

META (Monstrosity of Ethnographic and Theological Academia)

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Round 1

1. In one book, these creatures were said to live in Magnesia as descendants of the Pelasgians, and worship Leucothea as a maternal deity, which was associated with the wryneck. That book references an essay by its author in which he suggests that these creatures ate hallucinogens called amanita muscaria and hundred clawed toads. Another book by that author suggests that the etymology of these creatures' names and a similar race share the word (*) "Psintchithpers" and that traces of their language can be found in modern Albania. In addition to speculation about these creatures in "The White Goddess", Robert Graves suggested that they may have descended from Ixion. One of them, Eurytus, caused a conflict with a similar race of creatures after he ran off with Hippodamia, inciting the fury of Pirithous and Theseus. For 10 points, identify these creatures, who fought with the Lapiths and include Chiron among their ranks.

ANSWER: centaurs <Mythography> <NH>

2. A 1909 monument to this monarch was controversially referred to him as "the hippopotamus." This monarch almost instigated war with Britain after he fortified the town of Panjdeh. Konstantin Pobedonostsev inspired this non-German monarch to create a set of "May Laws" which greatly restricted the rights of Jews. The Okhrana arrested Alexander Ulyanov for plotting to assassinate this monarch. Bismarck organized an alliance between this monarch and Franz Josef I in the (*) League of the Three Emperors and had earlier signed the Reinsurance Treaty with this monarch, earning him the epithet of the "Peacemaker." This monarch legendarily saved his family by lifting up a derailed train car at Borki Station. This monarch was crowned along with his wife Maria Feodorovna after the People's Will threw a bomb that killed his father. For 10 points, name this czar who reinstated repressive policies after the reign of Alexander II.

ANSWER: Alexander III [prompt on Alexander] <European History> <HP>

3. This leader hired Burson-Marsteller to create bumper stickers that read that his countrymen "were righteous and humane." Until 2006, the "Full Stop Law" banned the government from prosecuting officials for committing genocide during this leader's regime. This leader planned to invade his neighbor in Operation Soberania after disputing with that neighbor over the islands of Picton, Nueva, and Lennox. Task Unit 2 utilized the Navy School for Mechanics as a detention center to torture this leader's enemies. Playwright Eduardo (*) Pavlovsky fled to Spain after this man came to power. Azucena Villaflor founded the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo to protest this man's government for murdering thousands of children known as the *desaparecidos*. With the assistance of Operation Condor, this leader established the National Reorganization Process after overthrowing Isabel Peron. For 10 points, name this Argentinian dictator who led the Dirty War against his citizens.

ANSWER: Jorge Rafael Videla <World History> <HP>

4. In addition to collaborating with Daniel Barenboim on the musical text *On Late Style*, this thinker and Barenboim established the West-East Divan Orchestra in Seville, Spain. In a book by this thinker, the section “Knowledge and Power” discusses the “invisible screen” the Western media uses to present its regressive view of Islam. This man compares imperialist themes in the literature of Gustave Flaubert and his contemporaries in the essay “The Native Under Control”, part of his collection (*) “Culture and Imperialism”. In addition to writing *Covering Islam*, this thinker wrote a book which calls Egypt “the vindication of Western imperialism” and argues that the West has romanticized the title concept, to the point of isolating it. For 10 points, identify this Palestinian thinker behind the book *Orientalism*.

ANSWER: Edward Wadie Said (SIGH-EED) <Political/Geographic Thought> <NH>

5. It’s not Ireland, but George Cornwall Lewis is best known for his impassioned speeches that antagonized this country against the interests of Lord Palmerston. The Baron d’Erlanger agreed to provide his namesake loans to this country after he married the daughter of one of this country’s diplomats. The firm Fraser, Trenholm, and Company helped to circumnavigate a blockade of this country by using the *Syren*. Their effort became ineffective after the capture of Fort Fisher in this country. Soldiers from this country attempted to invade (*) Vermont through Canada during the St. Albans Raid. While implementing an embargo, this country inadvertently exacerbated a famine in Lancashire. After two diplomats from this country were caught aboard the *HMS Trent*, British support for this country fell. For 10 points, name this country which attempted to coerce European countries to trade with it during the Civil War by using “cotton diplomacy.”

