

XENOPHON (eXtensive Edification Nebulously Over Particularly Historiography On Nations)

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ROUND 1

1. **During one of these events, Eddie Gaedel would periodically appear out of a papier-mache cake as part of one of Bill Veeck's promotions. Nestor Chylak called the participants of a riot during one of these events "uncontrollable beasts" and claimed "I've never seen anything like it except in a zoo". That event was (+) "Ten-Cent Beer Night". At a promotion during one of these events, Steve Dahl collected records for 98 cents each and blew them up in what became known as "The Night Disco Died". After William Sianis was thrown out of one of these events because his pet (*) goat was annoying fans, he placed a "curse" on a participant in one of them. One of these events was the subject of a scandal in which Arnold Rothstein bribed players such as "Shoeless" Joe Jackson. The Black Sox Scandal involved rigging, for 10 points, what sort of event?**

ANSWER: **baseball games** (accept **World Series**, prompt on "baseball") <HP>

2. **This man rejected numerous claims including the Egyptian exodus involving 110,000 men over a six day period and that Mt. Sinai is not in Arabia in one work. Another work by this man describes the thirty-eight towers outside of a fortress defended by numerous (+) men who had earlier raided Ein-Gedi. That work end with an account of the false miracles of Jonathan, who is tricked into falsely accusing people of being a member of the title religion. In that book, this historiographer gives a brief history beginning with Antiochus IV Epiphanes' capture (*) of Judea and end with accounts of Vespasian and Titus putting down "The Great Revolt". For 10 points, identify this author of *Against Apion* and *The Jewish War* whose namesake problem is determining which person survives when every nth is killed.**

ANSWER: Titus Flavius **Josephus** (accept **Joseph ben Matityahu**) <NH>

3. **In an adaptation of this play, Arante serves the protagonist's daughter, who is nearly raped by a man before beginning a romantic relationship with his brother. One poem about this play asks "must I burn through (+); one more humbly assay the bittersweet [of this play]". That poem about this play calls its author the "chief poet!" and asks "Give me new Phoenix wings to fly at my desire". This play, which was adapted with a happier ending by (*) Nahum Tate and is the subject of a Keats poem about sitting down to read it, sees Kent take the disguise of Caius to protect the protagonist and Edgar mortally wound his brother Edmund. Cordelia is the virtuous daughter of the protagonist of, for 10 points, what Shakespearean tragedy?**

ANSWER: *The Tragedy of* **King Lear** <NH>

4. **After this man visited the Bogor Botanical Garden, Sukarno named an orchid species after him. During World War II, this man was targeted by the Japanese “Maeda Unit” after he led a successful raid on (+) Poch’onbo. The Yan’an Faction tried to overthrow this leader in the August Incident. As a result of ideological tensions, this leader ordered the sinking of the *USS Pueblo* and a botched assassination attempt in the (*) Blue House Raid. Citizens referred to this leader as “The Sun of Our Nation” as part of his political ideology of *Juche*. This leader agreed to prisoner exchanges with Syngman Rhee and set up his country’s border along the 38th parallel in a 1950’s armistice. For 10 points, name this first leader of North Korea.**

ANSWER: Kim **Il-Sung** (prompt on “Kim”, accept **Kim Song-ju**) <HP>

5. **A poem about its author’s conversion to Catholicism compares the Church of England to one of these animals and suggests they should work together against the nonconformists. In one short story, Jenner Brenning accidentally shoots his wife Irene mistaking her for one of these animals (+) after she told a story about her mother being attacked by one. The vision of one of these animals that has grown weary “that it cannot hold anything else” is featured in a poem where its movement is compared to a ritual dance around a center in which a mighty will stands paralyzed. (*) Bagheera is one of these animals, and one them replaces a man who claimed that he never found food he liked before dying. That Franz Kafka short story ends with one of these animals exciting people in a circus after the death of the “hunger artist”. Ranier Marie Rilke wrote a poem about a caged example of what type of large cat?**

ANSWER: **panthers** [prompt on “cat” before mentioned] <NH>

6. **The first chapter in one book about this ruler explains how his rule will make Cyrus the Great look “as sort of child’s play” while the fourth book of that work gives an extensive list of forts he restored. According to another source, this ruler sent the brothers Bouzes and Coutzes to defend his fort from a (+) Persian attack. A work denouncing this ruler becoming wealthy off of the “sky tax” includes the hyperbole that “ten thousand times ten thousand times ten thousand” people died during his reign. That work also gives a description of a (*) plague which killed 5,000 per day in this ruler’s capital and explains how his wife humiliated this man’s general, whose suppression of the Nika riots is recounted in *On [this man’s] Wars*. Procopius wrote *On the Buildings of*, and *The Secret History of*, for 10 points, what Byzantine emperor?**

