

This institution merged adult day services, in-home care, home-delivered meals, housing assistance, comprehensive medical care, hospital care, and skilled nursing care. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this nursing home network launched in the Chinatown-North Beach area of San Francisco. It became a model for other long-term care networks throughout the United States.

ANSWER: **On Lok** Lifeways Senior Health Services

[10] Skilled nursing facilities are distinct from other forms of long-term care because they are the only type paid for by this program, much to the surprise of many people.

ANSWER: **Medicare**

[10]

ANSWER:

This action was proposed along with eliminating the “Double-Irish” and the “Dutch-Sandwich” in order to be revenue-neutral. Naoto Kan’s government performed this action in 2010, while Taro Aso came out in opposition to doing it again, sparking a disagreement with the Keidanren. On January 1st, 2012, Canada did this to a greater extent than any other G-7 nation. Republicans rejected a phony June 2013 “grand bargain” proposal to trade this action in exchange for (*) stimulus spending. After Japan performed this action in 2012, the US was left with the world’s highest statutory rate. President Obama proposed performing this action by reducing a certain rate from 35% to 28% while closing loopholes. For 10 points, name this generally good idea that involves reducing nominal levies on businesses.

ANSWER: **lowering the corporate tax** rate [accept synonyms for “lowering” such as **cutting**; accept synonyms for “corporate tax” such as **business tax** until “businesses” is mentioned; prompt on for kind of tax on **tax cuts** or similar things]

replace this with bono/teeth

An anti-immigration protest inspired this author’s *Racism Explained to My Daughter*. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this author of *This Blinding Absence of Light*. This Moroccan author described a bunch of people, including Jorge Luis Borges, telling stories about Ahmed raising his daughter Zahra as a boy in *The Sand Child*.

ANSWER: Tahar **Ben Jelloun** [prompt on partial answer]

[10] Ben Jelloun writes in this language, which was used by Assia Djebar to write *Far from Medina* and *Women of Algiers in their Apartment*. Films in this language include *A Prophet* and *La vie en Rose*.

ANSWER: **French** [or **français**]

[10] French is the primary literary language in this home country of Ananda Devi. J. M. G. Le Clézio was born in this country, which is entirely a free trade zone and outperforms the rest of Africa on most economic indices.

ANSWER: Republic of **Mauritius** [or République de **Maurice**]

Poachers looking to obtain moon bear bile sometimes accidentally trap this species, which has extremely large maxillary scent glands. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this bovid that was discovered in 1992 when a skull was found in a forested region of Vietnam’s Annamite Range. Living individuals of this species have only been photographed in 1998 and 2013.

ANSWER: **saola** [or **Vu Quang** ox; or **Pseudoryx nghetinhensis** or **P. nghetinhensis** accept **Vu Quang** bovid or similar answers; accept **Asian unicorn** I guess]

[10] In 2009, a species of tailorbird was discovered in this Southeast Asian city during checks for avian flu. The now-bankrupt Busan Savings Bank funded the Camko City satellite of this city, which is located near the Choeng Ek memorial stupa.

ANSWER: **Phnom Penh**

[10] This other city is home to the Hoàn Kiếm softshell turtle, of which only one individual remains alive. The presumably lonesome turtle lives in the Lake of the Returned Sword in this Vietnamese city, whose Hỏa Lò Prison was nicknamed its “Hilton.”

ANSWER: **Hanoi**

When Australia passes a law against speaking favorably of terrorism, the protagonist of this novel is vindicated for writing essays on censorship that were once dismissed as irrelevant after the fall of the Berlin Wall. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this novel about Señor C, who writes a journal of “strong opinions” about such topics as Guantanamo Bay, Tony Blair and avian influenza. Each page of this novel is divided into three or two parallel narrative sections.
ANSWER: **Diary of a Bad Year**

[10] This other novel by the author of *Diary of a Bad Year* is structured as a series of “lessons” based around public talks. The title author gives a lecture advocating the censorship of horrific descriptions of Nazi death camps.

ANSWER: **Elizabeth Costello**

[10] Both Elizabeth Costello and her creator J. M. Coetzee are supporters of this movement. The philosophers Mary Midgley and Peter Singer are well-known advocates of this movement, which is most violently promoted by PETA.

