

**META (Monstrosity of Ethnographic and Theological Academia)**

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**Round 6**

1. *Two answers required.* **Walter Lippmann compiled speeches made by a leader of one of these two countries to the other and Canada in a memoir subtitled “The Heart of Asia.” The Pressler Amendment stopped one of these two countries from sending aid to the other on the grounds of preventing the other country from obtaining nuclear weapons. One of these two countries built Camp Badaber in the other, which was used to train guerillas during Operation (\*) Cyclone. During a 1971 conflict, one of these two countries deployed Task Force 74 to assist the other. The Blood Telegram decried the reluctance of one of these two countries to stop a genocide committed by soldiers of the other. During that genocide, Lawrence Lifschultz posited that one of these two nations assisted the other by coordinating the assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. For 10 points, name these two nations, one of whose secretary of state, Henry Kissinger, allied with the other to prevent Bangladeshi Independence.**

ANSWER: **United States** of America and **Pakistan** [prompt on partial answers] <American History> <HP>

2. **This character is said to create tension in the reader with his “mythopoeic grandeur” and the narrator’s subsequent “discursive condemnation” of him according to William Kerrigan’s book *The Sacred Complex*. One author discusses the confusion behind the phrase “gently rais’d” when describing this character in a book entitled “How [the author who created him] Works”. In another book by that author, this character is called the “true materialist” of the work he appears in following a discussion about his lack of free will, which later prompts the author to ask “why does [this character] fall?”. A book arguing that character “was intended to strike terror into the reader” also asserts the author’s (\*) Arianism affected the motivation for this character’s main action; that book is by William Empson. In a book about the poem in which he appears, the author compares its author’s views of sophistry to Plato’s by arguing that this character’s rhetoric appeals to emotion. *Surprised by Sin* by Stanley Fish connects the modern readers’ evil impulses to temptation stemming from, for 10 points, what character who tempted Adam and Eve in *Paradise Lost*?**

ANSWER: **Satan** <Literary Criticism/Theory> <NH>

3. **Two prominent workshops during the Qing Dynasty that produced art from this good were divided into the North and South schools in Beijing and Guangzhou, respectively. A statue of the goddess Lakshmi in this material was uncovered in Pompeii and depicts her clasping her hands behind her back. A set of works made in this material created by the Kushan Empire are named after the city of Begram. Medallions that depict two men taking eggs from a falcon’s nest and two horse riders picking dates are depicted on an artwork made of this material, the (\*) Pyxis of Al-Mughira. Japanese sculptors often used a type of this material obtained from the helmeted hornbill to create netsuke. Oliphants made of this material by the Kongo Kingdom were greatly desired by Portuguese traders. For 10 points, name this material which was used in the west for Chryselephantine sculptures.**

ANSWER: **ivory** <World Art> <HP>

4. While serving as the first British Chief Commissioner in this country, Oliver Wardrop and his wife, Marjory, translated many of its local folk tales. Peasants revolted in this country over extremely high taxes in the Guria rebellion. An ultra-nationalist figure from this country popularized the slogan “Homeland, Language, Religion” and published his ideas in *The Hermit*. A former world leader got his political start after joining this country’s first socialist party, the Mesame Dasi. Resistance against an occupying country in this country took place during the 1924 (\*) August Uprising. In the Mingrelian Affair, communists with perceived allegiance to Lavrenty Beria were purged in this country. A leader of this country who had previously served as Mikhail Gorbachev’s Minister of Foreign Affairs was forced to resign following the Rose Revolution. For 10 points, name this country, the birthplaces of Eduard Shevardnadze and Joseph Stalin.

ANSWER: **Georgia** <World History> <HP>

5. Joseph Bowes attempted to rig an election in this year by filling ballot boxes with “little jokers.” Martin W. Gary developed a strategy to help Democrats win elections in this year that relied on heavy use of demagoguery. In this year, members of the Red Shirts attacked freedmen in a militia during the Hamburg Massacre. The aforementioned Red Shirts got their nickname due to a speech given by Benjamin Butler in this year which decried an apocryphal murder and led to the phrase (\*) “waving the bloody shirt.” David Davis resigned from the Supreme Court to become an Illinois senator in the year *following* this one, making him ineligible to serve on a commission that attempted to resolve an issue from this year. A settlement made *following* this year called for the removal of troops from the South, thereby ending Reconstruction. For 10 points, name this year, during which Rutherford B. Hayes won a presidential election against Samuel Tilden.

