

1) An opera about this character is the subject of a long paper by University of Miami music professor Jeffrey Stern, in which he argues that opera should be considered among the canon of American opera classics along with the works of Menotti and Copeland. That opera about this character features an aria in which another character describes watching this man and seeing “a Glimmer of hope until the very last minute”. That opera about this character is by William Schuman and is called *The Mighty this character*. A literary work about this character describes a “pall-like silence [falling]” after Cooney died at first, and Barrows did the same. That poem describes this man’s visage shining with a smile of Christian charity, while later the air shattered by the force of his blow. That poem about him describes a situation where the Mudville Nine are losing by two, before this title character disappoints a stadium full of fans by striking out. For 10 points, identify this character in an 1888 poem often used to teach introductory poetry, the most enduring work of Ernest Thayer. In which he is “At the Bat”

ANSWER: Casey

Answer some other questions about American operas adapted from American literature for ten points each:

[10] Marguerite Clarke set forty poems from this poetry collection in a work titled *Across this place*. This midwestern town is the setting of the poems “The Hill” and many others named for residents like Constance Hatley and Amanda Barker.

ANSWER: *Spoon River Anthology*

[10] John Eaton adapted this story by F Scott Fitzgerald into an opera. In it, a man is born as an old man and ages backwards.

ANSWER: *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*

[10] Douglas Allanbrook adapted this bestselling 1911 novel into an opera. Stephen Merritt sings about his love for this novel on a track off the latest Magnetic Fields album.

ANSWER: *Ethan Frome*

2) A recent song called At one of these structures describes a bleach blond with caterpillar eyes and a rugby shirt with a bumble bee pattern who “danced in my dream world”. That song off the Magnetic Field’s 50 Song Memoir is named for the year 1987. A Sally Link short story in which rich families employ Faces to cover for the deed of their criminal teenage progeny ends with the narator and his sister Hero being trapped in one of these structures after Hero dies of a snake bite. That story is Valley of the Girls. A song named for one of these structures opens “All my lover were there with me / all my past and futures” and features a series of soft and dissonant piano chords. A different song named for these structures puns of three different meanings of the word “cheetahs” and describes chandeliers moving by force and cymbals crashing inside of these structures. That song about these structures appears between the songs Crack Rock and Lost on an album and the other song named for these opens Radiohead’s Amnesiac. For 10 points, name these structures that name a long song on Frank Ocean’s Channel Orange in which he mentions a girl named Cleopatra.

ANSWER: Pyramids

Name some other things referenced in the new Magnetic Fields album *50 Song Memoir*, for 10 points each:

[10] In “They’re Killing Children Over There” Stephen recalls going to see this band live and the lead singer, Grace Slick, saying the title line. This band performs “White Rabbit” and “Somebody to Love”.

ANSWER: **Jefferson Airplane**

[10] The album’s fourth song is named for this actress and gay icon, who was called “The Elvis of the Homosexuals” by *The Advocate*. She also starred in films like *a Star is Born* and *The Wizard of Oz*.

ANSWER: Judy **Garland**

[5/5] For 5 points each, In “The Blizzard of ‘78” Stephen says that his old band was so bad that is made *this* band sound like *this other band*. The first was a cult teenage girl band from the 1960s New Hampshire known for their album *Philosophy of the World*, while the other was a popular prog rock band known for their song “Roundabout”.

ANSWER: The **Shaggs** and **Yes**

3) A director with this first name directed the short in VHS Viral in which a scientist creates a portal in his basement to a parallel world in which men and women’s genital resemble large toothed monsters. That director with this first name also directed Timecrimes, Open Windows, and the recent Anna Hathaway film Colossal. A monopsenanmous football player for Real Madrid goes by this name. A film character with this assumed first name meets another character called the emperor, who instructs him to climb an eagles nest and drink the yolk of an eagle egg to get better at a certain sport. The film character with this assumed name loves the nun Sister Encarnation and is friend with Steven, who all work at a Mexican orphanage and monastery, though this character dreams of becoming a luchador. For 10 points, give this common Spanish language name that also names a dish in which tortilla chips are covered with cheese and other foods.

ANSWER: **Nachos**

My girlfriend Anne Marie recently described the Nacho Vigalondo film *Colossal* as “terrible”. Name some other films I think are terrible that other people like, for 10 points each:

[10] I dislike this cult favorite 2002 Danny Boyle zombie film for its sloppy cinematography and annoyingly used soundtrack. It ends with some characters flagging down a plane to escape zombie infested England.

ANSWER: **28 Days Later**

[10] Though I really wanted to like this recent anthology horror film completely directed by women, I walked out of the theater remarking that it might have been the worst movie I’d ever seen in a theater. It features the directorial debut of Annie Clark, aka St. Vincent.

ANSWER: **XX**

[10] Perhaps more predictably bad is this boring and unsexy adaptation from an E L James bestseller. It contains gems of dialogue like “I have a GPS and a masters degree, I think I can find out where I am going”.

ANSWER: **50 Shades of Grey**

4) Note: Singular or plural answer acceptable. An album called this features the catchy refrain, “if you can’t do the math, then get out of the equation” and later references star 69ing someone in its

song “The Math”. The most famous song on that album called this begins “let’s go back/ back to the beginning / back to when the Earth the sun the stars all aligned”. A different 1975 album of this name collects outtakes and alternate cuts of Rolling Stones songs recorded from 1964-70 and features cover art with band members with the heads of insects. A literary work named for the plural of this tells the story of the love between the incestuous twins Canaus and Byblis and features a long speech by Pythagoras discussing the nature of change. In that work named for these events features a long argument over Achilles’ armor between Ulysses and Ajax, after which Ajax kills himself. That work named for these events features instances involving Cygnis, Glaucus and Scylla, Apollo and Daphnis, and Hecuba. For ten points, what event names an album of Hilary Duff and permeate the best known book by Ovid.

