

TOSS-UPS

1. The term originally referred to the shape of an election district in Massachusetts and is now defined as the division of an area into political units in such a manner as to give special advantages to a particular group. Name the term.

- Gerrymander

2. "Bernice Bobs Her Hair," "The Lost Decade," and "Babylon Revisited" are among the short stories written by what Jazz Age author?

- F. Scott Fitzgerald

3. The fact that we will soon enter a period during which the annual vernal equinox will occur between January 20 and February 18 has led to the coining of a term describing this 2000 year long era. Name this age, and you will also name a song popularized by the Fifth Dimension.

- Age of Aquarius

4. Chinese people around the world recently celebrated New Year number 4687. According to their calendar, what animal presides over this new year?

- Serpent (snake)

5. Mikhail Barishnikov recently made his stage acting debut on Broadway starring as Gregor Samsa in a retelling of what Franz Kafka short story about a man who wakes up one morning to discover that he has turned into a giant dung beetle?

- "The Metamorphosis"

6. One is a group formerly known as the Warlocks, the other is a singer and songwriter who was born Robert Zimmerman. In the summer of 1987, they went on tour together and just released a live album of the tour. Name the album, and you will name the singer and the group involved.

- Dylan & The Dead

7. A cat named Ivan, three hunters, and a duck named Sonya are all characters in what Prokofiev musical work?

- "Peter and the Wolf"

8. In geology, it's the rock in which a fossil or gemstone is embedded. In biology, it's a band of formative cells in teeth and nails. In computer science, it's the point at which input and output leads intersect. In mathematics, it's a rectangular array. What is this word with many meanings?

- Matrix

9. Great men are often honored with monuments, but Alabama has a monument dedicated to what insect, infamous for destroying cotton crops?

- Boll weevil

10. His support of the Ayatollah Khomeini's death order for Salman Rushdie has led this music artist to be banned by many American radio stations. Name this Muslim singer known for songs like "Peace Train" and "Morning Has Broken".

- Cat Stevens

11. Neville Chamberlain and Mary Poppins didn't have much in common, but both were known for carrying what device popular on rainy days?

- Umbrella

12. They are long grooves in the Peruvian desert carved by ancient Indians. It has been hypothesized that they were a landing strip for UFO's or a calendar of seasons. What famous archaeological site has been described?

- The Nazca Lines

13. Virginia Woolf wrote To The Lighthouse, and the three little pigs sang "Who's afraid of the big bad wolf." But who, for ten points, wrote Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

- Edward Albee

14. He earned a living as a stand-up comedian until he fell into a vat of acid at a chemical plant during an attempted break-in. This accident caused him to turn to a life of crime and changed his appearance, giving him his characteristic green hair and ashen white skin. Name this arch-enemy of Batman.

- The Joker

15. He was a second century Greek who brought together all of the ancient astronomical beliefs and developed the theory of the geocentric universe. It was not until Copernicus' time that his system, in which the Earth lay at the center of the universe and the sun and all planets revolved around it, was challenged. Name this astronomer.

- Ptolemy

16. His style of musical performance is unique in that he sings all of the instrumental parts. He won a 1988 Grammy and recently published a picture book with the lyrics to his number one song, "Don't Worry Be Happy." Name him.

- Bobby McFerrin

17. For a quick ten points, what is the French phrase meaning "Elysian Fields"?

- Champs Elysees

18. It was issued in 1598 by Henry IV of France and promised equal civil and religious rights to the Huguenots. Name this document which, though repealed in 1685, marked the first declaration of religious tolerance.

- Edict of Nantes

19. "Power attracts the corruptible; ultimate power attracts the ultimately corruptible." This quote comes from what science fiction work, the first in a series of six by Frank Herbert?

- Dune

20. "On the road to Mandalay." The main road from the city of Kunming in China to Mandalay shares its name with the country in which Mandalay can be found. Name the road, and you will name the country.

- Burma