

1999 Michigan MLK Memorial
Questions by Michigan State University A & B

Tossups

1. This U.S. city was the host to the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition, and was a major shipbuilding center during World War II. The city's symbol includes a phoenix, which exemplifies its ability to rebuild after disaster. For ten points, name this city; host to the conference that drafted the UN Charter that is prone to disastrous earthquakes.

Answer: **San Francisco**

2. An outbreak of it during the 1971 Bangladeshi Civil War killed 6500 people. It was discovered in 1883 by German physician and bacteriologist Robert Koch (coke). Death can occur as quickly as a few hours after the onset of symptoms. The mortality rate is more than 50% in untreated cases, but falls to less than 1% with proper treatment. For ten points, Name this disease, which is spread through contaminated food and water?

Answer: **Cholera**

3. She was held in contempt of court and incarcerated for well over a year for not answering the prosecutor's questions. After being released following the death of her husband, she was back in court in 1998 to answer charges arising from the Ken Starr investigation. For 10 points, name this "Friend of Bill," who eventually was acquitted of all of the charges brought against her?

Answer: **Susan McDougall**

4. Audiences in Lebanon flocked to this American movie because its title translates in slang to "Let's Have Sex." It probably didn't hurt that it had outstanding special effects, and won multiple Oscars. For ten points, name this flick, which shares its name with the watery final resting place of John Jacob Astor the Fourth, but was certainly not a weight on the careers of Kate Winslet, Leonardo DiCaprio, and director James Cameron.

Answer: **Titanic**

5. This late-1800s American certainly was a party animal. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives as both a Republican and a Greenbacker between 1867 and 1879, and then was elected governor of Massachusetts as a Democrat in 1882. He wasn't much more stable when he led the Union occupation of New Orleans in 1862, from which he was recalled due to his cruelty. For ten points, name this major general, who also was a manager of the impeachment trial of Andrew Johnson.

Answer: **Benjamin F. Butler**

6. After the death of his father, he was raised in the house of Pericles, his uncle. In 415 he made himself head of the Athenian army and led them against the city of Syracuse. After being recalled on charges of impiety, he fled to Sparta and helped the Spartans and the Syracusans defeat the Athenians. For ten points, name this Athenian citizen, who was killed by a volley of arrows as he fled his burning residence

Answer: **Alcibiades**

7. The first incarnation of this product was the "clasp locker" by Whitcomb Judson that was patented in 1893. Gideon Sundback improved the design, but it still had the nasty tendency of rusting when washed. B.F. Goodrich made this item popular with the general public when he placed it on rubber galoshes. He also gave it its current name, which comes from the sound it makes. For ten points, open up and name this product, which was originally called the "slide fastener."

Answer: **Zipper (prompt on early "slide fastener")**

8. Although most significant as a sculptor, he was also a gifted architect, painter, draftsman, playwright, and designer of stage sets, fireworks displays, and funeral trappings. His works included "The Goat Amalthea Nursing the Infant Zeus," "The Ecstasy of Saint Teresa," and numerous projects for eight Popes including the canopy over the tomb of Saint Peter. For ten points, name this 17th Century Italian, who was instrumental in the development of the baroque style.

Answer: Giovanni (Gian) Lorenzo **Bernini**

9. Although their function is not completely understood, it is believed one of their functions is to help warm and moisten inhaled air. They also have the effect of making the skull lighter without sacrificing strength. The downside is that they produce mucus, which is good except in the case of allergies or colds. For ten points, don't be stuffy and name these air-filled, muscle-lined cavities in the head and cheekbones.

Answer: **Paranasal Sinuses**

10. One of the results of his kind of thinking was to be a perpetual peace in the form a permanent and free association of states in a federation. Following the rules and theories established in "Perpetual Peace" and other works, these states would not act aggressively against each other and not violate the rights of man. Name this German philosopher, the author of "Perpetual Peace," as well as "The Metaphysics of Morals."

Answer: **Immanuel Kant**

11. It sits just off the Grand Union Canal, at about the midpoint between London and Coventry, and as of 1980, had fewer than 100,000 people in it. However, it is still famous for being the home of British intelligence during World War II. For ten points, tell me the name of this English town.

Answer: **Bletchley**

12. When his works first appeared, they caused such a stir that they weren't going to be exhibited. The critics didn't know what to do with works of art that they described as "paintings without subjects." He broke with another convention when he painted landscapes in a large format traditionally reserved for historical paintings and created textured surfaces. Name this artist of such paintings as "Water Meadows Near Salisbury," "Tree Trunks," and "The Hay-Wain."

Answer: **John Constable**

13. Now the fourth busiest port in the United States, over the years distribution centers for UPS, FedEx, Sears, and Nike have opened there. Its airport has gained the honor of being the largest cargo shipment site in the nation. For ten points, name the southern city that is named after a city in ancient Egypt.

Answer: **Memphis, TN**

14. Ben's mother told him that "it's a child's job to adapt to a parent. You have strict father and you have to adapt quickly." Through the rest of the novel, we are presented with image of this larger than life father. He is a Marine pilot who treats his troops and his family in much the same manner. For ten points, give me the titular nickname of this Pat Conroy novel later made into a movie.

Answer: **The Great Santini**

15. Born in 1931 and trained as a construction engineer, he joined the Communist Party in 1961. He was brought to Moscow by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and installed as first secretary of the Moscow City Party Committee in 1985. It would be six more years, and a revolutionary movement, before he would become the first popularly elected president of Russia. For 10 points, name him.

Answer: **Boris Yeltsin**