

Every Man For Himself I - 2000
Double-Elimination Round A

1. In 1929, he was arrested by Hong Kong police and soon found himself in a prison infirmary, diagnosed with tuberculosis. As he was escaping to China, he persuaded a hospital worker to report him dead, after which his obituary appeared in the Soviet press and colonial French authorities closed his file. For 10 points--name this compatriot of Vo Nguyen Giap and long-time leader of Vietnam's Communist Party who had a capital city renamed for him in 1975.

Answer: Ho Chi Minh

2. The late Fa'apua'a Fa'amu (fa-uh-a-POO-ah-uh-ah fa-uh-AH-moo) became one of anthropology's most famous liars when, under oath, she admitted to fibbing repeatedly about the sexual practices of her native land to Margaret Mead while Mead was writing -- for 10 points -- what now-apparently-severely-hosed-up book?

Answer: Coming of Age in Samoa (prompt on "Margaret Mead" before her name is read)

3. Predicted by Mendeleev four years before its discovery in 1875, it remains liquid over a wider range of temperatures than any other element and can convert electricity into coherent light when coupled with arsenic. For 10 points--identify this chemical element that bears the ancient name of the country of France.

Answer: gallium

4. This island's name comes from the Latin meaning "to cast" because it was once the site of a cannon foundry. After Venetian authorities decreed in 1516 that all of the city's Jews must live there, its name was taken to denote the Jewish sections of many other cities. For 10 points--name this word now used in America to describe a poor, undesirable and dangerous urban neighborhood.

Answer: ghetto (accept Il Geto)

5. Poor wandering Frederic falls in love with Mabel, a ward of Major-General Stanley. Stanley falsely claims to be an orphan—hardly the very model of a modern Major-General! But after he admits he's not an orphan, Frederic's title-character friends all admit they're not orphans either in —for 10 points—what high-seas opera by Gilbert and Sullivan?

Answer: The Pirates of Penzance

6. In June 1850, its author wrote to publisher Richard Bentley, "In the latter part of the coming autumn, I shall have ready a romance of adventure, founded upon certain wild legends in the Southern Sperm Whale...Fisheries, and illustrated by the author's own personal experience...as a harpooneer." Such was the description of --for 10 points--what classic novel by Herman Melville?

Answer: Moby Dick (prompt on "Herman Melville" before his name is read)

7. Growing up on Maryland's Eastern Shore, he learned his educated way of speaking through his friendship with Daniel Lloyd, the youngest son of his owner. In 1838, he escaped from slavery and ended up in New Bedford, Massachusetts, later publishing his own newspaper *North Star*. For 10 points--name this abolitionist and author of a famous autobiography.

Answer: Frederick Douglass

8. It was once described by Tolkien as "a drink dark and bitter, a solemn funeral-ale with the taste of death." A new Seamus Heaney translation of it recently won Britain's Whitbread Prize. For 10 points—name this classic tale of King Hrothgar and the man who saves his kingdom from the monster Grendel.

Answer: Beowulf

9. Its pure form is termed "glacial" because it solidifies at about 62 degrees Fahrenheit. A dilute solution of it, made by letting air act on mild alcohol in the presence of certain bacteria, is called "vinegar." For 10 points--name this sour-tasting chemical compound with formula CH₃COOH.

Answer: acetic acid (or ethanoic acid)

10. Joseph Ives first used the term in 1858 to describe its several thousand square miles of rock formations that include nearly every color of the rainbow. It follows the Little Colorado River from Holbrook, Arizona to the Grand Canyon. For 10 points--name this area partly contained within the Petrified Forest National Park.

Answer: Painted Desert

11. The Mormons say he returned to earth in 1836, visiting Joseph Smith in Kirtland, Ohio. During his life, he poked fun at the 450 prophets of Baal, telling them to pray louder because Baal wasn't paying attention. Then he poured water on his bullock, prayed to God once, and God sent fire from heaven to burn it. For 10 points--name this Old Testament prophet whose return is still awaited by many Jews.

Answer: Elijah

12. "April 26 ... So be it. Welcome, O Life? I go to encounter for the millionth time the reality of experience and to forge in the smithy of my soul the uncreated conscience of my race. April 7. Old father, old artificer, stand me now and ever in good stead." These are the last lines of--for 10 points--what 1916 James Joyce novel whose protagonist is Stephen Dedalus?

Answer: Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man

13. Described as "a gentle revolutionary who was born a generation too soon", he wrote a 44-page paper that summarized his lectures but didn't say whether his calculations of genetic ratios were exact or not. For 10 points--name this scientist whose 2000 biography is called *The Monk in the Garden*.

Answer: Gregor Mendel

14. The Topeka Scarecrows, Idaho Steelheads, Syracuse Crunch, Louisiana Kingfish, Johnstown Chiefs, and Oklahoma City Blazers are all minor-league teams that play--for 10 points--what sport?

Answer: (ice) hockey (Do NOT accept the name of a specific minor league)

15. The device named for him differed from Thorndike's earlier model in three main ways: no escape from the chamber, responses with less effort, and only a small amount of food for each correct response. For 10 points--name this Harvard psychologist and author of *Walden Two* who advocated mass conditioning as a means of social control in his work *Beyond Freedom and Dignity*.

Answer: Burrhus Frederic (B. F.) Skinner

16. Louis XIII and Louis XIV agreed to pay Austria's Ferdinand II and Ferdinand III three million livres over 3 years and kept Metz and Verdun. Austria got the Black Forest and an unimpeded Rhine River. And the Confession of Augsburg received freedom of religion. This was all part of--for 10 points--what 1648 treaty that ended the Thirty Years' War?

Answer: Treaty of Westphalia

17. It boasts two radio stations that play nothing but tango music, a main street called (in English) 18th of July Avenue, the Teatro Solis opera house, and the Plaza Independencia (which has a large monument to its hometown hero José Artigas). For 10 points--name this South American capital just across the Rio de la Plata from Buenos Aires.

Answer: Montevideo, Uruguay

18. You can buy videos of her at the toy factory and the cooking school, as well as a doll of her friend Pepito (the son of the Spanish ambassador). Her creator won the 1954 Caldecott Medal for her "rescue." For 10 points--what character's books with the bad hat and about her experiences in London describe her as one of "twelve little girls in two straight lines"?

Answer: Madeline

19. Apprenticed to an engraver, his poetry copied the style of the Hebrew prophets, while his artistic work includes *Satan Smiting Job with Sore Boils* and a bearded King Nebuchadnezzar crawling on all fours, ready to graze like an ox. Few had the presumption or ability to create a figure representing God the Father, as he did with his *The Ancient of Days*. For 10 points--name this British author of *The Marriage of Heaven and Hell*, *Songs of Innocence*, and *Songs of Experience*.

Answer: William Blake

20 After working for Louis Leakey, this author of *In the Shadow of Man* published a 1971 book called *Innocent Killers* about the predatory behavior of spotted hyenas. For 10 points--name this ethologist who observed apes using straws to extract termites from their nests on Lake Tanganyika's Gombe Stream Chimpanzee Reserve.

Answer: Jane Goodall