ANSWER: **animal rights** [accept **animal liberation** or **animal advocacy** or other equivalents about being nice to vertebrates]

Answer these questions about the U.S. remake of House of Cards, for 10 points each.

[10] At the beginning of the series, Frank Underwood holds this position in the U.S. Congress. Kevin Spacey asked the real holder of this office, Californian Kevin McCarthy, for acting advice.

ANSWER: House **Majority Whip** [accept **HMW**; prompt on “whip”]

[10] Frank Underwood unrealistically comes from this state. Interestingly, the last Democrat Majority Whip Jim Clyburn comes from this state, but is in a VRA district and is currently the only Democratic Congressman here.

ANSWER: **South Carolina**

[10] House Democrats released the spoof “House of Turds” in which this Ohioan replaces Frank Underwood in all the posters, possibly because they are still butthurt since he replaced Nancy Pelosi in her position in 2010.

ANSWER: John Andrew **Boehner**

One character in this story cuts her face with a razor to hide her identity after being raped by ten soldiers who force her brother Lionel to have sex with their mother. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this story composed of unsent letters between a man riding a leaking boat to Miami and his girlfriend back home, who knows that he is dead when she sees black butterflies. Célianne throws her stillborn baby overboard near this story’s end.

ANSWER: **“Children of the Sea”**

[10] “Children of the Sea” is a fantastic story from Edwidge Danticat’s *Krik? Krak!* The collection also features a story about the “Day Women” of this city, where Nestor and Cesar move in *The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love*.

ANSWER: **New York** City [accept The **Big Apple** or **Gotham** or other nicknames; antiprompt on specific boroughs]

[10] In 2013, Edwidge Danticat, Junot Diaz and Julia Alvarez contributed to an editorial criticizing this merengue-dancing country’s Supreme Court ruling that the children of migrants from Haiti are not citizens.

ANSWER: **Dominican Republic** [or **República Dominicana**]

Levy Tran was criticized for performing in the music video for this song, whose singers say “17 or 23, doesn’t matter to me” and are apparently awfully interested in fried rice. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this stupid song by the alternative rock band, Day Above Ground..

ANSWER: **Asian Girlz**

[10] Day Above Ground is from this city, where Asian Girlz from nearby Arcasia may have inspired them. Many Asian-Americans abandoned this town after a series of 1992 riots named for Rodney King.

ANSWER: **Los Angeles**

[10] In his You See Me, this rapper sings a joking song about his love for the Asian Girlz of UCLA. He also played Troy Barnes in Community and worked on writing for 30Rock.

ANSWER: **Childish Gambino** (or Donald McKinley **Glover**)

This band’s best songs, including “Piledriver Waltz,” “Love is a Laserquest,” “Black Treacle” and “She’s Thunderstorms” all appear on the 2011 album *Suck It and See*. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this brilliant British band, whose other albums include *AM*, *Favourite Worst Nightmare* and *Humbug*.

Alex Turner leads this band, whose debut album featured “Fake Tales of San Francisco” and “I Bet You Look Good on the Dancefloor.”

ANSWER: **Arctic Monkeys**

[10] This band's lead singer Thom Yorke called the music industry "a bunch of fucking retards" for playing Arctic Monkeys. "A Wolf at the Door" and "Killer Cars" are the best songs by this band behind *In Rainbows*, *Hail to the Thief* and *OK Computer*.

ANSWER: **Radiohead**

[10] While Thom Yorke has been influenced by his physicist father, this 2001 album was inspired by Michio Kaku's *Hyperspace*. This album features "Micro Cuts," "Space Dementia," "Dark Shines" and a cover of "Feeling Good."

ANSWER: **Origin of Symmetry** (by Muse)

In an iconic scene from this novel, the protagonist gets coked up, dances with Margaret Thatcher and then has a threesome with his wealthy Lebanese lover Wani and the cartoonishly foreign waiter Tristão. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this Alan Hollinghurst novel about the Henry James scholar Nick Guest, who works for the Conservative MP Gerald Fedden and has lots of coke-fueled gay sex before AIDS and political scandals screw up his life.

