

1. His early paintings, such as Le pavillon de flore, were committed to realism and exhibited some of the basic characteristics that he was to retain throughout his career: compositional style based on simple, large geometric forms; flat masses of color; and the use of architectural elements in his scenes for their strong verticals, horizontals, and diagonals. Although one of his paintings was exhibited in the famous Armory Show of 1913 in New York City, his work excited little interest, and he was obliged to work principally as a commercial illustrator for the next decade. In 1925 he painted House by the Railroad, a landmark in American art that marked the advent of his mature style. His best known work depicts four figures seen through the window of an all-night cafe. FTP, identify this American artist best known for Nighthawks.

Answer: Edward Hopper

2. His early works, for the 1922 series Evenings of Young Ballet, were criticized as being too avant-garde, but this Russian-American choreographer is now regarded as one of the foremost choreographers in ballet, particularly of the neo-classical style. FTP, name this choreographer of The Four Temperaments, Jewels, and Apollon Musagète who co-founded what later became the New York City Ballet.

Answer: George Balanchine

3. Most of the population can trace their descent to southwestern England or Ireland, and the religion, not ethnicity, splits its major social groups. The most densely populated region is the Avalon Peninsula which contains the capital, St. John's. Other regions include the Great Northern peninsula, Burin peninsula, and Labrador. FTP, name this Canadian province, 90 minutes ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

ANSWER: Newfoundland

4. During his first escape from Siberia, this man adopted the name on his forged passport as his revolutionary pseudonym. When the Russian Revolution came, he functioned as its military leader. He played a crucial role in the new government, but a struggle for power left him exiled in 1928. For ten points, name this man who was axed to death in 1940.

Answer: Leon Trotsky (or Lev Davidovich Bronshtein)

5. The 12th of 13 children in a poor, strict Catholic family, he had little formal writing training. He spent one year at Indiana University and worked for various newspapers. Doubleday suppressed his first novel for a decade, which caused him to quit writing, have a nervous breakdown and separate from his wife. In 1910, he began writing again. FTP, name this author of The Stoic, The Bulwark, The Financier, and Sister Carrie.

ANSWER: Theodore Dreiser

6. Legends say that he wrestled and defeated a river-god when it stood between him and his sworn enemy. Hephaestus created his shield—a weapon which later provided the model for Virgil's shield of Aeneas. FTP, name this almost, but not quite, invulnerable friend of the slain Patroclus, who killed Hector and represents the ideal Greek military hero for Homer.

ANSWER: Achilles

7. She attended the Sorbonne and got her degree in Philosophy in 1929. Her best known novel, The Mandarins, focuses on the attempts of post-World War II intellectuals to engage in political activism. Her work The Second Sex called for an abolition of damaging feminine stereotypes. FTP, identify this French feminist existentialist writer associated with Jean-Paul Sartre.

ANSWER: Simone de Beauvoir

8. Born in 1896 in Neuchatel, he was a promising zoologist as a youth and became a Europe-renowned expert on mollusks by the time he was fifteen. After college, his interests turned to psychology, the field in which he would become famous. His main interest was in children, and he generated a famous theory on the stages that a child's mind passes through before it is fully operational. FTP, name this Swiss psychologist.

Answer: Jean Piaget

9. Its Bohr radius is 53 picometers, and its ionization energy is 1312 kilojoules/mole. If you add enough of it to acetylene, you get ethane. Its electromagnetic spectrum is described by the Rydberg equation, which accounts for the Paschen series and the Lyman series in addition to the Balmer series. FTP, name this element of atomic number 1 which you can use to make a really powerful bomb.

Answer: hydrogen

10. This group began in the 1950s with clandestine activities against the government of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, but they weren't officially organized until 1967. Operating as the armed wing of the Communist Party of Kampuchea, they led a guerrilla war from the countryside, finally capturing the capital of Phnom Penh in 1975. FTP, name this political and military group that controlled Cambodia until 1979 under the brutal rule of Pol Pot.

Answer: Khmer Rouge

11. Colchicine causes nondisjunction by inhibiting the formation of this structure, which is composed of actin microfilaments. Its formation is directed by the centrioles, and chromosomes can only attach to it at their centromeres. FTP, name the structure that separates chromatids in mitosis and meiosis.