ANSWER: **Metamorphosis** (or **Metamorphoses**)

Given a character from Ovid’s *Metamorphoses*, give what they change into for 5 points each:

[5] Cygnus

ANSWER: **swan**

[5] Daphne

ANSWER: **tree**

[5] Callisto

ANSWER: **bear**

[5] Lycaon

ANSWER: **wolf**

[5] Galanthis

ANSWER: **weasel**

[5] Julius Caesar

ANSWER: shooting **star** or **comet** or similar answer

5) **In the film critic David Ehrlich’s video countdown of the top films of 2013, Skillex’s Scary Monster and Nice Sprites stops monetarily when a character played by Cate Blanchett says *this song was playing when... you guys know this song*”, right before a cover of this song plays over clips of that film and the film Nebraska. That piano cover of this song is by Conol Fowkes. This standard was written by Rogers and Hart in 1934 and may be the first pop song ever to use the now famous 1950s progression. Two different versions of this song were hits for Mel Torme and Billy Eckstine in 1949. A famous version of this songs was the doowop version recorded by The Marcells. In this song, someone whispers please adore me and then the title entity turns gold. In this song the title entity “sees me saying a prayer for / someone I really could care for” and “sees me standing alone / without a dream in my heart / without a love of my own”. For ten points, name this song that was a hit for Frank Sinatra in which a heavenly body appears a color that is associated with sadness.**

ANSWER: **Blue Moon**

Film critic David Ehrlich makes excellently edited countdown lists of the best films from each year, name some other films that appear on his 2013 countdown for 10 points each:

[10] This Baz Luhrmann film starring Leonardo DiCaprio features a soundtrack with the Lana Del Rey song “Young and Beautiful”. It is based on a novel in which Myrtle Wilson is hit by a car driven by Daisy.

ANSWER: **The Great Gatsby**

[10] The world's best documentary filmmaker Frederick Wiseman is on the list for this four hour film partly named for a prestigious west coast University in the bay area. In it, the daily lives of students and faculty of the school are shown in a fly-on-the-wall style.

ANSWER: **At Berkeley**

[10] This film by the Mexican director Carlos Reygadas is number 10 on the list. It features a spooky glowing devil-like character and is Latin for “Light After Darkness”

ANSWER: **Post Tenebrae Lux**

6) This company owned the patent to an agricultural technology developed by Leo and Tephia Leonis that would have led to much higher crop growth, but the leadership of that company repressed it for many years to increase their own profits. Controversy erupted when a woman attempted to sell her six year old daughter named Everi Chalis into slavery to an employee of this company. This company’s logo contains five stars arranged around the letter F all surrounded by a circle. This company operates a massive electronics plant in Akiva. This company attempted to establish a mining operation in Kellex but were repulsed by pirates in that area. This company attempted to assassinate two diplomats by pumping gas into a sealed room where those diplomats were expecting a meeting, but those two men escaped and destroyed much of this company’s property. This company was led in its later years by Lot Dodd and performs shipping using crafts that resemble alligators. This corporation which manufactures the AAT, along with the Commerce Guild, supported the CIS economically. The leaders of this organization, including Newt Gunroy, were killed on Mustafar by Anakin Skywalker years after this organization invaded Naboo. For 10 points, name this mega corporation run by the Nemoian race, which controls much of the shipping and trade in the Star Wars Galaxy.

ANSWER: **Trade Federation** (GENEROUSLY prompt on CIS or Confederacy of Independent Systems until mentioned)

The Nemoians may run the Trade Federation, but name some other alien species from the Star Wars prequels for 10 points each:

[10] The sith lord Jar Jar Binks is of course one of these amphibious creatures who live on Naboo and inhabit the underwater city of Otah Gunga

ANSWER: **Gungans**

[10] These fly-like creatures operate a droid factory on their home planet that is the site of the final battle of Episode II. They are playable in Battlefront II and speak a cool sounding click language.

ANSWER: **Geonosians**

[10] One of these giant spider-like green monsters is killed in the stadium in Geonosis. Also in Battlefront II, you have to kill several of these green monsters on their home planet of Vendaxa.

ANSWER: **Acklays**

7) **A 1994 Underworld song named for one of these people is often paired with their song Rez and features the repeated chant “everything everything”. A fashion model named Jenn Sterger goes by this alias relating to a characters she portrayed while attending Florida State University, and a clip of her as one of these people caused sports announcer Brent Musberger to says that 1500 red blooded Americans just applied to go to Florida State. These people name an artisanal cheese company based in California. These people are the mascots for the women teams at the University of Wyoming and Oklahoma State University. A novel about these people focuses on Sissy Hacksaw, whose enormous thumbs allow her to hitchhike very easily. Sissy, who is one of these people, was portrayed by Uma Thurman in a terrible film adaptation of that excellent book about these people. For 10 points, a Tom Robbins novel is titled that even these people get the blues, who also name a common sex position in which a female is on top.**

ANSWER: **Cowgirls**

Cowgirl is a popular sex position. Name some other sex positions from Wikipedia descriptions for 10 points each:

[10] “In this position, the participants face each other. The receiving partner lies on their back with legs apart, while the penetrating partner lies on top.”

ANSWER: **missionary**

[10] “The receiving partner is on all fours with their torso horizontal and the penetrating partner inserts either their penis or sex toy into either the vagina or anus from behind.”

ANSWER: **doggy** style

[10] “The receiving partner lies on their back with knees up and legs apart. The penetrating partner lies on their side perpendicular to the receiver, with the penetrating partner's hips under the arch formed by receiver's legs.”

ANSWER: **T-square**

8) **This fictional land was once bordered to the north by the land of Pirran, which was destroyed when a sacred pipe was destroyed in a conflict between the Plume, Auron, and Keras people, who later fled to an underground ocean underneath this land to three separate underground islands. This land was created from a monster-filled seas when a bunch of dragon breathed fire into the ocean, creating this landmass using molten rock. This land, which contains the a city on the plains completely overrun by rats and ruled by a giant snake, Forest of Silence and the Valley of the Mist, was menaced by the wicked Four Sisters, who could only be destroyed by waking seven long-dormant dragons. The first series featuring this land sees Leif, Barda, and Jasmine assemble seven magic gemstones hidden across this land to place in the title “Belt of” this place, which is just south of the Shadowland. For 15 points name this kingdom that names three series of books, including this places quest and dragons of this place, by Australian children’s fantasy author Emily Rodda.**

ANSWER: **Deltora**

Name some things about other fantasy book series I adored as a kid for 10 points each:

[10] This series of novels included entry’s like *Prince Caspian* and the highly underrated *The Magician’s Nephew*, in which the title land is created.

