

1. Born to a tavernkeeper in 1808, this New Hampshire native led a confused political career. Initially a Whig, this Ohio governor and Senator helped form the anti-slavery Liberty and Free Soil parties, then became a Republican, and finally sought the 1868 Presidential nomination—as a Democrat! He administered the oath of office to Andrew Johnson, and later presided over his impeachment. FTP, name this Treasury secretary and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, whose image is on the \$10,000 bill.

Answer: Salmon P. _Chase_

2. Moslems call it "khitan," and it is almost universally practiced, though the Quran is silent on the matter, except in reference to Abraham's covenant with Allah. Jewish tradition differentiates between "milah" and the more involved "periah," both of which are performed by "mohelim." FTP, name this widely debated procedure still performed on 60% of male American infants, in which the foreskin is surgically removed from the penis.

Answer: _Circumcision_ (do not accept female circumcision)

3. Neglect Mercury, and assign the value of 0.3 Astronomical Units to Venus. Then to find the orbital radius of any planet, take the orbital ratio of the one next closest to the sun, double it and add 0.4 AUs. Some scientists still believe that it also applies to the moons of Jupiter and Uranus, but Neptune must be excepted for it to hold for the solar system as a whole. FTP, what is this law which led to the discovery of the "missing planet" between Mars and Jupiter: the asteroid belt?

Answer: Titius-_Bode's_ Law or Rule

4. They were also known as the "Phansigars," meaning "stranglers," and they finally disappeared in 1840. Their more familiar name is from the Sanskrit for "to conceal," and these devotees of the goddess Kali thrived in India for 600 years. FTP name this group that sacrificed wealthy travelers to their goddess by strangulation, giving us a new word for "ruffian" or "killer."

Answer: _Thuggs_ or _Thuggees_

5. He served as a circuit judge for three years before joining the Marines during WWII. At the end of the war, he decided to run for the Senate and upset the incumbent Robert LaFollete Jr. In 1952, he became chairman of the Government Committee on Operations of the Senate. However, by 1954 he had fallen out of favor and was censured for behavior unbecoming to the Senate. FTP, name this junior senator from Wisconsin, most famous for his Communist "witch hunts".

Answer: Joseph _McCarthy_

6. He co-founded the "Journal of Pure and Applied Mathematics" with his friend and mentor August Crelle in 1826. His own early work centered on functional equations and integrals. He first gained fame in 1824 with his proof of the impossibility of a general solution to quintic equations. For ten points, name this Norwegian mathematician, whose namesake theorem states that there is a finite number of independent integrals of algebraic functions.

Answer: Nils Henrik _Abel_

7. When Monty Python remade Arthur_s quest for the grail, they satirized this practice by suggesting that if witches burned, and wood burned, witches must be wood. And since witches were wood, and wood floated, and ducks also floated, witches must be ducks, and should be thrown in the water. Fortunately, it was prohibited by the Fourth Lateran Council. FTP name this method which involved testing people for guilt or innocence by throwing them into water and seeing if they lived and the like.

Answer: trial by _ordeal_

8. She wrote her first poem at age eight and immediately began to win literary awards. By her college years, however, works like "Johnny Panic and the Bible of Dreams" and "Crossing the Water" became noted for their pre-occupation with alienation, death, and self-destruction and she only gained a wide audience after her own 1963 suicide. Her best-known poems are "Lady Lazarus," "The Colossus," and "Daddy." FTP name this wife of Ted Hughes, and author of The Bell-Jar.

Answer: Sylvia _Plath_

9. Its native peoples are believed to be descended from the Jomon peoples who disappeared from the surrounding areas around 300CE. Once known as Ezo, this island was largely isolated from its more famous neighbors well into the 19th century, separated by the Tsugara Strait from Honshu, and by the Soya Strait from Sakhalin. FTP, name this home of the Ainu, the northernmost island of Japan.

Answer: Hokkaido

10. His famous utopian romance is based loosely on the time he spent as a sheep farmer in New Zealand. He challenged Darwinism in *Evolution Old and New* and predicted that Nature's intelligence, only temporarily subservient to technology, would resurface to reclaim our creations as her own. FTP, who is this author of *Erewhon* and *The Way of All Flesh*?

Answer: Samuel Butler

11. This Paderno native composed twelve operas between 1851 and his death in 1886, including *La Savoiarda*, *Lithuani*, and *Roderigo*, which was based on Robert Southey's poem "Roderick." But today his reputation rests on an opera about the title ballad singer, who competes with Laura Adorno for the love of Enzo. FTP name this composer of *La Gioconda*, often associated with dancing ostriches and hippos today because it contains the famous "Dance of the Hours."