Answer: Mitotic spindle or spindle fibers

12. This novel is loosely based on the historical events surrounding the Goodnight-Loving partnership that blazed a trail across Texas. It follows two storylines - one of a few old-timers setting out on a cattle drive for one last chance at past glory, and another of a sheriff pursuing a fearsome Native American outlaw. FTP, name this Western novel by Larry McMurtry about Gus, Captain Call, Deets, and Pea-Eye, made into a 6 hour film, the winner of the 1986 Pulitzer Prize.

Answer: Lonesome Dove

13. Its centimeter-gram-second units are either the electrostatic unit of charge or the absolute electromagnetic unit. A transistor blocks it in one direction. The displacement type, associated with capacitors, is accounted for by Maxwell's equations, but not, ironically, by Ampere's Law. FTP, name this electrical quantity usually measured in amperes.

Answer: Electric Current (accept "alternating current" before "displacement")

14. His 1910. death in a train station plunged the world into mourning. After a moral crisis, this writer renounced the works of his middle period that made him famous and concentrated on activities like attacking the idea of private property, espousing vegetarianism and advocating nonresistance to evil. FTP, identify this realist Russian literary titan who wrote Anna Karenina and War and Peace.

Answer: Leo Tolstoy

15. This man collaborated with Swedish sociologist Gunnar Myrdal in a study of race relations called An American Dilemma, but he is better known for his peace-making work for the United Nations. For negotiating a peace in Palestine, he was awarded the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize. For ten points name this diplomat who served on the board of the NAACP for 22 years.

Answer: Ralph Johnson Bunche

16. According to Emperor Rudolf II, Protestants under Hapsburg rule were entitled to certain amounts of religious freedom. Yet in 1617, Roman Catholic officials began closing down Protestant chapels in Broumov and Hrob. The rulers of Bohemia arrested the imperial regents for violating the law, found them guilty and, to add insult to injury, tossed them out the window. FTP, name this 1618 event that sparked a Bohemian revolt against the Habsburg Emperor Ferdinand II and led, in part, to the Thirty Years War.

Answer: The Defenestration of Prague

17. He was expelled from his Brooklyn elementary school after he hit his sixth grade teacher. He became a member of the James Street Boys Gang, rose quickly through its ranks, and in 1909 he agreed with to move west with his friend Johnny Torrio and to help him run the booming brothel business in Chicago. FTP, name this gangster whose bootlegging, prostitution, and gambling rings were eventually shut down after he was arrested for tax evasion in 1931.

Answer: Alphonse Capone (accept Al or equivalents)

18. Ion microprobe oxygen isotopic analysis can be used to "fingerprint" them. Recent tests, on the crown of an Indian ruler and a Roman earring, have indicated that mines for them in Pakistan and Colombia, thought to have been discovered in the twentieth century, were actually known in antiquity. FTP, name these oxygen-rich green gems.

Answer: emeralds

19. Sam Bottoms was on marijuana, speed or LSD while shooting much of this movie. Lawrence Fishburne was 14 when he starred as Clean. Marlon Brando would only work if he could ad-lib his lines. Martin Sheen even had a heart attack during the shooting. For ten points, name this movie which adapts the story of Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness to the Vietnam War, a favorite of everyone who loves the smell of napalm in the morning.

Answer: Apocalypse Now

20. Born in Cambridge, MA in 1894, he voluntarily fought in WWI. His experience there fueled his poetry, through which he attacked the establishment, pompous society, the mechanical, the impersonal, and the abstract. He showed that the presentation of words on a page could change the oral reading of a poem--a blow against the use of spell and grammar check. FTP, name the poet whose middle name is Estlin.

Answer: e.e. cummings

21. The word means literally "misshapen pearl" and is frequently applied to some of the most beautifully shaped buildings and works of art, such as Francesco Borromini's cathedrals and Nicholas Hildebrandt Castles. As a style, it grew out of the peculiarities of Mannerism and was gradually replaced by Rococo and Neoclassicism. FTP, name this 17th and 18th century artistic period marked by Peter Paul Rubens and J.S. Bach.

Answer: Baroque