

Benedictas Mikulis Memorial Singles

Round 10

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1. In a series of articles about a "Writers, Actors, Artists and Musicians Association" this man proposed a service that would handle the books of others to make them look read and one that would have ventriloquists followin clients around and pretending to have intelligent conversations. He also referred to *Fantasia* as "the last crippling feat of virtuosity in the art of sub-vulgarity", to Synge as a "comic ghoul" and to Ruskin as an "unthinkable alien with the elastic-sided boots and the stomach full of homemade custard." Those opinions by this man, whose pseudonym means "of the little horses," appeared in a column entitled "Cruiskeen Lawn," but he is better known for two novels featuring the mad scientist De Selby. The first of those novels was *The Dalkey Archive* and the second, *The Third Policeman* has recently gained some exposure due to a brief appearance on *Lost*, though this man is more famous for a 1939 novel that features two main characters meeting Finn Mac Cool. For ten points, identify this Irish author of *At Swim-Two-Birds* who published his work under the pseudonym Myles na Gopaleen

Answer: Flann **O'Brien** or Brian **O'Nolan** or Brian **O Nuallain**

2. This man's opposition to the work of Alfred Beach resulted in Beach having to work in secret on his pneumatic transport tubes, while this man's opponents included William Whitney, who went on to become Secretary of the Navy, and William Wickham, who founded a group called Apollo Hall Democracy in opposition to him. David Field was this man's counsel in his later life, which saw an extradition from Cuba. Together with Fisk, Gould, and Peter Sweeney, this man was part of a plot to profit from speculation of Erie Railroad Stock, and "Group of Vultures Waiting for the Storm to Blow Over" was a scathing attack by Thomas Nast on this man. Finally brought down through the efforts of Samuel Tilden, for ten points, identify this leader of Tammany Hall whose namesake ring defrauded New York City of between 30 and 200 million dollars.

Answer: William Marcy "Boss" **Tweed**

3. In an 1829 essay on this writer, Thomas Carlyle argued that Coleridge's *Biographia Literaria* is a "slight business" compared to this man's works, and this author, heavily influenced by Jakob Boehm, called for a universal Christian church to restore unity to Europe in his *Christendom of Europe*. He attempted a unification of poetry, philosophy, and science in two fragments published during his lifetime, *Pollen* and *Faith and Love*, while in one of his poetic works, he asks "Must the morning always return? Will the despotism of the earthly never cease?" The death of his fiancee Sophie von Kuhn inspired that collection of six prose poems *Hymns to the Night*, but this man is more famous for an unfinished *Entwicklungsroman* intended to surpass Goethe's *Willhelm Meister's Apprenticeship*, in which a blue flower is sought by the titular character. For ten points, identify this German Romantic poet and novelist, best known for his *Heinrich von Ofterdingen*.

Answer: Friedrich Leopold, Baron von **Hardenberg** or **Novalis**

4. An early battle in this war was the October 20th clash at Coutras, while German forces which briefly participated in this war were defeated at Vimory and Auneau. This war saw the formation of the League

of Sixteen, and the capital city of the country in which it took place was taken during the so-called "day of the barricades." The assassination of one of this conflict's main participants and his brother Louis the Cardinal was preceded by the Edict of Union issued by another participant and resulted in the rebellion of the Duke of Mayenne. This conflict saw the resurgence of the Holy League, which had formed in opposition to concessions granted by one of this war's namesakes, but the murder of that man in St. Cloud by Jacques Clement brought about the ascension of a king of Navarre to the throne of France following that man's conversion to Catholicism. Ending in 1589, for ten points, identify this religious conflict fought between Catholics and Huguenots, which gets its name from the fact that the various factions were led by the Duke of Guise, the King of France, and the King of Navarre.

Answer: The War of the **Three Henrys**

5. This man's composition *Mode de valeurs* inspired Karlheinz Stockhausen to compose *Kreuzspiel* and *KontraPunkte*, and he set forth his musical theories in a treatise entitled "Technique of My Musical Language." For his student and eventual wife Yvonne Loriod this man composed the *Visions de l'amen* and the *Twenty Views on the Infant Jesus*, and invented his own modal system in his first published work consisting of eight preludes for the piano. Two of his compositions on the theme of erotic love are *Harawi* and the *Turangalia-symphonie*, and Japanese poetry inspired his *Seven Haikus* for the piano. The founder of the group "Young France," he famously incorporated birdsong into such compositions as *The Awakening of Birds*, *Catalog of Birds*, and *Exotic Birds*, though he is more famous for an opera about St. Francis of Assisi and a work composed at Gortitz. For ten points, identify this French composer, best known for using his time in captivity during World War II to write *Quartet for the End of Time*.