ANSWER: *Chronicles of Narnia*

[10] This series by D J MacHale feature Bobby and his Travalor companions going to worlds like Third Earth, Veelox, and Quillon. In a memorable scene, Bobby destroys the *Hindenburg* with a rocket to prevent Nazi victory in World War II.

ANSWER: *Pendragon*

[10] This is the mysterious villain of the ten Pendragon books. He commands an army of robotic Dados and challenges Bobby's morality at the "turning points" in the history of each of the worlds they travel to.

ANSWER: *Saint Dane*

9) **A book of literary criticism named for this work is a collaboration between David P Barish and his daughter Nanelle. That book named for this other work attempts to apply ideas put forth by evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins to the study of literature and features examples including the cost-benefit analysis of mate selection in the novels of Jane Austen, though this book is not by her. This novel references the now largely forgotten novel *Paul and Virginia*. Jonathen Settle recently mused why this work was more often cited by MRA types, to which I responded most MRA types cannot read. This novel is the subject of the critical work *The Perpetual Orgy* by Mario Vargas Llosa. The greyhound in the novel has the same name as the pet goat in Disney's *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. This book's author once famously said of its title character that she "C'est moi". This novel's title character's husband is a surgeon who botches a club foot operation. For 10 points, name this novel that involves lots of idealism and cuckoldry, a work by Gustave Flaubert.**

ANSWER: *Madame Bovary*

Name some other works discussed in *Madame Bovary's Ovaries* for 10 points each:

[10] This play is discussed in a chapter titled Male Sexual Jealousy. In it, the title Moor of Venice thinks he is a cuck but really his wife Desdemona is faithful.

ANSWER: *Othello*

[10] In chapter 4, after discussing the Madonna/Whore complex, the discussion turns to this novel. In it, Angel Clare and the title character confess their past sexual transgressions to each other; the title character forgives Angel Clare, but he cannot forgive her, demonstrating the thesis of men preferring to marry "unsoiled" women.

ANSWER: *Tess of d'Urberville*

[10] The book also discussed this trope, which is demonstrated by films like *Nights of Cabiria* and *Pretty Women*.

ANSWER: **hooker with a heart of gold** (accept descriptive answer indicating a **prostitute** is really a good person morally despite being very sexually active)

10) **Description acceptable. A recent episode of the Bookworm podcast recounts a story about how the poet Kenneth Koch may have inspired the first novel created with this literary technique in a session of office hours for a creative writing course. Later, Koch used this technique to create the aviation themed novel *The Red Robins*. Another novel created using this technique is by Edwin Denby and was originally published as *Scream in a Cave*, but was later republished as the much more aptly titled *Mrs. W's Last Sandwich*. Another novel created using this technique features swiss dada writer Blaise Cendrars as a recurring character and sees a group of four high school girls**

drive across the country from Chicago to San Francisco. Ted Berrigan used this technique to write his postmodern western novel *Clear the Range*, and Ron Padgett used it to write his recent novel *Motor Maids Across the Continent*. For 10 points, describe this technique, popular with the later beat writers, in which old pulp novels from the early 20th century are reworked into wacky postmodern works.
ANSWER: **editing** an already existing novel (accept literary **remixing**; accept **parody** accept any descriptive answer indicating they are using an already existing novel to make a new novel by changing key words and sentences, be very generous as this does not really have an official name)

Another group beside the beats that wrote using bizarre techniques was the French Oulipo movement. Answer some questions about them for 10 points each:

[10] Probably the best known of the Oulipos is the man, who wrote the excellent *Life: a User's Manual*. He also wrote about a Nazi-like society obsessed with bloodsport in his novel *W*.

ANSWER: Georges **Perec**

[10] A novel by Perec and Gadsby by Ernest Vincent Wright both completely omit this letter. The title of a Tao Lin novel about an Orlando Domino's Pizza employee features only this letter in the title.

ANSWER: **E** (the Tao Lin novel is EEEEE EEE EEEEE)

[10] *Singular Pleasures* is a novel by Harry Mathews in which he describes 61 different scenes, each told in a different style in which 61 different people all of different ages, nationalities, and walks of life perform this action.

ANSWER: **masterbation**

11) **A recent novel by Alvaro Enrigue that involves the history of this activity focuses on Caravaggio and the Spanish poet Francisco de Quevedo performing this activity using an object made of the hair of the executed Anne Boleyn. Michael Pemulis and Ortho Stice are both characters who engage in this activity frequently in a different novel. A recent collection of essays on this activity is titled *String Theory*, a features pieces about Michael Joyce and Tracy Austin. An 178 episode anime about this activity focuses on Ryoma Echizen, who attends a school for this activity. The Hitchcock film *Stranger on a Train* features a famous shot of a crowd of people watching this sport be played. A John Ashbery collection is named for an event that occurred in a location used for this sport, which was an event in the French Revolution. For 10 points, name this sport played in the novels *Sudden Death* and *Infinite Jest*, that is also the subject of the decent romcom film *Wimbledon*.**

ANSWER: **tennis**

The shot in *Stranger on a Train* with the all the heads in the crowd moving but one is pretty cool. Answer questions about other cool shots from Hitchcock films, for ten points each:

[10] Also in *Strangers on a Train* is a shoot of a strangling from below through on of these clear objects.

ANSWER: lens of a pair of **glasses**

[10] A famous shot from *Vertigo* features the appearance of Madaline in a room practically glowing with this color. It is generally thought that this color symbolises Scottie's vertigo.