ANSWER: *The **Line of Beauty***

[10] Clive and Vernon discover that a Conservative foreign secretary secretly dresses up as a lady in *Amsterdam*, a novel by this rabidly anti-Muslim author. He described Briony Tallis making a false rape accusation in *Atonement*.

ANSWER: Ian Russell **McEwan**

[10] McEwan defended this other member of "Blitcon" from Rona Bennett's charges of racism. This author of *Yellow Dog* refuted those charges by citing his Muslim ex-girlfriends before attacking Muslims as terrorists in *The Second Plane*.

ANSWER: **Martin Louis Amis** [prompt on **Amis**]

This novel addresses the cultural divide between rural conservatives and middle-class environmental activists when Leighton tries to get some extremely poor people to sign a pledge to "fly less." For 10 points each:

[10] Name this novel in which Dellarobia starts working for the ecologist Ovid Byron after climate change makes monarch butterflies go crazy and migrate to Appalachia, which the residents of Feathertown interpret as a miracle.

ANSWER: **Flight Behavior**

[10] *Flight Behavior* was written by this liberal author, who denounced post-9/11 jingoism in "And Our Flag Was Still There." Okapi sightings bookend her novel about the Price missionaries in the Belgian Congo, *The Poisonwood Bible*.

ANSWER: Barbara **Kingsolver**

[10] Kingsolver's *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* describes her family adapting to eat this kind of food, which usually means that it was grown within a hundred miles. Tip O'Neill said that all politics can be described by this adjective.

ANSWER: **local** food [accept **locavores**]

Lists of soldiers who died in Iraq appeared in several Memorial Day editions of this comic, which represents George W. Bush as an asterisk inside a Gales helmet. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this politically-focused comic strip featuring the largely identical aging hippies Mike, Mark and Zonker. This Garry Trudeau comic strip originated in the *Yale Daily News* but now appears on editorial pages across the country.

ANSWER: **Doonesbury**

[10] *Doonesbury*'s ideological antipode is this comic about an anthropomorphic avian news reporter. Strawmen like OSHA-Boy and Congressman Pinkford Veneer appear in this joke-free comic by Bruce Tinsley.

ANSWER: **Mallard Fillmore** [accept *The **Fillmore File***]

[10] Speaking of bad conservative comics about birds, the penguin Opus stars in *Bloom County*. One *Bloom County* strip featured a mistranslated newspaper headline claiming that this politician "sings tractors: Turnip! Buttocks!" Cartoons often exaggerated his port-wine birthmark.

ANSWER: Mikhail Sergeevich **Gorbachev**

In 2013, this artist was commissioned to commemorate the centennial of Canberra with a ten-breasted hot air balloon called *The Skywhale*. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this Australian artist who depicted a horrifying, floppy-eared human-dog hybrid suckling its puppies in her sculpture *The Young Family*. Her other terrifying manimals include *Undivided* and *The Listener*.

ANSWER: Patricia **Piccinini**

[10] If you love contemporary art that portrays naked pink things with prominent breasts, you're probably also a fan of this German-born British artist, who depicted a fat, naked lady on a couch in *Benefits Supervisor Sleeping*.

ANSWER: Lucian Michael **Freud**

[10] Although Freud never did, other contemporary British artists can win this award presented by the Tate. Its namesake painted *Modern Rome- Campo Vaccino*, *Sunrise with Sea Monsters* and *Rain, Steam and Speed*.

ANSWER: **Turner** Prize [accept Joseph Mallord William **Turner**]

Nick's favorite country as a child was Brunei, because he thought "Bandar Seri Begawan" was fun to say and Borneo is full of cool animals like colugos. Answer the following about Brunei, for 10 points each.

[10] The Sultan of Brunei's brother Jefri is a Modigliani collector who chose "Amedeo" as the name of the fake company he created to purchase this British jeweler, which designed the Heart of the Ocean necklace for *Titanic*.

ANSWER: **Asprey** International Limited [accept **Asprey** & Garrard Limited]

[10] Sultan Bolkiah recently purchased one of these businesses in LA, sparking controversy because he also recently instituted sharia law. Luxury examples in Bangkok include the Mandarin Oriental and InterContinental.