Answer: Olivier **Messiaen**

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6. This song's original text was taken from a poem published in the collection *Barkai*, and that text was originally set to the music of a Romanian poem entitled "Cart and Oxen." That original text contained lines like "while through vein in ceaseless stream/ The bright blood pulses yet," though in its current usage, only the first two verses are employed and the accent of the pronunciation has been changed. More famous are lines expressing the desire to "be a free nation in our own homeland" and the line about the title entity not yet being lost may be a reference to the book of Ezekiel Berdichevsky. More famously, Bedrich Smetana adopted the melody of this song for "The Moldau," part of his *Ma Vlast*. For ten points, identify this song with words written by Naphtali Imber, whose title means "the hope" and which is the national anthem of Israel.

Answer: **Hatikvah** (accept "The Hope" until mentioned)

7. Early on in this work, a discussion ensues between the title character and his lieutenant on the relative benefits of behaving in the titular way, which the title character demonstrates by expelling Lord Plausible from his chambers. A friendship develops in this play between Jerry, the son of the Widow Blackacre, and Freeman, a suitor after her money, which is obtained in the end when Freeman persuades the boy to name him as guardian. The title character's attempt to recover his money and jewels results in Olivia's infatuation with his page, who is saved from being killed by Vernish, the title character's friend who had married Olivia, when it is revealed that the page is a woman in love with the title character. Ending with the marriage of Captain Manly and Fidelia, for ten points, identify this play about an honest man, one of the best known works of William Wycherly.

Answer: The **Plain Dealer**

8. A collection of this man's one hundred best games was published five years after his death by Harry Golombek. At one point, when asked how many moves ahead he could see, this man replied, "I only see one move ahead, but it's always the right one." He famously won his first round against Ossip Bernstein in a tournament held in San Sebastian, to which he was invited at the behest of Frank Marshall, and until the

end of his life, this man was considered the best in the world at speed chess. He came second to the man whom he would famously triumph over seven years later in a 1914 tournament in St. Petersburg, after which he became one of the first five official grandmasters, and maintained a long-standing rival with a Russian player who had refused him a return match. This man's job as a diplomat allowed him the freedom to travel and play, and between 1916 and 1924, he did not lose a single competitive tournament game, a run that encompassed his 1921 victory over Emmanuel Lasker to capture the world championship. Eventually losing that title in 1927 to Alexander Alekhine, for ten points, identify this best known chess player from Cuba.

Answer: Jose Raul Capablanca y Graupera

9. They can be studied using MOID and FINEX, and Darnell and Cavalier-Smith proposed conflicting theories of their origin. Notably underrepresented in the pufferfish, their identification in eukaryotes is facilitated by the GU-AG rule. Thomas Cech discovered the autocatalytic nature of these structures, whose Group II and III varieties utilize a lariat structure. The nuclear variety requires U6 and other components of the spliceosome to catalyze the removal of these structures from messenger RNA. FTP, name these noncoding regions of genes.

Answer: introns

10. This man's namesake museum in Toronto was destroyed by arson in September 1988, and it is unlikely though not impossible that Tamara Vardomskaya was responsible. Though he is not Francois Villon, he also wrote a poem called "The Testament" in which he encouraged his countrymen to "break your heavy chains and water with the tyrants' blood the freedom you have gained." Born into serfdom, this man won his freedom with a painting of Vasily Zhukovsky, and he was exiled for his participation in the Brotherhood of Saints Cyril and Methodius. He recounted the story of his country's 1768 uprising against Poland in *Haydamaki* and also wrote such works as "The Caucasus," and "The Epistle," which prophesied an anti-Russian rebellion. This man's most famous work features the story of the girl Katerina, abandoned by a Russian lover, as well an account of the exploits of the Zaporozhian Cossacks. For ten points, identify this most famous Ukrainian poet, best known for the epic poem *Kobzar*.