ANSWER: Confederate States of America [accept the Confederacy] <American History> <HP>

6. In one novel, this character begins an apprenticeship at a flower shop with Madame Lerat shortly after receiving her First Communion and running away from home. In another novel, a horse named for this character beats out Spirit and Valerio II in a race that earns her 40,000 francs. This character dresses up a lover as a girl and treats him like a son before sleeping with him in a house purchased for her by Steiner. That lover stabs himself in the chest after this character refuses his marriage proposal (*) three times.

Bordenave gives the lead role in the operetta *The Blonde Venus* to this character, who dies under the care of Rose Mignon during an invasion of the Prussian Army. This daughter of Gervaise who first appears in *L’Assommoir* is pursued by men including Georges Hugon and the religiously zealous Comte Muffat. For 10 points, identify this promiscuous actress, the protagonist of an eponymous novel by Emile Zola.

ANSWER: Anna Coupeau [or Nana; accept any of the underlined parts] <Long Fiction> <NH>

7. The speaker notes “The poet should be the servant of his language” in a lecture about translating this author’s poetry entitled “What [this author] Means to Me.” An essay titled for the name of this author takes in account criticisms of him by Henry Sidgwick and M. Hauvette when analysing his poetry. That essay named for this man attempts to disprove an argument put forth by Paul Valéry about philosophy in poetry using this author’s writing as a case study. “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock” opens (*) with a six line quote from a poem by this author, while in “The Waste Land”, the speaker calls Ezra Pound “the better craftsman”, in reference to a poem by this man. T.S. Eliot had an obsession with, for 10 points, what poet, exemplified in Eliot’s poem “Little Gidding” which employs a terza rima rhyme scheme?

ANSWER: Dante Alighieri [accept “What Dante Means to Me” before “this author’s”] <Short Fiction> <NH>

8. In a novel named for these objects, Doctor Javier falsely predicts that the darker of two twins, Rosalinda, will die first, despite her brother Rafael's death weeks later. That novel named for these objects gets its title from the phrase "travay te pou zo" uttered by the protagonist who meets Tibon while fleeing her country with Yves. The physically abusive Joe Gillayley cares for the mute boy Simon, who grows an attachment to the artist Kerewin in a novel titled for these objects written by (*) New Zealand author Keri Hulme. Rebeca arrives at the house of José Arcadio Buendía carrying a bag of these objects in *One Hundred Years of Solitude*. Amabella Desir seeks out her lover Sebastien Onius after fleeing the Dominican Republic in a novel titled *The Farming of* [these things] by Edwidge Danticat. For 10 points, identify these things which Precious Auntie's mother medicinally sets in a novel by Amy Tan.

ANSWER: bones <Long Fiction> <NH>

9. In response to an accusation of being Jewish by the newspaper *Crisol*, this author wrote "my Judaism is wordless, like the songs of Mendelssohn" in which he traces back his ancestry to disprove that claim, while arguing that he would be proud to be a Jew. This author argued that Nazism considers itself a "barbarism" and that "Hitler wants to be defeated" in an essay on the Nazi defeat in Paris. In a book review, this author remarked that "incredibly [H.G.] Wells is not a Nazi" before asserting that "nearly all my colleagues are, though they either deny it or don't know it." The protagonist of one of this man's stories calls war and glory "facilities" before abruptly mentioning that he was made "subdirector of the concentration camp at Tarnowitz" (*). That character reflects on his brother Friedrich's death and asserts "My flesh may be afraid; I am not." before appearing in front of a firing squad. SS officer Otto zur Linde is killed in "Deutsches Requiem", a short story by, for 10 points, what author who fervently wrote against fascist sympathizers in his home country of Argentina?

ANSWER: Jorge Luis Borges <Short Fiction> <NH>

10. In his *Lives*, Vasari tells of how a peasant asked Leonardo create a now-lost painting of this object using the peasant's newly-cut fig wood. *The Death of Jezebel* and *The Rape of the Sabine Women* are paired with a Luca Giordano painting that depicts a figure in blue thrusting this object at men holding spears. A painting of this object became known as *Murtola* after Gaspare Murtola wrote a madrigal praising that painting. Michael Cole notes how in one sculpture, protrusions from this object resemble coral in an essay titled for that sculptor's "blood." Peter Paul Rubens showed (*) snakes emerging out of a pool of blood in a painting depicting this object. A painting by Caravaggio that depicts this object in a green background is housed in the Uffizi. In a sculpture in the Loggia dei Lanzi, this object is held in the left hand of a figure wearing winged sandals and a cap. For 10 points, name this object which is being held by Perseus in a Benvenuto Cellini sculpture.