ANSWER: **green**

[10] Hitchcock's film *Rope* appears to have this feature, as does *Birdman*, however both do not truly have this feature. The recent German film *Victoria* however, does have this impressive feature.

ANSWER: the film is all in **one take** (accept descriptive answers like **one shot**, **no cuts**, etc)

12) **The music video for a 2016 reworking of this song features a bizarre denouncement of Black Lives Matter and many black and white photos of dead children. That reworking of this song is credited as featuring, “The World”, however in reality it features Justin Timberlake, DJ Khaled, Jamie Foxx, ASAP Rocky and Jaden Smith, among others. That reworking of this song has a title in ALL CAPS behind a hashtag and features the line “this election lookin like a joke / meanwhile dealer still sellin dope”. This 2003 song’s music video features the recurring motif of a red question mark being posted all over a city. This song names the CIA, the bloods and crypts, and the KKK all as terrorist organizations. This song, which mentions “nations droppin bombs / chemical gasses fillin the lungs of little ones”, has a chorus that mentions people killing, people dying” and claims “we need some guidance from above” before asking the title question. For 10 points, name this track by the Black Eyed Peas that calls for world peace and egalitarianism.**

ANSWER: **“Where is the Love?”**

Name some other songs that ask where things are, for 10 points each:

[10] This Pixies track which plays at the end of *Fight Club* begins “With my my feet in the air and my head on the ground”. It is from *Surfer Rosa*.

ANSWER: **“Where is My Mind?”**

[10] This early Fall Out Boy song claims “you were the last good thing about this park of town”. This song also mentions waking up with pants on in 4 in the afternoon.

ANSWER: **“Grand Theft Autumn / Where is Your Boy”**

[10] This Bjork song from *Medulla* features a minimal bass synth line and repeatedly asks the title question. Its video features strange fungus creatures and is extremely unsettling.

ANSWER: **“Where is the Line”**

13) **The second album by british post-punk band the Horrors are named after these things. A 2007 prog metal album features jazz, bluegrass, and arena rock influences is called this. That album features tracks like “Informal Gluttony” and “Ants of the Sky” and is by Between the Buried and Me. An EP by Halsey is named after these things, and it's not Subways, but the first single from the Avalanches album *Wildflower* is named for these things. Donovan has three separate albums named for these. A Mountain Goats song from *All Hail West Texas* has a chorus that says “come on in / we haven’t slept for weeks / drink some of this / it’ll” give you this quality. An album partially titled for these things contains the memetic line “I’ll ride in that pussy like a stroller” and features songs like “Gosh” and “Loud Places” . The most recent Alabama Shakes album is named for Sound and this thing. For 10 points, Weezer has several albums titled after what quality of their album covers?**

ANSWER: **color** (accept *Primary Colors*; accept **Color** in your cheeks; accept *In Colour*; DO NOT ACCEPT specific colors as answers)

Given some bands or artists, give the color associated with one or more of their album titles, for 5 points each:

[5] Albums by Jets from Brazil and Frank Ocean’s, the later of which was already mentioned in this packet.

ANSWER: **orange**

[5] A Beatles double album and a Joan Didion collection of the exact same name. Also the newest Weezer album.

ANSWER: **white**

[5] Album by the Japanese noise rock band Boris, and an album by Youtube personality Furious Frank.

ANSWER: **pink**

[5] Albums by Jay-Z and Metallica

ANSWER: **black**

[5] A Dangermouse mashup album that caused copyright lawsuits.

ANSWER: **grey**

[5] Color associated with the second album by The Band.

ANSWER: **brown**

14) **The Sam Lipstye story “This Appointment Occurs in the Past” ends with a man dying while performing this specific action, while earlier he claims he would never be brave enough to try this action. In the film *Ken Park*, Tate engages in this activity. It has nothing to do with a pool, but in Chuck Palahniuk's infamous story “Guts”, this practice is discussed with relation to parents covering up its occurrence. Supposedly Michael Hutchence, the original singer of INXS and the baroque composer Frantisek Kotzwara died while performing this activity. His son's death while performing this activity sets the plot of the film *World's Greatest Dad* into motion. David Carradine may have died in manner when he was found in a closet in Thailand and evidence was found of a recent orgasm. For 10 points, name this sexual practice, in which cut off one's own air supply supposedly leads to a stronger organism.**

ANSWER: **auto-erotic asphyxiation** (or equivalents)

Answer some questions about some other things discussed in the Sam Lipstye story “This Appointment Occurred in the Past”, for 10 points each:

[10] The story contains the amazing line “In truth, of which there can be no certainty, the *this man* phallus must be unfurled from the constrictive denim of manufactured desire's sweatshop.” This 1970s singer is known for his talking guitar technique and his album *his last name* Comes Alive.

ANSWER: Peter **Frampton**

[10] The narrator and his ex-lover Brianna cross paths years after their affair in this Texas city. This notably weird non-Austin city features supernatural floating lights, a hippie art collective, and is the setting of the book and TV show *I Love Dick*.

ANSWER: **Marfa**, Texas

[10] In the story Davis is obsessed with Russian literature, particular this author, which is why he names his son Eugene Onegin.

ANSWER: Alexander **Pushkin**

15) **In the Rebecca Lee story “Slatland”, a man of this profession uses bizarre child-like phrases like “slatland flatland mapland” and “whirlie girl, dirty girl” and keeps several caged birds in his office. That man of this profession explains to Margit how to leave her body and view the world from a higher perspective and enter the title Slatland. In a Steven Soderbergh directed film, Jude Law and Catherine Zeta Jones portray characters of this profession, both of whom work with the**

central character played by Rooney Mara, who does not have this profession. In a novel, a character with this profession is told about an incident that involves masturbating with a piece of liver and is also told about a banana-munching character that is nicknamed Monkey. For 10 points, name this profession practiced by the character who listens to the title story in *Portnoy's Complaint* and several characters in *Side Effects*, who prescribe anti-depressants.

ANSWER: **Psychiatrist** (or **Therapist**; or **psychologist**; or **counselor**; prompt on doctor)

Answer some other questions about the story "Slatland" for 10 points each:

[10] It takes place in the plains of this country. This country is also home to writers like Michael Ondaatje and Alice Munro.