Answer: Taras Hryhorovych Shevchenko

11. This phenomenon is responsible for the ability to treat partons as free particles, thereby deriving the Bjorken scaling, and it is also responsible for the OZI rule, which explains the relatively long lifetime of the J/psi meson. The strength of this effect can be calculated with the use of an expression known as the beta function. This effect will occur in any theory in which 11 times the number of colors is greater than 2 times the number of flavors, such as the Standard Model, and comes about as a result of an "anti-screening" effect arising from virtual gluon bubbles. Discovered by Frank Wilczek, David Politzer, and David Gross, for ten points, identify this feature of quantum chromodynamics, which is manifested as the increase in coupling strength as the distance between quarks increases.

Answer: asymptotic freedom

12. He postulated that the success of regulatory commissions had rendered the title entity unnecessary in "What Happened to the Antitrust Movement?" and he considered imperialism as a natural outgrowth of present economic conditions in the essay "Cuba, the Phillipines, and Manifest Destiny." His most famous essay, published in *Harper's* in 1964, gave the example of three men driving from Arizona to protest the Dodd firearms bill as an example of the titular phenomenon, and he analyzed free silver propaganda in an essay on the mind of William "Coin" Harvey. This man's graduate thesis, whose subjects included William Graham Sumner and Lester Ward, was later republished as *Social Darwinism in American Thought*, but he is better known for analyzing the distrust towards experts in 1966's *Anti-Intellectualism in American Life*. The author of such essays as "Pseudo-Conservatism Revisited" and "The Paranoid Style in American Politics," for ten points, identify this American historian, best known for his *The Age of Reform* and for his

portrait of such people as Andrew Jackson and Franklin Roosevelt in *The American Political Tradition and the Men Who Made It*.

Answer: Richard **Hofstadter**

13. Some of this man's nonfiction work, much of which describes his theories of literature and includes such works as "The Literature of Exhaustion" and "Some Reasons Why I Tell the Stories I Tell the Way I Tell Them Rather Than Some Other Sort of Stories Some Other Way" is collected in *The Friday Book*. He prefaced a volume of his short stories, some of which are linked together by the character of Ambrose, with instructions for reading some of them, such as "Glossolalia," but he is better known for a novel entitled *LETTERS*, which consists of correspondences between characters from his earlier novels. Also well-known is a short novel about Todd Andrews as well as one about the love triangle between Jacob Horner and Joe and Rennie Morgan, and he drew on a historical Maryland personage for a book about the adventures of Ebenezer Cooke. Most famous for a novel about a titular character who becomes Grand Tutor of New Tammany College as well as for one that includes the story of Bellerophon's fall to earth after killing the titular creature, for ten points, identify this American author of such novels as *The End of the Road*, *The Floating Opera*, *Giles Goat-Boy*, and *Chimera*.

Answer: John Simmons **Barth**

14. In one part of this work, the author challenges anyone who understands the preceding comment to "come to my place and try out my big stick." Following the first entry in this work, its author claims that the title object has been set up by patriarchs, and asks whether passing wouldn't be delightful. It also includes the story of the burial of a fox's body which ends with one participant's remark that he sees before him the red bearded barbarian himself, while an episode concerning a man whose teaching was "like holding a cow's head to feed it clover" concludes with the question of which of the two people in the story should apologize. The author comments that "a hundred hearings cannot surpass one seeing" following the story of a monk whose "teeth are like the sword tree," and whose "mouth is like the blood bowl," and who burns his commentaries on the Diamond Sutra, and one character who appears in several parts of this work is Joshu, who investigates an old woman and washes a bowl. Not including such famous examples as "What is the sound of the canon expanding?" for ten points, identify this collection of 48 Zen koans collected in the 13th century by Mumon.

Answer: The **Gateless Gate** or The **Gateless Barrier** or **Mumonkan** or **Wumenguan**

15. This man took power following the "Decena Tragica," and his rise was assisted by Henry Lane Wilson, while his predecessor's exile was originally part of a plan known as the "Embassy Pact." Among his challengers was a man who called himself the First Chief of the Army of the Constitution, and this man died in custody in Fort Bliss after being apprehended in Texas for plotting to attack his successor. A general under his predecessor, this man headed a force known as the Federal Army, and a man who shares this man's last name led a 1924 revolt against Plutarco Calles. Woodrow Wilson's refusal to recognize this man and send an army to occupy Veracruz resulted in his overthrow by the combined forces of Emiliano Zapata, Pancho Villa, Alvaro Obregon, and Venustiano Carranza, who succeeded him as president in 1917. For ten points, identify this Mexican politician, a disciple of Porfirio Diaz most famous for rebelling against and ordering the execution of his predecessor, Francisco Madero.