ANSWER: **1876** <American History> <HP>

6. Act 3 of this play opens by lamenting that “even the kindest father cannot forgive a good-for-nothing son” before a father and son prove their identities to a long-lost sister in the Castle of Lions. Though it is not executed, a character in this play devises a plan in which he stuffs hollow sticks with honey, hornets, and gunpowder which he assumes will decimate an attacking army following a feigned retreat. Two old men who are in reality ghosts of old leaders reveal to one character that he has been stuck frozen in time for 5 years while caring for a toddler whom he earlier killed his own son to protect. A minister stabs his eye out (\*) to secretly pledge his allegiance to an invading Tartar army in this play before becoming the emperor. This play’s title character, originally named Watonai, plots to reestablish the Ming dynasty which was treacherously overthrown by the minister Ri Toten. For 10 points, identify this gory puppet play about the exploits of the title historical figure written by Monzaemon Chikamatsu.

ANSWER: *The Battles of Coxinga* [or *Kokusen'ya Kassen*] <Long Fiction> <NH>

7. A ritual meant to worship this deity involved encircling a mountain surrounded by four birch trees in the cardinal directions, thereby creating a “memorial fence” with rope. A mound that this deity created in order to save Kishi turned into the Cosmic Tree. According to Chinese sources, sacrifices to this deity would take place on the 5th month of the year along the Tamir River. Inscriptions to this deity describes how he distributes *kut*, or “good luck.” (\*) Buryats worship 55 deities with this name that represent the east and 44 that represent the west. Axel Schuessler suggests that the Zhou-dynasty deity *Tian* is equivalent to this deity due to their linguistic similarities. The 8th-century Orkhon script reflect how this deity was called upon to assist in battle, such as by Bilge Khagan. For 10 points, name this blue sky god who is the primary deity in a religion practiced by Mongols and Gokturks.

ANSWER: **Tengri** <Religion> <HP>

8. Yale professor Richard Burger disputed the theory that some of these places in the Lurin Valley were used by a displaced rural population. Ephraim George Squier and Edwin Hamilton Davis were tasked by the Smithsonian to study and classify these places. David Wyrick alleged to have discovered the Newark Holy Stones in one of these places, attempting to suggest that Israelites had inhabited pre-Columbian (\*) America. Vernon Knight Jr.'s excavation of several of these places led him to conclude that they were created as part of a fertility cult. Many of these places contain platform pipes and mica artworks. Woodland cultures such as the Adena and Hopewell were known for their constructions of the platform variety of these places, including a famous one shaped like a Great Serpent. For 10 points, name these elevated earthworks that were used for multiple purposes by various pre-Columbian civilizations.

ANSWER: mounds <Historiography> <HP>

9. An author from this country wrote a novel in which the protagonist meets Lois Barlow while writing for the newspaper *The Liberator* as a medical student in London. That novel from this country ends with the title character returning home along with Paul Mabi to lead the fictional "Panafrica". The protagonist of a novel from this country is warned to "kill without mercy" by a man who makes a "medicine of blood" (\*) which he gives the protagonist by slicing open his forehead. In that novel from this country, home to the author of *A Wreath for Udomo*, Peter Abrahams, Senzangakhona exiles Nandi and the protagonist, who enlists the help of the sorcerer Isanusi to reclaim his kingdom. For 10 points, identify this country home Thomas Mofolo, whose novel *Chaka* is based on the life of Shaka Zulu.

ANSWER: South Africa <Long Fiction> <NH>

10. The Theodosian Code singles out members of this profession as the most likely to enlist the help of magicians. Porphyrius led a group of people in this profession in carrying out a pogrom in Antioch. A location used by members of this profession contained the Flaminio Obelisk, which was installed by Augustus and dedicated to the sun god. Gaius Appuleius Diocles was one of the most famous members of this profession and, according to Peter Struck, amassed a total wealth of about thirty-five million *sesterces*. (\*) Supporters of people in this profession gathered in 532 to declare Hypatius as the new emperor. That riot, which was put down by Narses, was led by the Blues and Greens. Members of this profession used either a biga or quadriga. For 10 points, name this profession, members of whom rebelled against Justinian the Great in the Nika Riots.