ANSWER: **Canada**

[10] Margit's lover is originally from this European country, which has seen a New Wave Film scene emerge of the past few years. This non-France nation has produced films like *The Treasure* and *4 Months, 3 Weeks, and 2 Days* from directors like Cristian Mungiu

ANSWER: **Romania**

[10] Margit is a scientist who studies this thing. The study of this can be divided into pedology and edaphology and regions of this substance classified as Spodosols or Entisols.

ANSWER: **soil** or **dirt**

16) The music website Tiny Mix Tapes creates yearly best of song mixes divided into five sections called coupe, cliff, alley, gym and this. The recent philosophy book Chaos Imagined by Martin Meisel discusses a sculpture by Giacometti called Hands Holding this thing as an excellent artistic example of chaos. It's not *Life A User's Manual*, but a popular Georges Perec novel is named for this thing. Religious scholars, when comparing Buddhist and Daoist cosmologies use the term "Vortex" to describe Daoist thought, and this contrasting term to describe Buddhist thought. A Gaspar Noe film partially titled for this thing sees a Tokyo drug dealer leaves his body after death and float around watching his friends have sex before he is reborn in his sister's womb. This thing names a 2016 horror film with a triangle motif. The space between galaxies in astronomy is called this. For 10 points, give this synonym for vacuum for a space containing no matter, that names a philosophical concept of nothingness manifested.

ANSWER: The **Void**

Name some artistic representations of the void, for 10 points each:

[10] Steve Roach {*emphasize NOT Steve Reich*} has made an album called *The Magnificent Void*, which is in this genre of music. Brian Eno sort of invented it and other notable artists include Biosphere and Gas.

ANSWER: **ambient** music

[10] This performance artist can be seen in a photo called *Holding Emptiness*, which is similar to Giacometti's sculpture. She is better known for sitting across from thousands of strangers in *The Artists is Present*.

ANSWER: Marina **Abramovic**

[10] This Beatles song calls the listener to "lay down all thoughts, surrender to the void". This song off *Revolver* featured heavily filtered vocals and a droning sitar part.

ANSWER: **"Tomorrow Never Knows"**

17) Description acceptable. In the film *Computer Chess*, this notably occurs when several characters visit a main character's mother's house. This happens in the Lars Von Trier film *Antichrist* in the first and final scenes while the Handel piece begins and ends playing. In *Stalker*, this happens when the three main characters travel out of the city and into The Zone, and this also happens in several other Andrei Tarkovsky films such as *The Sacrifice* and *Solaris*, though not *Ivan's Childhood*. This happens several times in *American History X*, to indicate jumps forward and backwards in time. This happens in the Gary Ross film *Pleasantville* as the town is exposed to more outside influences. This happens involving the coat of a little girl in *Schindler's List* and involving a flag in *Battleship Potemkin*. The most notable instance of this in film occurs after a girl is transported to a land inhabited by munchkins and flying monkeys via tornado. For 10 points, *The Wizard of Oz* uses what visual technique to distinguish between Kansas and Oz?

ANSWER: switching between **black and white** and **color** (or vice versa, both parts needed)

The black and white to color trick was used by several directors not mentioned in the above question, name some for 10 points each:

[10] It is used in *Raging Bull*, a film by this man. He also directed *Mean Streets* and *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

ANSWER: Martin **Scorsese**

[10] It is also used in *Rumble Fish*, a film from this guy who is better known for *The Godfather Trilogy*.

ANSWER: Francis Ford **Coppola**

[10] It was used in *A Matter of Life and Death* by this directing duo, who also gave the world the excellent musical *The Red Shoes*.

ANSWER: Michael **Powell** and Emeric **Pressburger**

18) The exchange rate of this currency has been relatively stable since 2001. The securities exchange market for this currency opens on Sundays before 12 pm, and the stalks' values fluctuate in the observed the weekly patterns of decreasing, Big Spike, Small Spike, or random. An infinite amount of securities can be purchased for between 90 and 110 of this currency, and the securities fall into either the distinction of red or white, with white being the riskier investment. This currency is commonly equated to the Japanese yen. The max amount of this currency that can be held at any one time is 1,584,999. A coin denomination of 100 is the lowest of this currency. This currency can be obtained by striking a money rock. This currency can be used to buy furniture and other good from the stores belonging to Tom Nook. For ten points, name this currency used to buy goods in the Animal Crossing series, and who the aptly named Animal Crossing character Isabell resembles.

ANSWER: **bells**

Answer some questions about a few of my favorite Animal Crossing villagers. For 10 points each:

[10] This white cat has a jock personality type and is one of the few villagers to wear a helmet. The quote that accompanies his portrait is "Spandex is the best disguise."

ANSWER: Kid Cat

[10] This ironically named dog has a lazy personality type. He is wrapped completely in bandages except for his black ears and a single yellow eye. His catchphrase is “rrr-owch.”

ANSWER: Lucky

[10] This bunny villager has a normal personality type and resembles a gyroid. Her home is designed to resemble an ancient crematorium, and she is the only villager whose face does not change expressions. She shares her name with a famous fashion designer with last name Chanel.

ANSWER: Coco

19) **Astra Taylor’s most famous film is a short documentary about a person of this profession, as she follows him around the world on a speaking tour. A Kirby Dick and Amy Ziering documentary about a famous person of this profession was made in 2002 shortly after that man’s death. Roberto Rossellini made a thematic tetralogy for films about several members of this profession throughout history. It’s not Farmer, but the final Bela Tarr film *The Turin Horse*, was inspired by a event in the life of a person with this profession. A Derek Jarman film about one of these people features a set that resembles the set of an absurdist play and the title character converses with a little green man from Mars that he imagines. In that film about a member of this profession, a conversation about the language of a lion is discussed, at the end of which it is concluded “to imagine a language is to imagine a way of life!”. That scene is sampled in a song by the rapper Milo, who majored in this subject in college. For 10 points, name this profession shared by the main characters of the films *Zizek*, *Wittgenstein*, and *Socrates*.**

ANSWER: philosopher (promot on similar answer such as scholar or professor)

Answer some other questions about the intersection between philosophy and film, for 10 points each:

[10] This Harvard thinker is known for his dense philosophical essays on the aesthetics of films. He posited that classic Hollywood comedies had just as much literary merit as Shakespeare’s comedies and wrote *Pursuits of Happiness*.

