

500 Questions Volume II - Set 19

1. While president, Jimmy Carter broke one of his on a skiing trip. An anatomist would describe it as: in many vertebrates, the dermal bone of the ventral side of the shoulder girdle. For 10 points, what is this bone which one more commonly calls the collar-bone?

Answer: clavicle

2. The title character of a 1902 novel by J.M. Barrie, he is most often now portrayed in movies and on TV by diminutive women. His young friends include Wendy, Michael, and John and he resides in Never-Never Land with a wee companion. For 10 points, who is this boy who wouldn't grow up?

Answer: Peter Pan

3. According to Norse mythology, it is constantly traversed by a squirrel who carries insults from an eagle to the Midgard serpent with whom his is constantly at war. It is gnawed on by deer and other small creatures, and is watered by the spring of the Norns. For 10 points, what is this world tree which, while intact, insures the existence of the world?

Answer: Yggdrasil

4. By 1750 this colony, which was largely unsuitable for agriculture, had become an important hub for both legal and illegal seafaring ventures. By 1800, her industry was more important than commerce, as Samuel Slater's cotton mills anchored the economy. For 10 points, identify this state, the last of the 13 colonies to join the Union.

Answer: Rhode Island

5. It was discovered by the Swedish scientist George Brandt in 1730 and is a silvery-white, hard, ferro-magnetic element of Group VIII of the periodic table. An alloy of it with zinc and aluminum is used for magnets; other alloys are used for cutting tools. For 10 points, identify this chemical element of atomic number 27 that gives its name to a theoretical nuclear weapon with fallout that would remain deadly for years.

Answer: cobalt

6. Composed in 1929 by Milton Ager with words by Jack Yellen for the musical film "Chasing Rainbows," it became a kind of Depression theme song. For 10 points, what was this optimistic ditty which was adopted by the Democrats as a campaign song for Franklin D. Roosevelt's 1932 presidential bid?

Answer: "Happy Days Are Here Again"

7. A predominately Sunni Muslim nation, its major cities include Homs, Aleppo, and Latakia. In 1967, it was from this nation that Israel seized and held the region called the Golan Heights. For 10 points, identify this Middle Eastern nation with its capital at Damascus.

Answer: Syria

8. This ancient Greek tragedy is one of the most famous examples of the vehicle of Deus ex Machina--the heroine is rescued by a chariot drawn by winged serpents and spirited away to Athens. More importantly, it is one of the first ancient treatments of women's liberation. For 10 points, what was this Euripides tragedy about the daughter of king Aetes of Colchis and wife of Jason?

Answer: Medea

9. He was created in the story "The Curse of Capistrano" by Johnston McCulley, and his real name is Don Diego de Vega. Played in the movies by actors such as Clayton Moore, Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Tyrone Power and George Hamilton, for 10 points, who is this California, Robin Hood-style hero?

Answer: Zorro

10. It is that figure of speech which expresses likeness between person or things that are in most respects unlike. For 10 points, what is this figure of speech which is sometimes expressed with the words "than" or "seems", but most often with "like" or "as"?

Answer: simile

11. Born in Fentress County, Tennessee in 1887, he was the subject of a 1942 Oscar-winning portrayal by Gary Cooper. Though initially a pacifist, he received decorations from both the French and American governments for his heroics in the Argonne Forest in 1918. For 10 points, name this World War I hero.

Answer: Sergeant Alvin C. York

12. They may be "pumped" optically, powered by electric discharge, or based on electron-hole recombination. Types include the semi-conductor, gas, chemical, and ruby. For 10 points, identify these useful devices known for their ability to produce coherent light.

Answer: lasers

13. Recent cleaning and research indicates that the scene was really a daytime one. It is not even known today by its proper name-- "The Militia Company of Captain Frans Banning Cocq and Lieutenant Willem van Ruytenburch." For 10 points, what is this 1642 masterpiece by Rembrandt?

Answer: "The Night Watch"

14. An autobiographical drama, it concerns the Tyrone family - the father, the mother, and two sons. The father is a celebrated actor while the oldest son is a drunkard and deadbeat. For 10 points, identify this harrowing domestic tragedy which offers a clear insight into the character of the author, Eugene O'Neill.

Answer: Long Day's Journey Into Night

15. They are Jim Babjak, Dennis Diken, Mike Mesaros, and Pat DiNizio, and they get some added vocals from Belinda Carlisle on their most recent album, "11". For 10 points, what is this progressive band whose other albums include "Especially for You", "Green Thoughts", and "Beauty and Sadness", and who have an early-1990 hit with "A Girl Like You"?

Answer: The Smithereens

16. It was she who conspired to have Naboth's vineyard taken from him, but she got her just desserts in being thrown from the walls of Jerusalem and being eaten by dogs. For 10 points, who was this conniving wife of Judah's king Ahab?

Answer: Jezebel

17. The last major uprising of American Indians, it was the climax of the Ghost Dance movement of the Plains Indians. In late 1890, a band of Indians under Chief Big Foot was stopped, disarmed, and massacred near Pine Ridge, South Dakota. For 10 points, name this incident which left 200 Sioux of both sexes and all ages dead.

Answer: Wounded Knee

18. Pencil and paper may be necessary. Given the decimal number 43, what, for 10 points, is its six-digit binary equivalent?

Answer: 101011

19. His poetry gave rise to a variation on the French rondel which is now named for him. His lesser known works included The Parliament of Fowls, The Legend of Good Women, and Troilus and Criseyde. For 10 points, who was this 14th century English poet who made great use of the heroic couplet in his The Canterbury Tales?

Answer: Geoffrey Chaucer

20. His half-brother, Sir Austen shared the 1925 Nobel Peace Prize with Charles Dawes for his efforts in securing the Locarno Pact. He too was dedicated to peace, a bit too much to win the Nobel Prize. For 10 points, identify this British Prime Minister whose policy of "appeasement" helped bring about World War II.

Answer: Neville Chamberlain