

Āi First Quarter

(1) The aftermath of this event led to the creation of the Quadruple Alliance. This event, where Viscount Castlereagh represented the British delegation, created a system of alliances known as the Concert of Europe. This event also led to the formation of the 38 state German Confederation, and restored the Bourbon Dynasty in France with Louis XVIII. This meeting was interrupted by the Hundred Days and it was headed by Austrian minister Klemens von Metternich. For ten points, name this 1815 meeting that sought to organize post-Napoleonic Europe.

ANSWER: Congress of Vienna

(2) The name of this mountain range is sometimes attributed to Alexander Garvie, due to its north-to-south orientation. Double Cone is the largest peak in this range, and Lake Alta is a prominent tourist destination in these mountains. for ten points, name this mountain range located near Lake Wakatipu and Queenstown.

ANSWER: The Remarkables

(3) In 2012, this man announced a "Return to Sovereignty" day. This man, who accused the show Asa Zuba! of slander, leads a coalition between the NKP and his Liberal Democrats. He recently updated the "three-arrows" of his namesake economics but has been criticized for numerous visits to the Yasukuni Shrine. For ten points, name this current Prime Minister of Japan.

ANSWER: Abe Shinzo

(4) This man received one appointment originally intended for Frederick Funston. Edward House prevented the official reprimand of this man for protesting a potential armistice to Supreme Allied Council. He was the first American to be promoted to General of the Armies during his lifetime, due to his service commanding the American Expeditionary Force in World War I. For ten points, name this American general, nicknamed "Black Jack."

ANSWER: John Joseph "Black Jack" Pershing

(5) A poem about this river notes that "Wushan's clouds and rain" will be held back by "walls of stone." Those walls predicted a dam, completed in 2012, that now blocks silt from traveling downstream, potentially weakening Shanghai on its mouth. The Three Gorges Dam was built on, for ten points, what longest river in Asia?

ANSWER: Yangtze River

(6) This hero and his friend Pirithous were once stuck to a bench in the underworld after attempting to kidnap Hades' wife Persephone. This hero's son Hippolytus rejected the advances of his stepmother, Phaedra. This hero's father, Aegeus, threw himself off a cliff in despair after this hero returned without changing his black sails to white. For ten points, name this hero, the legendary founder of Athens who defeated the Minotaur in the labyrinth.

ANSWER: **Theseus**

(7) Theodore Parker and Gerrit Smith were part of the Secret Six that funded this man's actions. The Fugitive Slave Act prompted this man to create The League of the Gileadites. His son was killed by the forces of John Reid in Osawatomie. The Sack of Lawrence prompted this man to participate in the Pottawatomie Massacre. Robert E. Lee stopped this man from attempting to overtake a federal armory in West Virginia. For ten points, name this abolitionist who led an 1859 raid on Harper's Ferry.

ANSWER: John **Brown**

(8) A five member team including Albert Gallatin and Henry Clay negotiated this treaty, whose unenforced ninth article IX was supposed to restore land to Native Americans. A proposal to form an Indian buffer state in this treaty was declined. This treaty ended a war that led to the dissolution of the Federalist Party, but failed to end it before Andrew Jackson who won the Battle of New Orleans. For ten points, name this treaty that ended the War of 1812, named for a Belgian city.

ANSWER: Treaty of **Ghent**

(9) This man gave the Appeal of 18 June Speech during one war. This leader's opposition to the European Commission led to the Empty Chair Crisis. He was later criticized after Expo 67 for proclaiming "Long live free Quebec!" This man's government ended a conflict with the FLN by signing the Evian Accords. He was brought to power in the May Crisis, leading to the formation of the Fifth Republic. For ten points, name this French Prime Minister who led the Free French Forces during WWII.

ANSWER: Charles de **Gaulle**

(10) Xerxes the Great built a throne hall with one hundred of these features in Persepolis. The term entasis refers to the gradual decrease in these objects' diameter as they rise, removing the optical illusion that these objects bend inward. One style of these objects uses a scroll for the capital; in addition to that Ionic type, these objects come in Doric and Corinthian orders. For ten points, name these architectural elements which usually bear the weight of a roof or ceiling.