ANSWER: Medusa's head [prompt on Medusa by asking "what specific body part?"] <European Art> <HP>

11. A state founded by these people was created following its founder's imprisonment of the Himyar King Hassan for two years. These people agreed to grant foreigners protection against discrimination through the Hilf al-Fudul after a Zabid trader was denied money for the sale of his goods. These people worshipped an idol with a golden hand that was traditionally surrounded by seven arrows known as Hubal. These people proclaimed that nobody should marry or give their women to marriage to members of the (*) Banu Abdul Muttalib or Banu Hashim. These people agreed to a ten-year peace after signing the Treaty of Hudaibiyyah, which also allowed for the "First Pilgrimage" to occur. These people lost the Battle of Badr to the newly converted *Ansar*. Two years later, Abu Sufyan would surrender these peoples' capital and convert to Islam. For 10 points, name this Arab tribe which originally controlled Mecca until the advent of the Rashidun Caliphate.

ANSWER: Quraysh Tribe [prompt on Arabs, Meccans, Bedouins; if someone answers with "Banu" + "name of clan," ask them to be less-specific] <World History> <HP>

12. The speaker of a poem says that “New York” has the face of a “closed window”, which this person will open. The speaker of that poem, “A Grave For New York” by Adunis, remembers that he didn’t see this person “in Manhattan and I saw everything.”. The speaker says either “the voice of the Bible” or “the verse of [this person]” will reach the title character in Ruben Dario’s poem “To Roosevelt”. In another poem, the speaker asks this writer “Which (*) way does your beard point tonight?” after reminding him “The doors close in an hour”. That poem opens with the speaker considering “What thoughts I have of you tonight” and later remarks that he sees this “childless, lonely old grubber, poking among the meats in the refrigerator and eyeing the grocery boys.” “A Supermarket in California” by Allen Ginsberg references poems by, for 10 points, what American author of “Song of Myself”?

ANSWER: Walt Whitman <Extra/Other Literature> <NH>

13. Ramon Muntaner prevented one side’s army from crossing the Pyrenees during this conflict’s Battle of the Col de Panissars. An early event in this conflict saw the massacre of friars who were unable to pronounce the word “ciciri” and was probably stirred up by John of Procida. The Peace of Caltabellotta, which ended this conflict, awarded the Kingdom of Trinacria to Frederick III. Pope Martin IV appealed to James II of Majorca and Philip the Bold to crusade against this conflict’s victor. Admiral Roger of Lauria encircled Charles of Salerno’s navy at the Battle of the Gulf of (*) Naples during this conflict. After a monarch killed Manfred at the Battle of Benevento, Manfred’s son-in-law, Peter III of Aragon, claimed that monarch’s throne, sparking this conflict. For 10 points, name this conflict that began with a 1282 rebellion that overthrew Charles of Anjou on the namesake island.

ANSWER: War of the Sicilian Vespers [accept Aragonese Crusade] <European History> <HP>

14. In one of these works, images of “Anna Karenina throw[ing] herself in front of the train, and Julien Sorel climb[ing] to the scaffold” are said to evoke the same shudders “in the reader who worships Buddha, Confucius, Christ, Allah, or is an agnostic.” “The feeling [of] the steady, searching gaze of a dispassionate observer on my back.” is expounded upon in one of these works by Imre Kertesz entitled “Heureka!” The speaker of another of these works asks “There is only the question: When will I be blown up?” before later asserting “I decline to accept the end of man.” One of these works states “The Sandinistas (*) weren't perfect” in an extended criticism of US foreign policy. That work of this type entitled “Art, Truth and Politics” was recorded in 2005 as its author’s health precluded him from reading it live. The Soviet Union prevented Boris Pasternak from creating, for 10 points, what type of work, written by the winner of a major literary award?

ANSWER: Nobel Prize in Literature acceptance speeches [accept Nobel Lecture; prompt on speech] <Extra/Other Literature> <NH>

15. The *mai shafe* added finishes to buildings made of this material. The trader Ayuba supposedly determined the location for a building made of this material in Larabanga by throwing a spear and watching where it landed. A building made of this material is refurbished by the local community in an annual festival known as the *Crepissage*. That building made of this material has minarets which are topped by ostrich eggs. A building made with this material was imitated when creating the Missiri in Frejus, France. A tomb made of this material for (*) Askia Muhammad was built in the Sudano-Sahelian style. Buildings made of this material were often reinforced with wooden beams, and the architect al-Sahili primarily worked with this material. For 10 points, name this material which was used to create the Djinguereber Mosque and Sankore Madrasah in the Mali Empire.