ANSWER: **Justinian I** (accept **Justinian the Great**; prompt on “Justinian”, do NOT accept or prompt on “Justin”) <NH>

7. **The Bububu Railroad ran through this polity and was notorious for catching surrounding landscape on fire. John Kirk compelled one ruler of this polity to abolish slavery in it. That ruler constructed the Old Fort in order to defend this polity against the Sultanate of Oman. A treaty named for (+) Heligoland and this polity created British and German spheres of influence that weren’t originally resolved by the Berlin Conference. Tippu Tip was a powerful (*) slave trader from this polity, which also profited from clove and ivory exports. Khalid bin Barghash surrendered this polity to the British after it fought a war for less than an hour. For 10 points, name this city-state which united with bordering Tanganyika to form a nation with capital at Dodoma.**

ANSWER: Sultanate of **Zanzibar** <HP>

8. **Following this event, the protagonist of one novel, who was earlier arrested as a spy, continuously questions “was I really [here]?” . That character returns to Lake Como and is helped by his aunt Gina (+) to become a priest after being wounded during this event. George Pontmercy believes a man who tried to rob following this event actually revived him. In another novel, one character has her child and rejects the advances of William (*) Dobbin shortly after her husband George dies at this battle. In that novel, Jos buys exorbitantly priced horses from Becky Sharp before fleeing this battle, after which Dobbin is relocated to India. For 10 points, identify this battle where Fabrizio del Dongo was injured in the *The Charterhouse of Parma*, which ended the Napoleonic wars.**

ANSWER: Battle of **Waterloo** <NH>

9. **During the rule of this dynasty, Odoric of Pordenone recounted his stay in a monastery in Zaiton which was created by an earlier missionary in that country during the reign of this dynasty, John of Monte Corvino (+). One traveller’s account of this dynasty describes his ascent of the “Mount of the Hermit” in the city of Quanzhou before travelling to its capital, where he referred to himself as an ambassador from the Delhi Sultanate. One man who accompanied this dynasty’s princess (*) Kōkōchin to Persia served as a tax collector here and wrote extensively of this dynasty’s salt trade. In that man’s travelogue, he described his experiences serving the emperor Kublai Khan. For 10 points, Ibn Battuta and Marco Polo visited China during the reign of which dynasty founded by the Mongols?**

ANSWER: **Yuan** dynasty (accept **Mongol** dynasty) <NH>

10. **One poem commemorating this event calls its main participant “Gentle, plain, just, and resolute” and notes his opposition “Against the foulest crime in history known in any land or age”. Another poem about this event notes that “no more time's dark events (+) /Charging like ceaseless clouds across the sky.” following it. A hermit sings a “song of the bleeding throat” in a poem in which this event’s main participant is compared to the (*) “western star”. A fourth poem about this event notes how the main participant’s “lips are pale and still” after “our fearful trip is done.” The sequel to *Drum Taps* contains poems like “This Dust Was Once the Man” about, for 10 points, what event, elegized in poems like “When Lilacs Last in Dooryard Bloom’d” and “O Captain, my Captain!” by Walt Whitman?**

ANSWER: the **assassination** of Abraham **Lincoln** [accept “death” instead of assassination”; accept reasonable descriptions] <NH>

11. **Military attache Bonner Fellers had been transferred to the Philippines so that one side could not obtain secrets before this battle. One side used Jozef Kosacki’s mine detectors to clear a path through “Devil’s Gardens” in this battle, which also saw one side’s infantry charge into the main lines to create a diversion as part of (+) Operation Lightfoot. After one side retreated to north of the Qattara Depression during this battle, British fortified the Alam el Halfa Ridge to defend potential against flanks by their opponents, who had earlier successfully utilized flanks at (*) Gazala and Tobruk. This battle saw Bernard Montgomery’s Desert Rats rout the Afrika Korps near the Egyptian-Libyan border. For 10 points, name this battle which led to the retreat of Rommel’s forces from Africa.**

ANSWER: Second Battle of **El Alamein** <HP>

12. **Hunilla is stranded on the title island in one work in this collection which sees accounts of different islands including Barrington and Charles's Isle. Another work in this collection is narrated by a man from the Bachelor's Delight sees an argument between (+) Babo and his master, the namesake captain of the San Dominick, who eventually jumps off following a slave revolt. The narrator refers to the title salesman by the name "Jupiter" in one story in this collection, (*) "The Lightning Rod-Man". This collection, which contains "The Encantadas", features a character is imprisoned in "the Tombs" after moving into his office with Nippers and Turkey as co-workers and constantly answers "I would prefer not to" when asked to work. For 10 points, identify this collection containing "Benito Cereno" and "Bartleby the Scrivener" by Herman Melville.**

ANSWER: *The Piazza Tales* [accept "The Encatadas" before "Bachelor's Delight"] <NH>