ANSWER: **columns**

Second Quarter

(1) A 1948 expiration date was set for a mandate for this region and a corresponding memorandum regarding Transjordan established by the League of Nations. Since the 1993 Oslo Accords, parts of this region have been governed by a namesake National Authority currently led by Mahmoud Abbas. For ten points, name this Middle Eastern region, home to a state that competes over claims on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, as well as a potential "two-state" solution, with Israel.

ANSWER: **Palestine**

BONUS: The State of Palestine was declared by this organization, considered a terrorist group by the U.S. until 1991.

ANSWER: **Palestinian Liberation Organization** or **PLO**

(2) Henry III of Castile sent Ruy Gonzalez de Clavijo as an emissary to this ruler, who destroyed the Golden Horde's capital at Sarai. His remains were reburied before the Battle of Stalingrad over fears of starting a curse. This ruler caused the Ottoman Interregnum by capturing Sultan Bayezid I at the Battle of Ankara. For ten points, name this Mongol ruler who ruled from Samarkand.

ANSWER: **Tamerlane** or **Timur** the Lane or **Timur-Lenk**

BONUS: Tamerlane sacked this Indian city in 1398, using flaming camels to charge the enemy and effectively ending the Tughlaq dynasty.

ANSWER: **Delhi**

(3) In 2000, Robert Fowler reported how the trade of these objects violated the Lusaka Protocol. The Kimberley Process ensures that these objects are "conflict-free." The Revolutionary United Front in Sierra Leone used child soldiers to gather these objects. These objects are sold by the Cecil Rhodes-founded company De Beers. For ten points, name these precious gems that are often nicknamed "blood" when used to finance warlords.

ANSWER: blood **diamonds**

BONUS: The Marange fields, one of the largest diamond-producing regions in the world, are found in what country once called Southern Rhodesia?

ANSWER: Republic of **Zimbabwe**

(4) The largest city in this country is home to the Ipiranga Monument, where its founder proclaimed its independence in 1822. Oscar Niemeyer planned a new capital city for this country in 1956, to replace a southern city on Guanabara Bay that will host the 2016 Summer Olympics. For ten points, name this South American country, whose city of São Paulo is the largest in the Americas and whose capital was once Rio de Janeiro.

ANSWER: **Brazil**

BONUS: This planned city in central Brazil replaced Rio de Janeiro as capital in 1960.

ANSWER: **Brasilia**

(5) This man built a fort on Aethelney hill while hiding out in the Somerset marshes, and he set Egbert's Stone as the meeting point for a fyrd which he mustered on Whitsuntide. Bishop Asser relates how this man was once scolded by an old woman for letting a bunch of cakes burn, and he baptised one rival as his godson; he defeated that rival at the battle of Eddington. This man personally translated works by Boethius, and this victor of the Battle of Ashdown fortified his country with a system of burhs. For ten points, name this ruler, the enemy of Guthrum of Mercia and king of Wessex, who was known as "the Great."

ANSWER: **Alfred** the Great

BONUS: Alfred the Great previously paid ransom to this large Viking army, but later defeated them at Eddington. Legendarily led by the sons of Ragnar, it conquered Mercia and East Anglia.

ANSWER: **Great Heathen Army**

(6) In one movie set in this state, a cigarette case inscribed with a line by Elizabeth Browning is shared by the Karl Malden-played Mitch with the Vivien Leigh-played Blanche. A TV show set in this state stars Anna Paquin as Sookie Stackhouse, and Spike Lee's 2006 documentary When the Levees Broke details the aftermath of a disaster in this state. For ten points, name this setting of A Streetcar Named Desire and True Blood, where Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans in 2005.

ANSWER: **Louisiana**

BONUS: A Streetcar Named Desire was written by what American playwright who moved to Louisiana during the Great Depression so he could write for the WPA?

ANSWER: Thomas Lanier "Tennessee" **Williams**

(7) One of these people is the title character of an opera which was revised to add a "Polish act" and ends with the Holy Fool lamenting his country's fate in Kromy Forest. In another opera, Ivan Susanin sacrifices himself for this title leader. The lead-up to the Time of Troubles was chronicled in Modest Mussorgsky's opera about one of these monarchs, Boris Godunov. For ten points, Mikhail Glinka wrote an opera about A Life For what leaders of the Russian Empire?