ANSWER: mud brick [accept adobe] <World Art> <HP>

16. *Description Acceptable*. In a series of lectures on performing this action, the speaker tells the reader they must be “rapid in movement, plain in speech, simple in thought, and noble” when performing it, before elucidating the “allusive and compressed manner” which Dante and Milton possess if they were to perform it. Those lectures by Matthew Arnold criticized William Cowper and Ichabod Crane Wright attempts at performing this action. In a preface entitled “To the Reader”, an author states that some writers “fail'd to search his deep and treasurous heart” when performing this action, and explains why (*) English is a suitable language with which to perform it. That preface is part of a larger work which one poet heard “speak out loud and bold” before feeling like “some watcher of the skies.” Keats fawned over the product of George Chapman performing, for 10 points, what action, which made the *Iliad* accessible for English readers?

ANSWER: **translating Homer** into English [accept more specific nouns like **Iliad** or **Odyssey** for **Homer**]
<Literary Criticism/Theory> <NH>

17. This man paid for an exhibit inside the Capitol that displayed two soldiers inside a bamboo cage, as he fervently believed that American POWs in Vietnam were being abandoned. Citizens funded this man’s presidential campaign through the organization United We Stand America. *On Wings of Eagles* by Ken Follett details how this man hired ex-Colonel Arthur Simmons to rescue two of his employees during a hostage crisis in Iran. That company was bought by (*) General Motors in 1984 and is Electronic Data Systems. This man ran with James Stockdale in his most successful run for president. On the Larry King Live Show, this man debated Al Gore over the signing of NAFTA, which he had earlier referred to as a “giant sucking sound”. For 10 points, name this man who garnered 18% of the vote while running as an independent candidate in the Election of 1992.

ANSWER: Henry Ross **Perot** <American History> <HP>

18. In Javanese culture, the term *empu* refers to a group of these people that are more skilled than the *pandai besi*. The front panel of the Franks Casket depicts the Adoration of the Magi alongside a scene involving a legendary one of these people. In West Africa, these people are called “husbands” because their work is analogized to pregnancy. Joseph Wright of Derby painted over a piece of gold leaf that he included in one of five paintings he made of scenes involving these people. These craftsmen create objects called “parang,” “golok,” and (*) “kris.” After his first visit to Italy, Diego Velázquez painted a scene from Ovid’s *Metamorphoses* in which Apollo enters the domain of a god of these craftsmen. Recent studies have found carbon nanotubes in weapons created by these craftsmen in Damascus. For 10 points, name these craftsmen who work in forges.

ANSWER: black**smiths** [accept answers indicating people who **work** with **iron** or **steel**; prompt on metalworkers]
<Art Criticism/Theory/Misc.> <JF>

19. A Modernist shrine in Ermesinde, Portugal named for this thing was founded in 1957. A white scapular dedicated to this thing was approved in 1900 by Leo XIII. A congregation dedicated to educating young women named for this object was founded by St. Madeleine Sophie Barat during the French Revolution. A prayer of consecration to this object is named for Maria Droste von Vischering, while a nun who names another consecration had a vision of it in which she was instructed to have a Holy Hour on Thursdays and to create a feast for it celebrated 19 days after Pentecost. Those devotions were promulgated by Saint (*) Margaret Mary Alacoque (AL-ICK-OH), who also received a list of 12 promises made to devotees of it. An image of this object crowned with thorns appears with a similar one pierced by a sword on Miraculous Medals. For 10 points, identify this body part, the subject of numerous Catholic devotions.

ANSWER: Sacred **Heart of Jesus** <Religion> <NH>

20. It was not authored by Plato, but in chapter six of *The Open Society and Its Enemies*, Karl Popper remarks how a passage from this text “admirably formulated... the fundamental aims of the egalitarian movement.” Jonathan Monten cites this text as the first to illustrate the modern realist perspective of international relations theory. A speech from this text notes how “We throw open our city to the world, and never by alien acts exclude later foreigners from any opportunity” and later notes how (*) “Comfort, therefore, not condolence is what I have to offer.” Graham T. Allison named a phenomenon in which a rising power instills fear into an established power after this book’s author. A famous account from this text details how one side said “The strong do what they can and the weak suffer what they must” while they destroyed Melos. For 10 points, name this work by Thucydides which details a conflict between the Delian League and Sparta.

ANSWER: *History of the Peloponnesian War* <Historiography> <HP>