13. **The narrator of a novel written in this language describes the life of a scholar that dies by drowning in the same river as the narrator after he is imprisoned for killing his wife. This language was used to write the poem *Memory of* (+) *Forgetfulness* by an author who wrote "I have eight children, and the ninth will come after summer" in a poem whose speaker declares "I have a name without a title!". That poem written in this language notes "my (*) identity card is fifty thousand". The final character Arafa is introduced as the favorite son of the title character who represents the father of the Abrahamic religions in one novel written in this language. For 10 points, identify this language used to write *Season of Migration to the North*, the primary language of Mahmoud Darwish and Naguib Mahfouz.**

ANSWER: Arabic <NH>

14. **This city's *Little Review* magazine was the first to publish James Joyce's *Ulysses*. Studs Terkel's non-fiction book *Working* was based off of his time running WFMT Radio in this city. The *New York Times* called (+) Mike Royko "[this city's] most incisive and impertinent journalist since Finley Peter Dunne" after he rebuked a mayor of this city for using police to assault reporters such as Dan Rather in his exposé *Boss*. One woman described this city's frustrated youth in her book (*) "The Spirit of Youth". Erik Larson's *The Devil in the White City* describes H.H. Holmes's "Murder Castle" and other spectacles during an event in this city. Along with Ellen Gates Starr, one person founded a settlement in this city based off of London's Toynbee Hall. For 10 points, name this city home to Jane Addams's Hull House and which held the 1893 Columbian Exposition.**

ANSWER: Chicago <HP>

15. **Maude Hawke Wright wrote a first hand account of this event from its perpetrators' eyes. Machine guns were set up in the Hoover Hotel and at East Boundary Street to defend against this event's perpetrators. (+) Juan Favela warned commander Herbert Slocum of this event, but his troops were unable to respond quickly enough due to them being stationed in nearby Camp Furlong. In response to this event, Newton Baker was appointed as (*) Secretary of War. This event occurred as a result of Division of the North losing the Battle of Celaya against Alvaro Obregon, and its perpetrators were chased by Pershing's Punitive Expedition. For 10 points, name this event where Pancho Villa's men burned down a town on the Mexican-American border.**

ANSWER: Raid on Columbus (accept reasonable descriptions including Columbus; accept Battle of Columbus; prompt on descriptions including "Pancho Villa" before mentioned) <HP>

16. **One author with this surname wrote a poem whose guilty speaker addresses a man whose “eyes look earthward” and notes “There’s blood between us, love” and remembers how “You sinned with me a pleasant (+) sin”.** The speaker of another poem by that author with this surname asks the reader to “tell me of our future that you plann'd” before asking them not to “Remember and be sad”. This surname, shared by of the author of “The Convent Threshold” and (*) “Remember” and two contributors to *The Germ*, is shared by a man who wrote about a woman with “three lilies in her hand” who is in Heaven waiting for her lover. That author, is the brother of a woman who wrote about Lizzie eating fruit in the title location. For 10 points, identify this shared last name of Dante Gabriel and the author of “Goblin Market”, Christina.

ANSWER: **Rossetti** [accept specific authors like Christina **Rossetti** or Dante Gabriel **Rossetti**] <NH>

17. **Claudius Quintianus attempted to assassinate this leader before he was caught in a conspiracy along with Lucius Verus. After the assassination of Saoterus, Cleander became this emperor’s chamberlain and was notorious for auctioning off political offices. Cleander also revealed (+) Tigridius Perennis’s plot to overthrow this man, which led to him being replaced with Pertinax as governor of Britannia. After his father was killed at Vindobona, this man claimed the title of “Germanicus Maximus” after he signed a peace treaty with the (*) Marcomanni. As a result of his megalomania, this emperor commissioned many triumphant busts of him that resembled Hercules.** For 10 points, name this emperor who succeeded Marcus Aurelius and had a notable passion for gladiator sports.

ANSWER: Lucius Aelius Aurelius **Commodus** <HP>

18. **After the protagonist of one novel is wounded in this war, he falls in love with Renée de Croisnel while staying in Venice. A radio program hosted by Butt and Taff relate how Buckley shot a general in this war in the novel *Finnegan’s Wake*.** (+) Three different stories set during this war are entitled “December”, “May”, and August”, the second of which features Captain Mikhailov capturing a trench. In addition to George Meredith’s character Nevil Beauchamp (*) serving in this conflict, Kipling wrote that a group of soldiers in this conflict “talked of England’s might” yet “were only shiftless soldiers”. That poem is a response to another poem set during this war about “the six hundred” that rode “into the valley of Death”. For 10 points, identify this conflict where the “Light Brigade” were defeated at the Battle of Balaclava, also the setting of Tolstoy’s *Sevastopol Sketches*.

