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Thumbs on Ice Buzzer Revue  
Wichita State University

Round 11

1. She was educated at Wellesley College in Massachusetts and later taught there in the late 1800s. Among her many works are *The College Beautiful* in 1887 and 1926's *The Pilgrim Ship*, but she is much more famous for the poem that she wrote in 1911 that became America's best-known hymn. FTP, name this educator and author of "America the Beautiful."

Answer: Katherine Lee Bates

2. In 1914 the U.S. negotiated a treaty giving it an option on a canal route from this body of water through Nicaragua to the Caribbean as well as the right to maintain a naval base in this gulf. A long-standing boundary dispute was resolved in 1992 when El Salvador was awarded the islands of Meanguera and Meanguerita and Honduras the Isla el Tigre. FTP identify this large inlet of the Pacific Ocean on the coast of Central America.

Answer: Gulf of Fonseca

3. It was founded by members of the American Anti-Slavery Society in Warsaw New York. Its first presidential candidate James G. Birney received 7,069 votes in 1840, but he received over 60,000 votes in 1844. In 1847 it nominated John Parker Hale; however, he withdrew from the race early in 1848. FTP, name this political party whose merger with anti-slavery democrats and Whigs led Hale to withdraw.

Answer: Liberty Party

4. Methyl is the only group of these compounds to exist only in alkane form. Prefixes indicate how many carbon atoms are in the group, while suffixes determine which family a certain compound falls into. FTP, name this simplest class of organic compounds, including the alkanes, alkenes, and alkynes, consisting of Hydrogen and Carbon atoms only, and forming straight chains.

Answer: Aliphatic compounds

5. This work is published by a pseudonymous editor who tells how he has come upon the papers quite by accident. The impression given by the title that the aesthetic and ethical life-views represent an exhaustive choice is disturbed by a concluding sermon passed on to the hedonist by the functionary on the theme that before God we are always in the wrong. The work portrays two life-views, one consciously hedonistic, the other ethical in a way which Hegelians would recognize except that the choice of the ethical is a personal one, not the outcome of a philosophical insight. FTP, identify this 1843 work of Soren Kierkegaard.

Answer: Either/Or

6. Born in 1925, he was a prominent figure in postmodernism; advocated an unorthodox, mannered, eclectic, and humorous architecture; and emphasized the validity and vitality of American roadside strip buildings and advertising. His influential books include "Complexity and Contradiction in Modern Architecture" and "Learning from Las Vegas." FTP, identify this American architect whose work includes the Humanities and Social Sciences Building at the State University of New York and Guild House in his native Philadelphia.

Answer: Robert Venturi

7. He is just out of school, little more than nineteen years old, and feels bewildered when the trenches were quiet and the men sat in groups talking about what they would do when the war ended, since he had no occupation to return to. During one attack a French soldier leaped into the hole he was in and this main character stabbed him; after what seemed many hours the soldier was still alive and he tried to relieve his pain, but his conscience becomes tormented after the soldier dies. Among his companions are Kat, Detering, Haie Westhus, Tjaden, Leer, Muller, and Albert Kropp. In October, 1918, on a day when the army communique reported that all was quiet on the western front, a stray bullet hit him, and he died. FTP, identify this main character of a 1928 novel by Erich Maria Remarque.

Answer: Paul Baumer (accept either)

8. Her book *The First Salute*, about the American Revolution, was on *The New York Times* best-seller list when she died in 1989. She got her start covering the Spanish Civil War for *The Nation*; after her experience there the theme of how good is crushed or subverted ran throughout her work. In 1963 her book *The Guns of August*, a narrative history of the outbreak of World War I, won the Pulitzer Prize, an award she won again in 1972 for *Stilwell and the American Experience in China: 1911-45*. FTP, identify this American author and self-trained historian who in her later years was a lecturer at Harvard.

Answer: Barbara \_Tuchman\_

9. Eight of this play's nine scenes take place in the brothel of Madame Irma. The brothel is a repository of illusion in a contemporary European city aflame with revolution. After the city's royal palace and rulers are destroyed, the bordello's costumed patrons impersonate the leaders of the city. As the masqueraders warm to their roles, they convince even the revolutionaries that the illusion created in the bordello is preferable to reality. FTP, name this 1957 play by Jean Genet.