ANSWER: Stanley Cavell

[10] One controversy in film theory is the possibility of unreliable narration, which some theorists think is impossible because of the unambiguous nature of the camera’s image. A counter to this idea is this 1995 Bryan Singer film, in which Kevin Spacey plays a man who makes up the entire story of the film based on names he sees in an interrogation room.

ANSWER: *The Usual Suspects*

[10] Some thinkers have claimed that films can “do philosophy” by acting as well-realized thought experiments. This extremely popular Wachowski Sisters film from 1999 is usually used as an example of this. In it, Neo takes the red pill.

ANSWER: *The Matrix*

20) **Stelarc and Nina Sellars work *Blender* and Gu Wenda’s work *Oedipus Refound* are both artworks made using this general class of materials. Marc Quinn used a material of this type to create a bust of his own head. A series of paintings by Elito Circa including *Duterte in the Center of the Triangle* and *A Thousand and One Lives* use one of these material in the artist’s signature. Hermann Nitsch used several of these materials in his performance piece *Das Origen Mysterien***

Theater. Helen Chadwick one of these these materials and snow to make a series of artworks depicting flowers. Andy Warhol invited friends to apply some of these material to metallic copper pigments in his *Oxidation* series. Andres Serrano gained notoriety when he place a crucifix in a jar containing this material, causing much controversy. For 10 points, many edgy artist use what liquids to make art works like *Piss Christ* or *Blood and Cum*.

ANSWER: **bodily fluids** (accept **blood**, **vomit**, or **urine** or similar answers)

Name some other visual artists that caused controversy with their works, fo 10 points each

[10] This contemporary video artist caused shock with his virtual reality film *Real Violence* at the 2017 Whitney Biennial, as it comes with a trigger warning and age restriction. He also created a large kinetic sculpture in which a dummy is jerked around by chains, evoking a lynching.

ANSWER: Jordan **Wolfson**

[10] Maximo Caminero destroyed a vase used in an exhibit of this Chinese artist's work in 2014, which is interesting since this artist famously destroyed a "priceless" Han dynasty vase in a photo triptych.

ANSWER: **Ai Weiwei**

[10] This extremely wealthy Young British Artists not only makes works that many consider "not art" like submerging various dead animals in formaldehyde, but also has been accused of plagiarizing the work of other modern artists, like his rip off of John LeKay's series of crystal skulls.

ANSWER: Damien **Hirst**

21) **A recent musical theater show with this number in the title features a death-metal speed rendition of a Sleater-Kinney song and audience participation reenactments of the Oklahoma land rush and white flight to the suburbs. That work with this number in the title is by the singer and drag performance artist Taylor Mac and is a this many decade history of American pop music that last about this many hours. A 2016 Tamil language sci-fi time travel musical film is named after this number A indie film company with this number in the its title created *The Lobster*, *Moonlight*, *The Witch*, *Ex Machina*, *Spring Breakers*, and *Room* among other recent critical successes. The Madchester (not a typo) rock scene was documented in a film with this number in the title along with the phrase "party people". In Kanye West's "Runaway", Pusha T opens his verse by claiming pussy stays in his mind this many hours a day. For 10 points, give this number of hours per day Waffle House is open.**

ANSWER: **24**

Name some songs used in Taylor Mac's experimental 24 hour musical called *A 24 Decade History of Popular Music*, for 5 points each:

[5] This 1779 tradition song written by John Newton mentioned how the title idea "saved a wretch like me".

ANSWER: **"Amazing Grace"**

[5] This 1850 Stephen Foster hit asks ladies to sing this song, which presumably goes doo-dah, doo-dah. It also mentions a track 5 miles long.

ANSWER: **"Camptown Races"**

[5] An entire hour of the show is dedicated to this Gilbert and Sullivan opera, except it is set on Mars instead of Japan.

ANSWER: *The* **Mikado**

[5] This song originally by Pete Seeger says that “to every thing / there is a season”. The Byrds did a popular cover of it.

ANSWER: **“Turn! Turn! Turn!”**

[5] This experimental vocoder piece by Laurie Anderson is performed for the 1980s portion of the show. It is based on an aria from Jules Massenet’s opera *Le Cid*.

ANSWER: **“O Superman”**

[5] This homophobic Ted Nugent song is subverted to celebrate wearing tight pants and high heeled cowboy boots instead of making fun of them.

ANSWER: **“Snakeskin Cowboys”**

22) **A recent episode of the film podcast *The Next Picture Show* paired a film with this first word with *La La Land* for aesthetic and thematic similarities. In that film with this first word, a girl lies to her mother so she can go see the opera *Carmen* with her lover and that mother owns a store that sells these objects. In that film with this first word, a diamond dealer who the mother is interested in ends up marrying her daughter, who get pregnant out of wedlock. In that film with this first word, Guy (‘gee’) and Genevieve (‘ge-en-vee-ev’) meet years after their romance at a gas station and Genevieve earlier repeatedly sings “Je T’aime!” as Guy departs on a train to go fight in the war in Algeria. This object also names the evil corporation from the Resident Evil franchise. For 10 points, these “of Cherbourg” name a Jacques Demy musical romance film as well as a ten year old Rihanna song in which she asks if you want to stand under one of these**

ANSWER: **umbrella**

The Next Picture Show is a podcast that pairs a contemporary and classic film and discusses both of them. Name some pairing for 5 points per film:

[5/5] A recent episode pairs this 2017 space-horror film starring Jake Gyllenhaal where an alien rampages through a space station with this older Ridley Scott film starring Sigourney Weaver, the first film in which a Xenomorph rampages through a spacecraft.