ANSWER: **Crimean** War <NH>

19. **Commandant Malan evacuated women and children before this event. The First Chimurenga occurred due to a troop vacuum caused by this event. Joseph Chamberlain attempted to block support towards this event by ordering (+) Governor-General Hercules Robinson to denounce it. The closing of trade along the Vaal River and the discovery of gold at Witwatersrand were two motivations for this event, whose perpetrators were captured by Piet Cronje at Doornkop. A (*) telegram was sent to congratulate one leader in preventing this event’s success “without the help of friendly powers”.** That telegram was sent by Kaiser Wilhelm II to Paul Kruger, who led the Orange Free State during this event. Cecil Rhodes backed, for 10 points, what event which saw British troops attempt to raid an armory in Pretoria, inciting the Second Anglo-Boer War?

ANSWER: **Jameson** Raid <HP>

20. **Stanley Shiner Hoff blackmails the protagonist of one play by this author to renew his acting contract, which he tries to refuse in order to save his marriage with Marion. In another play by him, the protagonist falls in love with Lorna Moon, the girlfriend of his (+) boxing manager, which he took up to earn money to pursue his dream of being a violinist. This creator of the actor Charlie Castle in the play *The Big (*) Knife* wrote a play punctuated by blackouts in which Harry Fatt pacifies angry workers until the arrival of the title character, who Agate announces has been shot before quoting the Communist manifesto in order to incite angry tax workers to strike. For 10 points, identify this author of *The Golden Boy* and *Waiting for Lefty*.**

ANSWER: Clifford **Odets** <NH>

21. **In one novel, Amyas Leigh vows to fight this group to avenge his brother Frank but is struck by lightning while doing so. Robert Southey wrote a poem deriding this group by asking where are their “gaunts of eager wrath?/ His hopes of (+) conquest?”. One opponent of this group is said to lie “in his hammock till [this group] comes” in a Henry Newbolt poem titled for that man’s drum. The climax of Charles Kingsley’s novel “Westward (*) Ho!” centers on the failure of this group, which Medina Sidonia apologizes for in a play named for the son of this group’s leader. Lope de Vega was a real life member of this group who began writing a sequel to Orlando Furioso during their most famous action. Sir Francis Drake waited for, for 10 points, what group in Plymouth Hoe before he led the assault against them in 1588?**

ANSWER: **Spanish Armada** <NH>

22. *Description acceptable.* **Prior to this structure’s creation, one author wrote an essay inspired by a Kurt Lasswitz story in which he imagines the British Museum containing a solution to Fermat’s last theorem as well as the “secret and true history of Rome”. (+) This structure, which contains a closet for sleeping standing up and one to “satisfy one’s fecal necessities”, also houses a mirror next to “two spherical fruit” which the narrator calls lamps. Visitors of this structure rushed to find their (*) “Vindicators” here after an employee discovered the fundamental theorem of this place. This structure, which exists “et aeterno” and consists of 25 orthographical symbols houses a mysterious Crimson Room, which “Purifiers” seek while they destroy nonsensical works here. For 10 points, identify this place, home to every combination of letters in the universe which is divided into hexagonal rooms, the subject of a Borges story.**

ANSWER: the **Library of Babel** <NH>

23. **Decebalus gave the slave Callidromus as a gift to one king of this empire. This empire lost control over Syria after its general Pharnapates lost the Battle of Amanus Pass. After capturing Dura-Europos, this empire subdued the Kingdom of Armenia and took Tigranes II as a hostage. Han emissary Gan Ying stayed in this empire’s capital of (+) Hecatompylos after sailors advised him not to sail to Rome. This empire utilized a technique that allowed them to fire composite bows accurately while retreating known as their namesake (*) “shot”. After Andragoras declared this empire’s precursor’s independence from the Seleucid Empire, he was killed by the first king of it, Arsaces I. For 10 points, name this empire which defeated Marcus Licinius Crassus at the Battle of Carrhae in Iran.**

ANSWER: **Parthian** Empire (accept **Arsacid** Empire before “Arsaces I” is mentioned) <HP>

24. **In a play by an author with this surname, Major von Tellheim is tortured by the title woman for rejecting her after she finds him with her old engagement ring. In a novel by another author with this surname, the protagonist's neighbor Slatter (+) is disgusted to see her servant Moses dressing her, shortly before Moses kills her. Marianelli attempts to delay the marriage between the title character and count Appiani on the order of (*) Hettore Gonzaga in play by an author with this surname, which he shares with an author who detailed the search for the title object in a novel narrated from yellow, blue, red, and black journals about the writer Anna Krull. For 10 points, give this surname of the author of *Emilia Galotti* and the author of *The Grass is Singing* as well as *The Golden Notebook*.**
ANSWER: **Lessing** (accept Doris **Lessing** or Gotthold Ephraim **Lessing**) <NH>