ANSWER: THE \_BALCONY\_

10. Bunny was a vocalist in the Wailers with Bob Marley. Edward was the U.S. Secretary of State from 1831 to 1833. Henry was an associate justice of the Supreme Court from 1806 to 1823. William signed the Constitution, and Philip was a New York businessman who signed the Declaration of Independence. Robert also signed the declaration, and was in fact on the committee that drew it up; as minister to France he successfully negotiated the Louisiana Purchase. FTP, these men all share what last name, to which, if you add an e to the end, would also name whom Henry Stanley was looking for in Africa?

Answer: \_Livingston\_

11. Her first book, *Poems and Translations*, published in 1866, caught the attention of Ralph Waldo Emerson. At 21 she published *Admetus and Other Poems*, but it was a sonnet written in 1881 that would become immortalized. FTP, name this author of "The New Colossus," the poem that would be inscribed in bronze at the foot of the Statue of Liberty.

Answer: Emma \_Lazarus\_

12. Following this incident of 1282, a long war followed between the Aragonese and the Angevins for control of a large island off the southern coast of Italy, with the Aragonese ultimately gaining the ascendancy. The island's king, Charles I, had aroused the hatred of the natives by imposing heavy taxes and by putting the island under the control of French officials and soldiers. On the Monday evening following Easter the inhabitants of Palermo rose against their oppressors, and their example spread to other towns. FTP, identify the name given to this massacre of the French in Sicily.

Answer: \_Sicilian Vespers\_

13. This 1956 film relates the across-the-decades story of Bick and Leslie Benedict. It received 10 Oscar nominations, including Best Picture and Best Actor (for Rock Hudson), but only George Stevens won for his direction. Elizabeth Taylor plays Hudson's wife and together they confront the problems of their independent-minded children and racial bigotry. FTP, based on Edna Ferber's novel, identify this film, memorable for its depiction of a former ranch hand's transformation into a greedy oil tycoon in James Dean's final role.

Answer: \_Giant\_

14. He contends that the traditional, or metaphysical way of reading makes a number of false assumptions about the nature of texts. A traditional reader believes that language is capable of expressing ideas without changing them, that in the hierarchy of language writing is secondary to speech, and that the author of a text is the source of its meaning. His deconstructive style of reading subverts these assumptions and challenges the idea that a text has an unchanging, unified meaning. FTP, identify this Algerian-born French philosopher.

Answer: Jacques \_Derrida\_

15. As a professor at the University of Gottingen, he devised a method for isolating aluminum that he also used to isolate beryllium and yttrium. He also made significant contributions to the understanding of the chemistry of metabolism but is best known for his synthesis of urea from inorganic reagents. FTP name this German chemist.

Answer: Friedrich \_Wohler\_

16. This city of over 200,000 was partially rebuilt after a great fire in 1720. It was originally established as the capital of a Celtic tribe, the Redones, from which it derives its name, and it later became the capital of the ancient kingdom of Brittany. FTP, identify this industrial city of northwest France, the capital of the department of Ille-et-Vilaine.

Answer: \_Rennes\_ (ren)

17. An example of one is acetylsalicylic acid. Other examples include ethyl acetate which is produced from the reaction of acetic acid and ethanol. Commonly formed from a carboxylic acid and an alcohol, it is found in bananas as n-amyl acetate and oranges as n-octyl acetate. FTP, name this type of organic compound whose members often have a sweet fruity odor.

Answer: \_Ester\_

18. "It was found in the banks of the Amoy River in southern China...and has a sinister history. There have been two murders, a vitriol-throwing, a suicide, and several robberies brought about for the sake of this forty-grain weight of crystallized charcoal." For 10 points, name this precious stone found inside a goose that was the subject of a Sherlock Holmes adventure.

ANSWER: the \_BLUE CARBUNCLE\_

Tiebreaker:

19. After the Mass of the Presanctified, vespers are recited without chant and the altar is denuded. It is the day of the Pascha staurosimon, the passage to death, and it is known in German as "Charfreitag." For ten points, identify this observance two days before Easter.

ANSWER: Good \_Friday\_