ANSWER: **hotels** [accept clear-knowledge equivalents]

[10] While Brunei's foreign relations are generally friendly, things are a bit frosty with this country since the 1993 "Brunei beauties" prostitute recruitment scandal. Nipa huts are a metonym for this country's ethos of *bayanihan*.

ANSWER: Republic of the **Philippines** [or Repúblika ng **Pilipinas**]

After this think tank was established in 1997, it became one of the Clinton administration's fiercest foreign policy critics, especially in regards to its servile stance toward Mainland China. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this think tank that argued, "American leadership is both good for America and good for the world" and called on people to support "a Reaganite policy of military strength and moral clarity."

ANSWER: **PNAC** [or **Project for the New American Century**]

[10] The Project for the New American Century was co-founded and led by this American writer, who currently is the head editor of *The Weekly Standard*. His father, Irving, was also a famous writer.

ANSWER: William "Bill" **Kristol**

[10] Bill Kristol has been nicknamed the "Godfather" of these people, New Deal liberals who joined the GOP to support Reagan's foreign policy, such as Jeane Kirkpatrick, Norman Podhoretz and Charles Krauthammer. Many folks have no clue what this term means and just use it as a slur for anyone hawkish.

ANSWER: **Neocon**servatives

The International Council of this product gives out the Mario Salinas Quality Award. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this product that is often "cut" with impurities in the most common example of food fraud. Filippo Berio, Acushla and Almazaras de la Subbetica sell this product, which is most commonly produced in Andalusia.

ANSWER: extra virgin **olive oil** [prompt on **olives** or *Olea europea*; prompt on **oil**; accept **EVOO** from Rachael Ray]

[10] Olive oil is a key component of this diet that became popular in the '90s. Legumes, dairy products and seafood are other essentials of this diet, whose namesake sea was the subject of Fernand Braudel's first major work.

ANSWER: **Mediterranean** diet/Sea

[10] A common dish eaten as part of the Mediterranean diet is this oily tomato salad that originated in Tuscany but is also popular in Lazio and Le Marche. Stale bread is soaked in water and dried to form the backbone of this salad.

ANSWER: **panzanella** [accept **panmolle**; accept **pansanella**]

The regulation of these substances is the focus of the CEUREG Forum held in Eastern Europe. For 10 points each:

[10] Name these chemicals exemplified by neonicotinoids, which were protested throughout Europe in 2013 because they contribute to honeybee colony collapse disorder. In a demonstration of natural selection, organisms can evolve resistance to examples like DDT.

ANSWER: agricultural **pesticides** [accept **insecticides** or **fungicides** or **herbicides** or **rodenticides** or **molluscicides** or other types of chemicals designed to kill specific organisms; if someone says **alkaloids** or **organochlorides** or some other specific class of chemical, antiprompt by asking, "For what purpose are these chemicals employed a large scale?"]

[10] The use of agricultural pesticides is opposed by this organization founded by Carlo Petrini. This Turin-based organization's Ark of Taste maintains a catalogue of heritage foods produced in specific ecoregions.

ANSWER: **Slow Food**

[10] In the '90s, the labels applied to certify the geographical origin of European wines were expanded to products like cheese and salami, although loopholes allow bad people to raise the animals far away and just kill them within the region. Name any of these geographical indications.

ANSWER: controlled **designation of origin** [or **DOCG** or *denominazione di origine controllata e garantita*; or **AOC** or *appellation d'origine controlee*; or **DO** or *denominación de origen*; or *denominação de origem controlada*; or **PDO** or protected **designation of origin**; or **PGI** or **protected geographical indication**; or **TSG** or **traditional specialties guaranteed**]

Name some countries by their Communist parties, for 10 points each.

[10] The Communist Party in this country is the third-largest party in membership, and is part of an electoral alliance with the Left Party against parties like the Union for a Popular Movement.

ANSWER: **France** (or the **French Republic**; or **Republique Francaise**)

[10] This country's Communist Party governs a number of regions in concert with the more popular Social Democratic Party. It came in third in the 2013 elections behind the Social Democrats and the populist ANO 2011 movement.