Answer: Jose Victoriano **Huerta** Marquez (the other man is Adolfo de la Huerta, if anyone asks)

16. One work with this title was written while the author was a prisoner in the Fortress of Peter and Paul, and features the main character Vera, whose husband stages his own death in order to make it possible for her to marry her lover. Dostoyevsky specifically that, which also includes a character who sleeps on a bed of nails, in his *Notes From the Underground*, while a letter with this title outlining the evils of liberal collaboration with the government was written by Leo Tolstoy. More famously, however, this title refers

to the a work which claimed that a cadre of dedicated activists was necessary for revolution, included such sections as "Dogmatism and 'Freedom of Criticism'" and "The Plan for an All-Russia Political Newspaper," and was intended as a sort of sequel to a 1901 work entitled "Where to Begin?" For ten points, identify the shared title of these works, one by Nikolay Chernishevsky and another by Vladimir Lenin, in which the titular question refers to the course of action to be taken.

Answer: What Is To Be Done? or Chto Delat?

17. It is bound to glycoporphin via band 4.1, which forms a hub with adducin. Organized by Calponin homology domain proteins like filamin and fimbrin, it forms spokes with spectrin, which connects via ankyrin to band 3, an anion transport membrane protein. Its subunit has four subdomains containing an ATP binding cleft, which is exposed at the pointed minus end. Bundled by villin in microvilli and by fascin in filopodia, it is severed at the plus end by gelsolin and capped by CapZ. Because its plus end critical concentration is lower, it can treadmill as the minus end is dissociated by cofilin. FTP name this cytoskeletal protein in F and G forms that acts with myosin.

Answer: actin or microfilament

18. One book containing this man's literary theories is titled *What the Twilight Says*, and he is also the author of a play which explores the relationship between Jackson and Thursday, entitled *Pantomime*. In one of his poems, dedicated to "R.T.S.L.," he imagined the parentheses "1917 to 1977" locking "like a gate," and he asked "why should a man wax tears when his wooden world fails?" in "A City's Death by Fire." Another poem hinting at his heritage asks "how choose between Africa and the English tongue that I love?... How can I turn from Africa and live?" and is entitled "A Far Cry From Africa," but he is better known for his book-length poem transposing the *Iliad* and *Odyssey* into his native region, *Omeros*. Also remembered for such plays as *Ti-Jean And His Brothers* and *Dream on Monkey Mountain*, for ten points, identify this founder of the Trinidad Theater Workshop, a poet born in San Lucia who won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1992.

Answer: Derek Alton Walcott

19. He showed his loyalty to his political allies by storming the city of Chersonesus, and the legend of one of his most famous actions is derived from the telling of the monk Jacob. Among the buildings erected under this man's orders was the Desyatinnaya in the city he ruled, while a second marriage following the death of his wife Anne, sister of Basil II, linked him to the Ottonian dynasty. In folklore, Ilya Muramets was considered to be a knight at the court of this man, who upon the death of his father fled to Scandinavia, where he gathered the troops needed to overthrow Yaropolk. More famously, this man ordered the forcible conversion of Kiev and Novgorod and adopted the Byzantine rite in Old Slavonic, supposedly due to its transcendent beauty. For ten points, identify this Russian prince, whose 987 conversion to Christianity made him the first Christian Russian ruler.

Answer: Vladimir I

20. This poem shares its title with a poem by Nikolay Gumilev about the titular figure who follows "the outgoing star" and will plait into his uniforms "a lily - the blue star of flourishing valleys." Prefaced by a quotation from the *Inferno*, Canto 26, this poem's titular narrator imagines the face of one of his compatriots "clear in that shadow as a faggot kindled." Noting that unlike Professor Francisco Lopez de Gomara he has children to feed, the narrator compares his dead companions to "names in Herodotus" and recalls "girls [with] their breasts alive." It concludes with a section in which the narrator recounts how his group "marched against them there in the next spring... and... laid them a Christian siege with the sun and the vultures," and evokes the image of "barns like the old cotes under Cordoba," and settlements raised like Spanish cities in the New World. Earning its author the 1933 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, and written from the perspective of Bernal Diaz, for ten points, identify this epic poem by Archibald MacLeish which retraces

the path followed by Cortes during the conquest of Mexico.

Answer: Conquistador