ANSWER: **Life** and **Alien** (do not accept Aliens)

[5/5] Somewhat strangely, this most recent best picture winner about Chiron growing up in Miami is paired with this other 2000 Wong Kar Wai film set in Hong Kong. Both films deal with forbidden love and the later was named the second best film of the 21st century by the BBC.

ANSWER: **Moonlight** and **In the Mood for Love**

[5/5] The podcast paired these two Jim Jarmusch films together, his first and most recent films. The former is about a family of Hungarian immigrants to the US and the later in about a poet and busdriver in the title New Jersey City, which was also the home of William Carlos Williams.

ANSWER: **Stranger Than Paradise** and **Paterson**

23) **Jean-Michel Blais is a contemporary composer who mostly writes for this instrument. A recent album by a bandleader who plays this instrument features progressive jazz songs like “El Diablo”, “Adam & Eve” and “The Lucifer Rebellion”. That album by a player of this instrument is *Planetary Prince* by Cameron Graves, who plays this instrument in Kamasi Washington band. The jazz band The Bad Plus, who often covers pop song, uses this instrument to play the melodies in their versions of “Smells Like Teen Spirit” and “Heart of Glass”. The winner of the 2013 Grammy**

winning album for best R&B album plays this instrument for his band, Black Radio. That man is Robert Glasper. Vijay Iyer and Earl Hines both play this instrument. For 10 points, name this instrument that plays the opening of “Strange Meadowlark” and “Blue Rondo a la Turk”, both by Dave Brubeck.

ANSWER: piano

Name some female jazz musicians for 10 points each:

[10] This bassist and singer has come up in real quiz bowl questions lately. She has made the albums *Emily's D+Evolution* and *Radio Music Society*, and famously beat out Drake, Mumford and Sons, and Justin Bieber as best new artist for the 2011 Grammy, even though she was practically unknown then.

ANSWER: Esperanza Spalding

[10] This saxophonist and singer was a resident artist at the Whitney several years ago, where she did collaborative music and painting. She is known for her album series *Coin Coin* about a family of slaves.

ANSWER: Matana Roberts

[10] This woman is probably the most famous jazz harpist ever. She has albums inspired by Indian and Egyptian mystic traditions like *Journey in Satchidananda* and was the second wife of musician behind *A Love Supreme*.

ANSWER: Alice Coltrane

24) **A humorous sculpture by artist John LeKay uses several of these thing plus pig and Woody the Woodpecker masks in the work *Ring a Ring of Roses*. Dakimakura are Japanese products of this type. In a story, one of these things screams “I need to go poo poo!” before another character brushes that off by saying that that thing is lying and has no such needs. That short story, *Gogol's Wife* by Tommaso Landolfi, asserts that the title character was not a woman but one of these things. In a film, one of these things has nurses training and is a wheelchair bound missionary In that film starring Ryan Gosling, his character is in love with one of these thing named Bianca. For ten points, Lars and the Real Girl stars what type of object that can be bought by companies like CandyGirl and RealDoll.**

ANSWER: (inflatable) sex doll (or dummy or sex pillow similar answers)

Dakimakura are weird japanese sex dolls with anime characters on them. Name some other weird things from Japanese history, as told in that memetic “History of Japan” Youtube video, for 10 point each:

[10] After Japan was taken over by a another clique made up of Tenji, emperor Kotoku and Kajiwarra, it implemented these reforms, which did things like “making the government govern more” and “making the government more like China’s government, which is a government that governs more”.

ANSWER: Taika Reforms

[10] After Europe goes knock knock on Japan’s doors and it turns out to be the Dutch, it turns out that, no, they don’t want to take over, they just want to sell some shit. Like clocks. And guns. And this thing. Selling this thing to Japan is also the subject of the film *Silence*.

ANSWER: Jesus (accept Christianity)

[10] After the founding of the Ashikaga Shogunate, the video exclaims that “Now There's More Art!”, including painting with less colors, collaborative poetry, plays and “monkey fun”, which refers to this medieval theater than feature comic performances of acrobatics, juggling, and pantomime, which literally means “monkey music”.

ANSWER sarugaki

25) **One of this writer's works names the most recent book of literary criticism by Steven Moore. A poem by this man begins "trip into the light here abraham... what about this boss of yours & and don't tell me what you just do what you're told!". This author of "Pointless like a Witch" also wrote "oh the enemy- beware of the enemy - the enemy is santa claus!" in "The Vandals Took the Handles (an Opera)". This man's only poetry collection is 1971's Tarantula, as he is primarily known for work in a different style. This man is known for seemingly paradoxical statements like "I was so much older than / I'm younger than that now". In a later work, this man stated that "beauty walks a razor's edge / some day I'll make it mine" in "A Simple Twist of Fate", from the larger work *Blood on the Tracks*, which this man dislikes despite it being a fan favorite because of songs like "Idiot Wind" and "Tangled Up in Blue". For 10 points, name this winner of the 2016 Literature Nobel and singer behind "Like A Rolling Stone".**

ANSWER: Bob **Dylan** (accept Robert Allen **Zimmerman** but call them a pedant)

Complete some Dylan lyrics for 10 points each:

[10] In "Rainy Day Woman #12 and 35" Dylan describes various modes of persecution. The refrain states that "one should not feel so all alone" as "everybody must" *this two word phrase*, which creates a double entendre.

ANSWER: **get stoned**

[10] This first line of "Desolation Row" refers to the hanging of three black men in Duluth, who were members of a traveling circus accused of rape. The incident was recorded in a famous photograph, thus this first line.

ANSWER: **"They're selling postcards of the hanging"**

[5/5] For 5 points each, In "All Along the Watchtower" these two characters converse, with the first saying "there must be some kind of way out of here". They also name a Wolfmother song.