ANSWER: **Czech** Republic (or **Česká republika**; or **Česko**)

[10] This country's Communist Party dominated the country until it fell out of power following the Round Table Agreement, which came after an electrician led protests against Wojciech Jaruzelski's government here.

ANSWER: Republic of **Poland** (or **Rzeczpospolita Polska** (accept either))

In a song named after this phrase, Del tha Funkee Homosapien goes "Listen, just cause this man is white, I won't dis him, I'll enlist him, Work with the system", while a Toby Keith song goes "He won't buy nothin' that he can't fix with WD40 and a Craftsman wrench. He ain't prejudiced, he's just-" this phrase. A patented symbol for this term is a right-facing left hand with red fingers, a blue palm, and a white star on that palm and is assigned based on where a "last substantial transformation" happens. In one collaboration between Jay-Z and (*) Kanye West, the chorus goes "Sweet baby Jesus, ooh, Oh, sweet baby Jesus", before this phrase is sung by Frank Ocean. It was the name of the last episode in the Sopranos. For 10 points, name this term that ironically isn't applied to products like the iPhone but is applied to Toyota and BMW cars, because of what country they are built in.

ANSWER: **Made in America** (also accept **Made in the USA** or any reasonable alternative)

The episode "Rude Removal" was notably never aired on this channel. For a short while, this channel ran a "Real" section that included the awesome show Bobb'e Says and the less awesome Destroy Build Destroy, and it aired a Canadian parody of reality TV called Total Drama Island in the US during 2008. It ran a parody of talk shows called (*) Space Ghost: Coast to Coast and re-ran it along with Harvey Birdman in an attempt to enter a new market. A channel owned by the same company uses the slogan, It's All Coming Back to You. One classic program on this channel centered on three stooges, one of whom has a plank of wood as a friend, while another focuses on a title group made out of "sugar, spice, and everything nice". For 10 points, name this channel that used to run Ed, Edd, and Eddy and The Powerpuff Girls.

ANSWER: **Cartoon Network**

Jane Goodall gave a 2002 interview discussing these non-chimp animals, which inhabit Honey Island in Louisiana and the Big Thicket National Preserve in Texas. For 10 points each:

[10] Name these animals studied on "night investigations" by Ranae, Bobo and BFRO founder Matt MoneyMaker. Jeff Meldrum and Loren Coleman are leading researchers of these animals, which were first filmed by Patterson and Gimlin.

ANSWER: **Bigfoot** [or **Sasquatches**; accept **skunk apes**; accept **Yetis** or **Yowies** or **Yahoos** or **Yeren** or **Rock Apes** given that the *Finding Bigfoot* team has traveled abroad in search of other Bigfoot-like creatures; accept **Momo** or **Missouri Monster**; accept **Gigantopithecus blacki**; accept **Nape** or **North American apes**; accept the **Big Man**; accept **Fouke Monster**; accept Ohio **Grassman**; accept the **Hairy Man** or **Hairy People**; accept **Honey Island Monster**; accept **Old Yellow Top**; accept **Tree Man**; accept **Wildman**; prompt on **apes** or **hominins** or **primates** or **mammals** or **tetrapods** or other non-specific answers]

[10] While the *Finding Bigfoot* team travels all over, the best place in America to see a Bigfoot is probably this state, home of the Olympic Project. Grunge bands from this state include Pearl Jam and Nirvana.

ANSWER: **Washington** [or **WA**; accept goofy nicknames like the **Evergreen** State]

[10] In early 2013, this nutty veterinarian from Texas released a DNA study claiming that Bigfoot contains bizarre "angel DNA" and is a hybrid species resulting from interbreeding between humans and an unknown hominin.

ANSWER: Melba S. **Ketchum**

One member of this ethnic group authored the Bybee memo, while another coined the term “transnational legal process”. A memorial plaque dedicated to this ethnic group in Palisades Park sparked diplomatic complaints and Mark Manguera claimed to invent tacos named for this group. Tiffany and Jessica are two members of this ethnicity that have achieved musical success in the country most of these people are from, and a Superbowl MVP partially of this ethnicity opened a Helping Hands foundation for biracial children and was the (*) Steelers’ all-time leader in receptions. Supposedly, this ethnic group’s “fire illness” explains why a disproportionate number of its members are school shooters. While Adrian Fenty was in office, a member of this ethnic group served as Chancellor of DC schools. Another member of this ethnic group perpetrated the V-Tech massacre. For 10 points, name these people, who include Hines Ward and Michelle Rhee.