ANSWER: tsars

BONUS: Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov's opera The Tale of Tsar Saltan is best known for what virtuosic orchestral excerpt in which the Tsar's son is changed into an insect?

ANSWER: Flight of the Bumblebee

(8) The "liquidators" dealt with the aftermath of this event, which was detected after a day in Forsmark, Sweden. The Red Forest was created by this event, which led to a "zone of alienation" being marked around the city of Pripyat. It was triggered by a poorly-safeguarded experiment in which control rods were manually removed, spreading radiation over much of Europe. For ten points, name this 1986 nuclear meltdown in modern Ukraine.

ANSWER: Chernobyl nuclear disaster [or equivalent]

BONUS: The Chernobyl disaster was a major catalyst towards Mikhail Gorbachev's adoption of this policy of openness and government transparency.

ANSWER: glasnost

Third Quarter

Earthquakes

In the history of earthquakes, what...

(1) Country's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant melted down after a 2011 earthquake?

ANSWER: **Japan**

(2) Third-largest New Zealand city near Lyttelton was struck by a February 2011 earthquake?

ANSWER: **Christchurch**

(3) Term describes fractures in the Earth's crust, such as the San Andreas in California?

ANSWER: **fault**

(4) Capital of Portugal was devastated by a 1755 quake?

ANSWER: **Lisbon**

(5) State where Newcastle was rocked by Australia's costliest quake in 1989?

ANSWER: **New South Wales**

(6) Large California city caught fire after a 1906 quake?

ANSWER: **San Francisco**

(7) Scale measures intensity, unlike the Richter scale, which measures energy released?

ANSWER: (modified) **Mercalli** scale

(8) Term describes zones where a tectonic plate slides under another plate?

ANSWER: **Subduction zones**

13 American Colonies

Which of the 13 original American colonies...

(1) Included the first permanent English settlement at Jamestown?

ANSWER: Colony (and Dominion) of **Virginia**

(2) Was the site of the Mayflower landing?

ANSWER: Province of **Massachusetts** (Bay Colony)

(3) Was the site of the earlier failed "Lost Colony" of Roanoke?

ANSWER: Province of **North Carolina**

(4) Originally included the counties of Cornwall, Albany, Kings, and Queens?

ANSWER: Province of **New York**

(5) Was founded as a colony for Quakers?

ANSWER: Province of **Pennsylvania**

(6) Included Providence Plantations?

ANSWER: Colony of **Rhode Island** (and Providence Plantations)

(7) Was founded last, by James Oglethorpe as a debtor's prison?

ANSWER: Province of **Georgia**

(8) Was owned by the noble Calvert family?

ANSWER: Province of **Maryland**

British Celebrities

Who...

(1) Is the current and longest-reigning monarch?

ANSWER: Queen **Elizabeth II**

(2) Was the divorced wife of Prince Charles, who was killed in a 1997 car crash?

ANSWER: **Diana** (Spencer), Princess of Wales

(3) Is the Cambridge physicist who has studied black holes for decades despite suffering from ALS?

ANSWER: Stephen **Hawking**

(4) Is the retired Manchester United midfielder and national team captain known for "bending" his free kicks?

ANSWER: David **Beckham**

(5) Was the frontman and writer of "Bohemian Rhapsody" for Queen?

ANSWER: Freddie **Mercury**

(6) Was the silent film star who directed and starred in "The Great Dictator"?

ANSWER: Sir Charlie **Chaplin**

(7) Was praised for his leadership during the failed 1914 Endurance expedition?

ANSWER: Sir Ernest **Shackleton**

(8) Is the naturalist producer and narrator of Life on Earth and brother of actor Richard?

