South Pole")

(16) Actors in this art form are given stage-names in a collective ceremony called *Shumei* [[SHOO-MAY]]. 17th century edicts banned the female form in this art form, known as *onna*, in favor of the male version, *yaro*. It's not *Bunraku* [[boon-RAH-koo]], but he playwright Chikamatsu [[chee-kah-MAH-tsoo]] wrote many plays in this form during the Edo period including the historical *The Battle of Coxinga*. For the point, name this form of Japanese dance-drama influenced by *Noh* theater, known for its complex *kumadori* makeup.

Answer: **Kabuki**

(17) This country was the site of Operation Jumelles [[joo-MEHL]. *Fellaghas* attacked *Pied-Noirs* [[peed-NWAHR]] civilians in this country's city of Philippeville. Charles De Gaulle returned to power after a crisis in this country led to Jacques Massu's coup attempt. The Evian Accords granted independence, for the point, in what former colony of France in North Africa?

ANSWER: People's Democratic Republic of **Algeria**

(18) A trilingual inscription was left at Galle by this man who once received a giraffe in Malindi that was taken to be a mythical hooved creature known as a kirin. The Jianwen Emperor was overthrown with the help of this one-time commander of Nanjing. He employed the Mao Kun Map during a series of efforts overseen by his patron, the Yongle Emperor. For the point, name this Ming dynasty explorer who engaged participated in a series of treasure voyages.

ANSWER: **Zheng He** (accept **Ma He**; prompt on partial answers)

(19) In 1900, Russian explorer Pyotr Kuzmich Kozlov discovered the source of the river that forms much of this country's eastern border, the Mekong. The man who became king of this country in 2016 from the Chakri Dynasty took the name Rama X [[TENTH]] upon officially taking power. For the point, name this country, once known as Siam, whose kings rule from Bangkok.

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Thailand** (accept **Siam** before mentioned)

(20) Anthony Meyer attempted to wrest party leadership from this person who was attacked by the deputy prime minister, Geoffrey Howe, during his resignation over the Exchange Rate Mechanism Plan. Douglas Hurd and Michael Heseltine were unsuccessful in their attempts to succeed this person who was ultimately succeeded by John Major. This person resigned from the Conservative Party over issues like the Community Charge poll tax. For the point, name this "Iron Lady," the first female prime minister of the U.K.

ANSWER: Margaret **Thatcher**

(21) A certain country's Prince George resigned as high commissioner of this island in the aftermath of the Theriso revolt. This island was seized by the Ottoman Empire in 1669 following the Siege of Candia. For the point, name this large Mediterranean island which was led from Heraklion [[heh-RAK-lee-un]] until reuniting with Greece in 1913.

ANSWER: **Crete** (accept **Kriti**)

(22) While in the form of Diana, Venus once instructed a hero to travel to this city. According to one source, this city was once ruled by a queen who used an oxhide to surround a hill. After its destruction, this city's land was sown with salt to make it uninhabitable. In the *Aeneid*, this city was ruled by Dido. For the point, name this ancient city-state located in modern-day Tunisia, which was destroyed by Rome during the Punic Wars.

ANSWER: **Carthage**

(23) An appearance of this disease led to the construction of a Baroque column on the Graben and inspired the legend of "Lieber Augustin," a street musician who stayed healthy due to his drunkenness. An event caused by this disease was related by both Daniel Defoe and Samuel Pepys [[PEEPS]]. Prevalent symptoms caused by this disease may have inspired the rhyme "Ring a Ring o' Roses." London was struck by this disease in 1666 during the Second Pandemic. For the point, name this disease which led to the Black Death.

ANSWER: **Bubonic Plague** (prompt on "Plague" or "Black Plague"; prompt on "Great Plague of London"; prompt on "Black Death" before mentioned)

(24) After gathering thousands of specimens and fossils on a five-year journey, this man returned to England aboard the HMS *Beagle*. Twenty years later, in 1859, this author published *On the Origin of Species*. The theory of evolution through natural selection was first articulated by, for the point, what Victorian-era British naturalist?

ANSWER: Charles **Darwin**

(25) A decision by Édouard Lockroy nearly guaranteed this structure's completion which was opposed by the "Committee of the 300." A member of that committee, Guy de Maupassant, was said to have regularly eaten at this structure's restaurant so that he wouldn't have to see it. Built for the 1889 World's Fair, for the point, what is this "tower" in Paris?

ANSWER: **Eiffel** Tower (or Tour d'**Eiffel**)

Extra Question

(1) This politician was given hundreds of flour sacks as gifts while chairman of the Commission for Relief in Belgium during World War One. This politician was later appointed to lead the U.S. Food Administration and ordered Douglas MacArthur to confront the Bonus Army, hindering his chances of reelection. This Secretary of Commerce during the Prohibition era implemented the Smoot-Hawley Tariff, which did little to improve the economy after Black Tuesday. For the point, name this president during the start of the Great Depression.

ANSWER: Herbert Clark **Hoover**