ANSWER: **Korean**-Americans (or **Koreans** from America; or similar things; I guess prompt on **Asian**-Americans)

The ninth episode of a work based on this story features Oktavia von Seckendorff, who derives her name from Karl Siegmund, who set this story to music. In an Episode 4 fight with Elly, a floating TV references this work by referring to Hitomi and other victims as Narrenwelt. In Episode 1, a show references this story by making the Anthonies sing the Hexeneinmaleins and titling the destruction of Walpurgisnacht as a Prolog im Himmel. Unrequited love causes Sayaka to morph into a mermaid-like figure, referencing The New Melusine, a work by an author who wrote a tragic two-part play based on this story. A fourth timeline sees creation of the witch Kriemhild (*) Gretchen, the name of a lover in this story. Homura and Kyuubey make a namesake pact, as do Adrian Leverkuhn and Mephistopheles. For 10 points, name this story retold in Puella Magi Madoka Magica as well as by Thomas Mann, Goethe, and Christopher Marlowe..

ANSWER: Doctor **Faustus** (also accept Puella Magica **Madoka** Magica or Maho Shojo **Madoka** Magica or any specific Madoka movie before Adrian Leverkuhn is mentioned)

In a 2012 TV series, members of this group voiced rebels in a guerilla outfit resisting the Galactic Deep Trade Organization, and Shyvana the Half-Dragon knows one of their dances, River. This group first implemented “general elections” in 2009, sparking some fans to buy hundreds of copies of some of their singles. Another song by this group is Everyday! Katyusha, and they responded to criticism for sexual images on the cover of the single (*) “Heavy Rotation. This group’s “handshaking” sessions are emblematic of their “idols you can meet” business model. One member of this group shaved her head in repentance for breaking this group’s “romance prohibition”, or *renai kinshi*. For 10 points, name this largest and best selling pop group in Japanese history which, contrary to its name, has over 90 members.

ANSWER: **AKB48**

This is the first word in the surname of the Pink girl in Oreshura and a large Red Orchestra 2 map where the Germans blow up anti-aircraft guns. Lionel and Claire Morton struggle to survive in a novel named after a sun-bleached one of these. In Pathfinder, Irrisen is controlled by casting debuffers whose class is prefaced with this word. This also shares its name with a general often paired with the (*) rasputitsa. In the Dresden Files, this word names allies of the Unseelie Queen, Mab. The Hallyu exploded after a drama aired featuring this word’s “Sonata”. This names a Florida dolphin that lost its tail in a crab trap and is the first word in a song chorus followed by “wrap up”. Captain America is brought back to life as this kind of soldier. For 10 points, name this time period that House Stark reminds you is coming.

ANSWER: **winter** (grudgingly accept **fuyu**)

In Chapter 48 of *Nobody Dies*, the Israfeim become obsessed with this game, whose name is repeated in the final line of *The Enigma of Amigara Fault*. A blond girl from this game, Yuni Verse, makes a cameo in *Wreck-It Ralph* to say that the coast is clear. Themes in this game include Dynamite Rave, Butterfly, Pocky is often eaten while playing this game by its fan Kyouko Sakura. In Episode 5 of *Winter Falls*, this game appears in the abandoned store Dusk 2 Dawn. In *The Simpsons Game*, you have to defeat (*) God at this game. This game is the best known series from Konami’s Bemani line. A duelist who plays this game was defeated by Tea Gardner. His name was Johnny Steps. For 10 points, name this rhythm game series that tricks people into exercising.