ANSWER: Sir David **Attenborough**

Fourth Quarter

(1) **This language was used to write a play in which a woman loses a ring in a river that would prove her identity to her husband. In addition to that play by (+) Kalidasa, this language was used to write four religious texts called the Vedas. In one epic written in this language, a prince saves his wife (*) Sita after she is kidnapped by Ravana. For ten points, name this classical language of India used to write the Ramayana, Mahabharata, and most Hindu literature.**

ANSWER: Sanskrit

(2) **Some of this company's Turbocharged Direct Injection, or TDI, engines controversially did not require the use of AdBlue urea solution to (+) control the production of nitrogen oxides. In September 2015, this company's use of "defeat device" software was revealed when the (*) EPA charged this company with cheating on emission testing with hundreds of thousands of its diesel-powered cars. For ten points, name this German automaker of the Golf, Jetta, and Beetle, whose name loosely translates to "People's Car."**

ANSWER: Volkswagen Group

(3) **This city is home to the campus of Te Wananga o Aotearoa, a Maori-led college, and its urban area includes Ngaruawahia, the town of residence for the (+) Maori King. This city is built in former swampland northwest of Lake Taupo, and the Chiefs play rugby in its suburb of (*) Whitiora. For ten points, name this city on the Waikato River, New Zealand's largest inland city, two hours' drive south of Auckland.**

ANSWER: Hamilton

(4) **Foreigners such as the Scotsman Thomas Gordon were often invited to lead this organization, and this organization's first important victory was at Gangut. One portion of this organization nearly sparked (+) war with Great Britain while being deployed to relieve another part of this organization, which had been bottled up in Port Arthur. That force would proceed to have its T crossed by (*) Heihachiro Togo and be destroyed at the Battle of Tsushima Straits. The Baltic and Pacific fleets were part of, for ten points, what military organization, which experienced a revolt on the battleship Potemkin?**

ANSWER: Imperial Russian Navy (do not accept Soviet navy; prompt on partial answer)

(5) **Mediation in this agreement was performed by Zbigniew Brzezinski and Cyrus Vance. This agreement affirmed the importance of UN Security Council Resolution 242. (+) Tensions rose after the signing of this agreement due to assumptions of the absent King Hussein's willingness to agree to its terms. This agreement led to a framework for the eventual return of the (*) Sinai Peninsula. Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat shared the 1978 Nobel Peace Prize shortly after signing this agreement. Jimmy Carter oversaw, for ten points, what agreement between Israel and Egypt at a presidential retreat?**

ANSWER: **Camp David Accords**

(6) **A parrot rests on a sign in one work by this artist, in which a cat, an ox, a rabbit, and an elk represent the Four Humors. A demon under a rainbow holds a sign bearing the title of this artist's (+) Melencolia I. This artist incorrectly added a horn to his depiction of an animal that had been given to Lisbon by Indian diplomats in 1515, and showed (*) Famine, War, Plague, and Death trampling peasants in another work. For ten points, name this German creator of woodcuts like the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse and Rhinoceros.**

ANSWER: Albrecht **Dürer**

(7) **Thomas Percy and Charles Neville attempted to overthrow this monarch in the Rising of the North, which was put down by the Earl of Sussex. This monarch supported the Dutch in one conflict by signing the Treaty of Nonsuch, and (+) Francis Walsingham uncovered a plot to assassinate this monarch by Anthony Babington, which led to the execution of this monarch's cousin (*) Mary Stuart. This monarch spoke of having a "heart and stomach of a king" in a speech to troops at Tilbury before fighting a force that was defeated by a "Protestant Wind". The Spanish Armada targeted, for ten points, what "Virgin Queen" of England?**

ANSWER: **Elizabeth I** of England

(8) **In this country's September Revolution, Hipolito Yrigoyen was ousted by forces loyal to Felix Uriburu. It was ruled by a military junta called the National Reorganization process started under Jorge (+) Videla. In the 1970's, the PEN held "disappeared peoples" in concentration camps and citizens were thrown to their deaths in the (*) ocean in this country's Dirty War. For ten points, name this South American country where death squads attacked socialists in Buenos Aires.**

ANSWER: **Argentina**

Extra Question

Only read if you need a backup or tiebreaker!

(1) **Artist George Catlin specialized in portraiture of these people. J.P. Morgan funded Edward Curtis' project to photographically document the lives of these people. Korczak Ziolkowski began sculpting a (+) monument to one of these people in 1948; that unfinished monument is less than twenty miles from Mount Rushmore on the (*) sacred Thunderhead Mountain. For ten points, name these people, including Crazy Horse, a member of the Oglala Sioux.**

ANSWER: Native Americans

BONUS: What western American city is home to the world's largest coin mint and has elevation one mile above sea level?

ANSWER: Denver