ANSWER: The **Joker** and The **Thief**

27) **The sex comedy film Manfast was set and filmed in this city, and it is the setting of the Neighborhood series of novel by Adrian Foeglin. In August Wilson's, Fences Alberta is originally from this city. A chain of pizza restaurants in this city notably stole their pizza recipe from an older pizza restaurant here called Barnaby's, which was known for making pizza so hot it would often cause burns. A quiz bowl team from this city tied for 8th place at 2017's MSNCT. An album named for this city follows the fictional Alpha couple's move here and features songs like "Old College Try" and "Peacocks". Northeast of this city lies Lake Jackson, the home of a minor Civil War battle, and this city is also the site of the Spanish Mission San Luis. The recently completed Cascades Park in this city lies on Monroe Street, while Leon High School lies on Tennessee Street, which is really highway 90. For 10 points, name this home to Florida State University and the capital of Florida.**

ANSWER: **Tallahassee, FL**

Names some bands and musical artists associated with Tallahassee, for the stated number of points each:

[5] While it may be tempting to say that Rick Scott is the worst thing involved with Tallahassee, that honor may go to this post grunge band known for songs like "Higher" and "With Arms Wide Open"

ANSWER: **Creed**

[5] This is probably the most famous rapper from Tallahassee, and by the way the T in his name stands for Tallahassee! He is known for bangers like “I’m ‘n Luv (Wit a Stripper)” and “Buy U a Drank”

ANSWER: **T-Pain**

[10] This rainbow haired singer now lives in Tallahassee. He was the frontman of Funkadelic and Parliament and shares his name with a New York governor and vice president.

ANSWER: George **Clinton**

[10] This math rock band from Tallahassee is known for albums like *This is Animal Music* and *To Bed to Battle*. Tallahassee institution Momo’s Pizza formerly had bathrooms themed around this band.

ANSWER: **Look Mexico**

28) **Popular auctions for these objects include the Barrett-Jackson auction in Scottsdale Arizona and the RM Milton Robson Sale in Gainesville Georgia. Museums dedicated to these objects include the Gilmore in Hickory Corners Michigan and the Peterson in Los Angeles. Itasha is a Japanese movement of decorating these things with anime and video game characters.** The Vocho is one of these things decorated with traditional Huichol beadwork of Mexico. The most famous work by artist Chip Lord is a public art installation in Amarillo Texas that uses these objects. Performance artist Chris Burden was famously crucified on one of these objects in 1974. Popular Mechanics named the GTO 250 as the best designed example of, for 10 points, what vehicles manufactured by Ferrari and GM.

ANSWER: **cars** (accept **automobiles**)

My dad knows everything about cars. Name some other thing my dad likes for 10 points each:

[10] My dad’s favorite book series is this one by Upton Sinclair with entries like *Dragon’s Teeth* and *Between Two Worlds*. In it the title character actively participates in many world events in the early 20th century.

ANSWER: **Lanny Budd** series

[10] My dad sometime claims that this 1967 prison film starring Paul Newman as his favorite movie ever. He often quotes the most famous line from this film “What we have here is a failure to communicate”

ANSWER: **Cool Hand Luke**

[10] My dad usually lists this band as one of his top three favorites, along with The Beatles and The Beach Boys. This band performs “Life in the Fast Lane” and “Hotel California”.

ANSWER: (The) **Eagles**

29) **In 2010 the South African government announced that it would stop funding a nuclear reactor in that country that used this substance as a coolant. Nuclear reactors that use this substance as a coolant include Pebble Bed Modular Reactors and Prismatic Reactors, the latter of which included a former reactor in Fort St. Vrain Colorado. Devices filled with a certain isotope of this element are widely used in radiative neutron detections, and are called this element “tubes”. This element is often used as the “fill gas” in the gap in nuclear fuel rods. This element features higher thermal conductivity than water, making it a desirable coolant for certain generation four reactors, however shortages of it are making this goal impossible as much of this gas escapes through the atmosphere. For 10 points, name this noble gas whose nucleus is an alpha particle.**

ANSWER: **helium** or **(He)**

Named some other substances used in nuclear power generation, for 10 points each:

[10] This element with atomic number 92 is enriched to increase the amount of its fissionable 235 isotope in facilities that make nuclear fuel.

ANSWER: **Uranium**

[10] While all the currently operating commercial US nuclear plants use H₂O as a coolant, all Canadian nuclear reactors use this similar substance.

ANSWER: **heavy water** (or **D₂O** or **deuterium dioxide**; DO NOT accept or prompt on just water or H₂O)

[10] Another coolant used in some reactors worldwide is this metal, used in several French and Russian plants. Though this metal has high thermal conductivity and low melting point, its disadvantages as coolant include its destructive chemical reactivity.

ANSWER: **sodium** (or **Na**)

30) **The 2016 documentary *Tickled* was made by filmmakers from this nation. In a film from this country, a woman shows a neighbor boy her collection of toys horses while her lover pretends to meditate. That couple from a film from this country met after the woman was told by a fortune teller that she would fall for a man with a question mark on his face, which her lover's had made by a tuft of hair and a mole. That film, *Sweetie*, was famously booed at Cannes and is by the director Jane Campion, who is from this country. A musical TV show from this country includes songs like "Too Many Dicks on the Dance Floor" and "The Most Beautiful Girl in the Room". This country is the setting of the films "The Hunter for the Wilderpeople" and "What We Do in the Shadows". For 10 people, name this country of origin of musical comedy duo Flight of the Conchords.**

ANSWER: **New Zealand**

Name some other films that were booed at Cannes, a quite common occurrence actually, for 10 points each.

[10] This American film was booed after winning the Palme D'or in '94. It features The eating of a tasty Big Kahuna Burger at gunpoint and a discussion of the French Royale with cheese.

ANSWER: **Pulp Fiction**

[10] This Sofia Coppola biopic about a French monarch played by Kirsten Dunst was booed, maybe because of its use of indie pop songs in the soundtrack of a film set in the 18th century.

ANSWER: **Marie Antoinette**

[10] This genuinely transgressive Gaspar Noe film from 2002 was perhaps more understandably booed as it features brutal fire hydrant face smashing and a nine-minute rape seen, as well as reverse chronology.

ANSWER: **Irreversible**