ANSWER: **Dance Dance Revolution** [or **DDR**]

One organization of this type ran the “Ants and Bears” campaign, UNISON. The JSP was dominated the by one of these groups called Sohyo. UNISON and Verdi are examples of these organizations, which were

strengthened by JFK's Executive Order 10988. The leader of one of these groups said an Obama cabinet official should have been gay-bullied, leading Rahm Emanuel to say, "Fuck you" to that Chicago leader, Karen (*) Lewis. The Center for Responsive Politics named one of these groups, the AFSCME, as the number one contributor to American political campaigns. These organizations successfully defeated Ohio Senate Bill 5, but were weakened by a 2011 Budget Repair Bill passed by Scott Walker in Wisconsin. For 10 points, name these groups that represent workers such as firemen, police, and teachers.

ANSWER: public sector unions [accept equivalents like government workers' unions; accept teachers' unions before mentioned; accept other specific public-sector unions; prompt on unions]

When angered, Utsuho Reiji, or Okuu the crow, might start one of these events, and Randy Newman's song Political Science joked about creating these. In Borderlands 2, the last skill in Axton's middle tree makes this happen when deploying a Sabre turret. The aftermath of one is shown in Town of Evening Calm, Country of Cherry Blossoms, while Barefoot Gen depicts one. In Call of Duty 4, one of these is caused by (*) Al-Asad, ending the American campaign while the player can make one happen in multiplayer after acquiring 25 kills. Attacking Godzilla with these only made him stronger and Tom Clancy depicted one in Denver in the Sum of All Fears. The Daisy Ad ended with one of these events. For 10 points, name these types of events, one of which happened in Nagasaki in August 1945.

ANSWER: nuclear explosion (accept atomic bombings or nuclear war or any reasonable equivalent)

The Panamanian version of this TV show is basically an extended ad for Nestlé products. In the zany Italian version of this show, *La Matta* introduces unpredictable side events, an evil laugh plays when someone makes a mistake and one contestant from each of Italy's twenty regions claps to short clips of American songs every few minutes. Contestants receive mysterious calls from "Il Dottore" in that version of this show, *Affari Tuoi*. The Australian version of this show features "Megaguess" and the "Dash for cash" while Spanish-language versions include (*) *¡Allá tú!* and the non-Monty Hall-affiliated *Trato Hecho*. On the American version of this show, contestants choose numbers held by twenty-six models in red dresses and talk with an unseen "Banker." The original version of this show was the Dutch *Miljoenenjacht*. For 10 points, name this dumb game show that involves opening boxes or briefcases containing cash prizes, hosted in the US by Howie Mandel.

ANSWER: Deal or No Deal [accept any foreign version before it's mentioned]

At one point, a character in this series shouts "Target Everyone! Somebody Fire!" and another wears a orange knit cap with earflaps made by his mother Radiant. Before his death, one character in this series says "I am a leaf on the wind. Watch how I soar." One character paralyzes an officer, literally making him fall on his sword before telling a former Browncoat, "There's no place for me there... any more than there is for you." One character has a Callahan Full-bore Auto-lock that he named (*) Vera and is known for constantly saying "I'll be in my bunk". One group in this series, created by G-23 Paxilon Hydrochlorate, will rape you to death, eat your flesh, and sew your skins together in that order if you're lucky. They are the Reavers, an enemy that is finally butchered by spastic girl River Tam. The Sino-American Alliance dominates the universe in this series. For 10 points, name this science fiction series unceremoniously canceled by Fox but later remade into the movie Serenity.

ANSWER: Firefly (accept Serenity before mentioned)

One character in this novel eerily says that the World Trade Center would lose its impact as only one tower right before claiming that terrorists have replaced novelists. In this novel, a deprogrammed cultist wanders through a tent city in New York where she meets the teenage drug dealer Omar. Televised coverage of Ayatollah Khomeini's death looms over this novel, which describes Scott seeing a smiling Yasser Arafat in Athens before hitchhiking across the country to become a writer's assistant. In this novel, a (*) communist terrorist group in Beirut holds a poet hostage, prompting the reclusive author Bill Gray to travel to London after he is photographed by Brita. "The future belongs to crowds" is the final sentence of this novel's opening scene, a mass wedding of Moonies in Yankee Stadium. For 10 points, name this Don DeLillo novel named for a Warhol screen print of a Chinese Chairman.

ANSWER: Mao II

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