ANSWER: chariot racers [accept charioteer; prompt on athlete] <European History> <HP>

11. A treaty this leader signed with Bonaventura Cerretti gave the French government the authority to appoint bishops. The *Bloc National* portrayed this leader's embassy to the Washington Naval Conference as a failure to defeat him in the following election. This leader proposed the establishment of a Permanent Political Committee to arbitrate pan-European disputes in a memorandum to the League of Nations calling for the creation of a "moral union of Europe." At the Calais Conference, this leader agreed with David Lloyd George to allow Robert Nivelle to supersede Douglas Haig in commanding Allied forces along the Western Front. Along with (\*) Austen Chamberlain, this leader won the 1925 Nobel Peace Prize for a set of treaties that normalized Germany's relations with the rest of Europe, the Locarno Pact. For 10 points, name this French prime minister who is most famous for signing a pact with Frank Kellogg that outlawed war.

ANSWER: Aristide Briand <European History> <HP>

12. Some scholars suggest that the figure directly behind and to the right of Joseph in Michelangelo's *Doni Tondo* was based off this figure. In 1532, Giovanni Montorsoli attempted to recreate the missing right arm of this figure, but it was later replaced after Ludwig Pollak discovered the real one in 1905. Similarities that a sculpture depicting this figure has with the *Great Altar of Zeus* leads scholars to conclude that that sculpture was created in Pergamon and not in Rhodes. The face of Homer in Raphael's (\*) *Parnassus* is copied from the face of this figure. Pope Clement VII commissioned Baccio Bandinelli to create several smaller copies of a sculpture depicting this figure, including one sent as a gift to Francis I. This figure's son, Antiphantes, stares in horror as he is being killed in the most famous sculpture which he appears in. For 10 points, name this Trojan priest who appears in an oft-copied Roman sculpture that depicts him being killed by snakes.

ANSWER: Laocoon [accept Laocoon and His Sons] <Art Criticism/Theory/Misc.> <HP>

13. An article by Leah Kronenberg suggests that a poem mourning one of these animals is actually mourning the poet's friend Aemilius Macer. The speaker of a poem exalts one of these birds above "Juno's peacock" and "pheasants of icy Colchis" while mourning its death. That "renowned glory of the airborne race" is addressed along with a tree belonging to Atedius Melior in Statius' *Silvae*. Pliny the Elder suggested that these birds land on their beaks because their feet are too weak and that they can perform tricks if hit (\*) on the head. The speaker of another poem eulogizing one of these birds notes "Twas envy slew thee" before imagining a tombstone at his grave marked "His mistress's darling". That poem is dedicated to one of these animals owned by Corinna and was written by Ovid. Romans celebrated, for 10 points, what birds they believed originated from India which they may have taught to recite poetry?

ANSWER: parrots [prompt on birds] <Short Fiction> <NH>

14. This thinker compared the usage of a skate fighting the South Wind in myth to modern binary processes in computers that simply evaluate to "yes" or "no" in a book that examines the correlation between cold weather and myths related to twins and people with harelips. This thinker criticized Vladimir Propp for considering myths and folktales to be in the same *species* and *genus* in an essay attacking formalist approaches of studying myth. The bridge between and science and (\*) myth is said to be shrinking in a book by this man which compares myth to music in that it must be understood as a continuous sequence; that book is *Myth and Meaning*. As part of his theory that myths share common, universal traits, this thinker popularized the term for a concrete unit of a myth, a mytheme. The myths of the Bororo people are analyzed at the beginning of this anthropologist's book *The Raw and the Cooked*. For 10 points, identify this structural anthropologist and author of *Mythologiques*.

ANSWER: Claude Levi-Strauss <Mythography> <NH>

15. *Description acceptable*. While on a journey to obtain these objects, a figure noted of "venomous dragons, which... spit forth venomous winds" while traversing the "Snow Mountains." A travelogue about obtaining these objects probably influenced Li Daoyuan to praise the culture of Madhyadesa in the *Commentary on the Water Classic*. Yijing sought to obtain some of these objects from the "Kunlun peoples" he described in Indonesia. Silabhadra of (\*) Nalanda reportedly dreamt about a person approaching him to learn about these objects as retribution for being a cruel king in his past life. A building constructed by Emperor Gaozong and named after a Giant Wild Goose served to house some of these objects. While going to retrieve some of these objects, a person praised the free rest stops and hospitals of Chandragupta Vikramaditya. For 10 points, name these texts which Faxian and Xuanzang sought to retrieve while visiting such pilgrimage sights as Vulture Peak and Bodhgaya.