Answer: Amilcare Ponchielli

12. Among the features peculiar to this phylum are "hemocyanin," a copper compound that replaces hemoglobin in their blood, gill-like structures called "ctenidia," and the "radula," a toothed belt for scraping algae from surfaces. It is the second largest invertebrate phylum after Arthropoda, and its name is a Latin word for "thin-shelled." FTP name this phylum, which contains cephalopods, gastropods, and bivalves.

Answer: Mollusca or mollusk_s

13. Along with its sister building, the Peacock, it was destroyed by fire in 1951, but was rebuilt on the same location, at the corner of Marlborough and its namesake street. It opened its doors in 1904 after a grant from Annie Horniman, and presented the first works of its nation's greatest playwrights: Lennox Robinson, Paul Vincent Carroll, Padraic Colum, and Sean O'Casey. FTP, W.B. Yeats and J.M. Synge founded what historic Dublin theatre?

Answer: Abbey Theatre

14. It has been the source of much controversy since the 1832 discovery, under a coat of greenish paint, of a partly damaged, four-line Latin poem on the frame of one of the outside panels. In 1566, the panels were removed from the original frame and hidden, to protect them from Protestant iconoclasts who probably destroyed the frame. One the whole, it contains many puzzling, even contradictory elements which the notion of dual authorship may explain. FTP, identify this monumental altarpiece which when closed reveals an *Annunciation* and portraits of the donors with their patron saints, and when opened the central theme is revealed as *The Adoration of the Lamb*.

Answer: The Ghent Altarpiece (accept Annunciation on an early buzz, prompt on Polyptych of the Mystic Lamb or Adoration of the Lamb, St. Bavon Ghent)

15. Named after the British economist who first examined its relationship, it broke down in the 1970's and the early 1980's with the onset of stagflation. The natural rate of unemployment is defined as the point where this curve becomes vertical. FTP identify this curve which depicts the negative relationship between the unemployment rate and the inflation rate.

Answer: Phillips Curve

16. During this dynasty, the poets Li Bai, Du Fu, Bai Juyi and Li Shangyin were active. Its longest lasting accomplishment is the Grand Canal. With capitals at Chang'an and Luoyang, its most famous leaders were the Emperor Xuanzong and the Empress Wu. FTP name this Chinese dynasty lasting from 581-907, the successors to the Sui dynasty, and indirect predecessor to the Song Dynasty, whose most famous poet was Li Po.

Answer: T'ang

17. The son of a noted concert pianist and musicologist, he studied music but gradually turned to writing, publishing his first volume of poetry, "Man: A Broad Garden", in 1953. Although he wrote two novels, *The Joke* and *Life is Elsewhere* in his native Czechoslovakia, he is most famous for the works written after his emigration to France in 1975. For ten points, name this author of such works as *Farewell Waltz*, *The Book of Laughter and Forgetting*, and *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*.

Answer: Milan Kundera

18. Shallow and Slender complain of maltreatment by the main character. Anne elopes with Fenton to escape the attentions of Slender and Dr. Caius. Mr. Ford disguises himself as Mr. Brook to test his wife's fidelity. The main plot focuses, however, on the effort of the titular women to make a fool of a certain hero of the Hundred Year's War. FTP, name this Shakespeare comedy, allegedly the result of a request by Queen Elizabeth to see Falstaff in love.

Answer: The Merry Wives of Windsor

19. In 1728, this clergyman traveled to America attempting to found a missionary college in Bermuda, a plan which he abandoned four years later. In developing an answer to skepticism and atheism, he decided that skepticism arises when experience is separated from things, leaving ideas as the sole medium for knowledge. He argued that what is perceived is real, and since ideas exist beyond the human mind, there must be a greater mind, God, that perceives all. FTP, name this author of *The Three Dialogues Between Hylas and Philonous* and *The Principles of Human Knowledge*.

Answer: George Berkeley

20. Signed in Dutch village on the outskirts of The Hague, by its terms Louis XIV agreed to recognize William of Orange as William III, king of England, and was forced to return most of the territory captured during the war. The Dutch received favorable trading terms with France and the right to hold certain fortresses in the Spanish Netherlands. The treaty ended the war between Louis and the Grand Alliance, a coalition including England, Spain, the Netherlands, and the Holy Roman Empire. FTP, identify this pact signed on September 20, 1697.

Answer: Peace of Ryswick

21. Born in Trinidad, this man later took the name Kwame Toure. At Howard University, he joined the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), but his frustration with violence against civil rights activists led to his departure from it in 1968. Earlier, he had formed an independent political party called the Lowndes County Freedom Organization in Alabama. FTP, name this man, who originated the rallying cry, "Black Power."

Answer: Stokely Carmichael