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Matt Baker's 20 Questions #10

1. Born circa 1723, little is known of his life. It is uncertain whether he was black, of mixed black and white descent, or of both African and Native American ancestry. Many historians believe that he was a runaway slave. In 1888, 118 years after his death, a monument was erected in the Boston Common to honor this man and the four others who died shortly after him. FTP, identify this first man killed in the Boston Massacre.

Crispus Attucks

2. Located in southern North Carolina on the ^{It is} southern tip of Smith Island, which juts into the Atlantic Ocean near the mouth of a river of the same name. Given its name because of the treacherous waters surrounding it, one of its most prominent landmarks is a lighthouse. FTP, identify this promontory, which shares its name with two movies starring Robert Mitchum.

Cape Fear

3. Their name comes from the Russian for "white", though they are born either black or dark brown. They are known as "canaries of the sea" because of the shrill squeaks and chirps they ~~emit~~ ^{emit}. Common to the Arctic Ocean, they travel in schools of several thousand and feed on fish, octopus, crabs, snails, and squid. FTP, identify this dolphin-like mammal, also known as the White Whale. Carver

Beluga(s)

4. Born in Cincinnati and educated in Knoxville, in 1877 he became a staff member of the Chattanooga Dispatch and then its editor in chief. The following year he became publisher of the Chattanooga Times, which he made one of the outstanding newspapers of the South. In 1896 he gained control of a bankrupt newspaper which he soon developed into one of the leading newspapers in the world. FTP, identify this publisher who helped the New York Times cover "all the news that's fit to print".

Adolph Ochs

5. ~~Born in Wisconsin,~~ She trained to be a teacher and taught for several years before marrying a farmer in 1885. When she was in her sixties, her daughter urged her to write down her vivid childhood memories of growing up on the American frontier. She went on to write a number of highly successful children's books that inspired a long-running TV series of the 1970's and 80's. FTP, identify this author of the "Little House" books.

Laura Ingalls Wilder

6. Unforeseen complications caused the plot to fail, and though many of the conspirators escaped, the event was used by the government as an excuse to arrest several Whig leaders, notably Lord William Russell and Algernon Sidney, both of whom were executed for treason. FTP, identify the common name given to this conspiracy organized in 1683 for the assassination of King Charles II of England and his brother the duke of York.

Rye House Plot

7. Born in Nizhny Novgorod, at age 18 he went to St. Petersburg, where he met the composer Mikhail Glinka. In 1862 he helped found the Free School of Music in St. Petersburg, and in 1869 he became director of the Imperial Music Society. His works include a fantasia for orchestra and piano called "Islamey", as well as the symphonic poems "Russia" and "Tamara". FTP, identify this composer, the founding member and only professional musician among the group known as The Five.

Mily Balkarev

8. According to Kramer on "Seinfeld", this is the name he would like to give to a son. It is

probably more familiar as a term from geometry, indicating a triangle in which the perpendicular bisector of the base is also a median and an angle bisector of the vertex angle. FTP, identify this term, from the Greek for "equal legs".

Isosceles

9. Though a half-brother of Pan, he was unlucky when it came to love, being blinded by a nymph for a not very clear reason. He composed sad but beautiful love songs on the subject and was taken to heaven by his father Hermes. FTP, identify this Sicilian shepard of Greek mythology, considered the inventor of pastoral poetry.

Daphnis

10. He died in prison under a charge of sacrilege, brought by the enemies of Pericles, for having represented Pericles and himself on the shield of Athena. Although little of his work survives, contemporary descriptions indicate his tremendous accomplishments as supervisor of Pericles' program for rebuilding the Acropolis. FTP, identify this Greek sculptor known for the gold and ivory "Athena Parthenos" as well as his statue "Zeus of Olympia".

Phidias

11. The title of Edmund Wilson's book "Patriotic Gore" is taken from this poem. First printed in the New Orleans "Delta" in 1861, it was reprinted all over the South. Sung to the tune of the German song "O Tannenbaum", it was adopted as a favorite battle song by Confederate soldiers. FTP, identify this James Ryder Randall poem, whose title twice contains the name of the US state home to such famous Americans as Roger Taney, Frederick Douglass, and Edgar Allen Poe.

Maryland, My Maryland

12. Large violations of it were observed in the two-photon correlation studies performed by French physicist Alain Aspect and his colleagues in 1982. Proved in 1964 by a British physicist, it essentially says that all local hidden variable theories are inconsistent with quantum mechanics. FTP, identify this inequality, whose ramifications have suggested to many physicists that local events might be instantaneously influenced by events far away in both space and time.

Bell's Inequality (acc. Bell's Theorem)

13. His research into the formation of human culture took him to Africa, Latin America, and parts of the United States. In 1914 he took part in an expedition to New Guinea and Melanesia and spent the next four years studying the peoples of the Trobriand Islands of the South Pacific. FTP, identify this founder of the "functional" school of anthropology, whose writings include "Crime and Custom in Savage Society" and "Magic, Science, and Religion".

Bronislaw Malinowski

14. Founded in 1867 in Washington D.C. by Oliver Hudson Kelley and his associates, it marked the first stage in the agrarian protest that arose soon after the Civil War. FTP, identify this fraternal society established to advance the social, economic, and political interests of farmers in the United States.

National Grange

15. Her teachings caused a great political controversy, and many of her supporters deserted her when governor Henry Vane lost office to her staunch opponent, John Winthrop. In 1637 she was tried by the General Court of Massachusetts, found guilty, and banished from the colony. She and all but one member of her family were killed in an attack by Native Americans in August 1643. FTP, identify this colonial crusader.

Anne Hutchinson

16. Born in 1858 in Chicago, he became a professional baseball player at age 17, and from 1882 to 1889 he played first base and was captain and manager of the Saint Louis Browns. From 1892 to 1894 he was a player and manager of the Cincinnati club of the National League, and in 1900 he became the owner and president of the Chicago White Sox, bringing his club into the newly formed American League. FTP, identify this man, who in 1910 financed the construction of a new stadium in Chicago for the White Sox.

Charles _Comiskey_

17. It expands on solidifying, an unusual property which makes it useful for castings. One of the most strongly diamagnetic of all substances, it tends to turn at right angles to a magnetic field. Because its already high electrical resistance is increased in a magnetic field, it is used in instruments for measuring the strength of such fields. It is also opaque to X-rays and can be used in fluoroscopy. FTP, identify this heaviest of all nonradioactive elements, whose atomic number is 83.

Bismuth

18. Born in 1946, he entered the University of Natal in 1966 to study medicine, but was expelled for his political activities in 1972. One of the founders of the Black Consciousness Movement, he argued that liberation would come from "the realization by the Blacks that the most potent weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed". Arrested several times, in August 1977 he was severely beaten while in police custody and died soon after from his injuries. FTP, identify this South African political leader, portrayed by Denzel Washington in the movie "Cry Freedom".

Stephen _Biko_

19. According to legend, he drowned while drunkenly leaning from a boat to embrace the moon's reflection on the water. Most of his vast literary output has been lost, but his surviving poems are remarkable for their musical quality and their rich and exact imagery. Their themes include a Taoist appreciation for the awesome tranquility of nature and a sense of the mysteries of life. FTP, identify this great Chinese poet of the Tang dynasty.

Li Po

20. It is held on a specially designed graded track 975 feet long. Average time for completing the course is about 27 seconds, with speeds averaging about 26 miles per hour. The top nine winners receive substantial prizes, including college scholarships. FTP, identify this contest for drivers between the ages of 11 and 15 of homemade gravity-propelled cars, held annually since 1934 in Akron, Ohio.

All-American _Soapbox Derby_