ANSWER: Buddhist texts [accept specific Buddhists texts such as the Vinaya Pitaka, Heart Sutra, Mahaprajnaparamita Sutra, or Mahavibhava; do NOT accept "Pali Canon"] <World History> <HP>

16. A thinker associated with this theory sought to provide explanations for humanitarian intervention in her aptly-named *Purpose of Intervention* and later wrote *Rules for the World* with Michael Barnett. A foundational essay for this theory claims that “institutions are fundamentally cognitive entities” and uses the hypothetical states “Alter” and “Ego” to illustrate its central thesis. Contemporary scholars working with this theory include Kathryn Sikkink and Martha Finnemore. A (\*) “Manifesto” and “A User’s Manual” to this theory were written by Nicholas Onuf, who laid out this theory in *World of Our Making*. The most notable essay using this theory emphasizes a “fourth structure” of identities and interests that leads to anarchy being “what states make of it”; that essay was written by Alexander Wendt. For 10 points, identify this International Relations theory that argues that state behavior and the international system are a product of social processes.

ANSWER: **Constructivism** <Political/Geographic Thought> <ES>

17. This artist manifested his fears of overpopulation in a work that shows babies wearing goggles as bullets in a pistol. Arches made to resemble animal spines support one of this artist’s namesake “bars” in his home country. Before it contained an image of men in fezzes driving miniature cars, the album cover for the Dead Kennedys’ album *Frankenchrist* was created by this artist. That album cover created controversy because it depicted three rows of three penises and was titled *Landscape XX*. A “Capo” version of one of this artist’s chairs is topped with a pelvis and three skulls. That chair by this artist is named after Baron (\*) Harkonnen. This artist won an Academy Award for a design that was based off of one of his lithographs titled *Necronom IV*. For 10 points, name this Swiss surrealist who designed the namesake creature of *Alien* and was supposed to design costumes for Alejandro Jodorowsky’s *Dune*.

ANSWER: Hans Ruedi **Giger** <European Art> <HP>

18. In one of this author’s essays, the second title character’s shape is said to inspire tyrants to “set up structures on which men are crucified”; that essay by this man sees the letter sigma bring tau to court to have him crucified. A set of phallic structures with the inscription “I, Dionysus, dedicated these phalli to Hera my stepmother.” supports this author’s theory that a temple in Hierapolis Bambyce was built by Dionysus in an essay describing sexual rituals of the title people. This author mocked superstitious people in his collection *The Lover of Lies* which contains an early version of the *The Sorcerer’s Apprentice*. This author of *On the Syrian* (\*) Goddess supposedly bit the hand of a man who used a puppet to create the cult of Glycon, which he details in his essay *Alexander the False Prophet*. The protagonist of one of his works participates in a war in which the Sun defeats the Moon by depriving it of light before he discovers the Island of the Blessed inside the stomach of a 200 mile long whale. For 10 points, identify this ancient Syrian author of the satirical work of science-fiction *A True Story*.

ANSWER: **Lucian** of Samosata <Extra/Other Literature> <NH>

19. The narrator of this story recounts being “devastated” by her mother’s “quiet, blank look that said she had lost everything.” In this story, the narrator describes, “it felt like worms and toads and slimy things crawling out of my chest” after she insults her mother after her mother shouts, “Only one kind of daughter can live in this house. Obedient daughter!” At the beginning of this story, the narrator recalls getting a haircut like Shirley Temple as part of her mother’s plans for her to become a (\*) prodigy. The narrator of this story secretly nicknames her deaf neighbor “Old Chong” after she’s sent to him for piano lessons. That narrator performs Schumann’s “Pleading Child” at a recital, but her performance is terrible because she took shortcuts while practicing. For 10 points, name this oft-excerpted chapter of *The Joy Luck Club* in which Jing-Mei recounts her childhood.

ANSWER: “**Two Kinds**” [prompt on *The Joy Luck Club* before mention by asking “what chapter?”] <Short Fiction> <JF>

20. *Description acceptable.* **At the beginning of the novel in which she appears, this character states that “there is a theory that men and women emerge finer and stronger after suffering, and that to advance in this or any world we must endure ordeal by fire”. This character walks her dog using her belt, and meets her future husband at the Hotel Cote d'Azur while traveling in Monte Carlo. After reading the datebook of the title character of the work in which she appears, this character visits Dr. Baker and speaks with Beatrice about the best way to pet Jasper. This character goes on a trip with Mrs. Van Hopper (\*) and discovers a scandal involving Jack Favell. This character is tricked into wearing the title character’s dress to a ball in the work in which she appears by the villainous Mrs. Danvers, who later burns down the estate of this character's husband, Maxim. For 10 points, who is this unnamed character, the protagonist of Daphne du Maurier’s most famous novel?**

ANSWER: the narrator of Rebecca [prompt on “Mrs. de Winter”] <Extra/Other Literature> <AC>