

MUSES -- Mythologically United Subjects in an Exceptional Set

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1. **The speaker of one poem by this author asks his lover to perform a certain action if she sees his “blood staining the stones of the street,” since it will be “like a fresh sword” for his hands. The speaker of another poem by this author states that “everything that exists, aromas, light, metals,” are “little boats that sail toward” the “isles” of the addressee. The speaker of a poem by this author describes a time (+) when “cold stars heave up” and “black birds migrate” after comparing the addressee to a “pale blind diver” and “luckless slinger.” This author of “Your Laughter” created a speaker who tells the addressee that if the title event occurs, “do not look for me, (*) for I shall already have forgotten you.” The speaker of a poem by this author feels “deserted like the wharves at dawn” and tells the addressee that she is “like the sea, like time,” since “in you everything sank!” For 10 points, name this author of “If You Forget Me” who concluded one of his collections with “The Song of Despair.”**

ANSWER: Pablo Neruda [or Ricardo Eliécer Neftalí Reyes Basoalto]

For 10 points each, answer some questions about the twenty love poems in *Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair*.

[10] The twentieth love poem opens with the speaker stating that “Tonight,” he can perform *this* action, and produce, for example, “The night is starry and the stars are blue and shiver in the distance.”

ANSWER: **write** the saddest lines [accept “Tonight I can **write** the saddest lines” or “Puedo **escribir** los versos más tristes esta noche”]

[10] The eighth love poem compares the addressee to a “white bee” and repeatedly refers to her with *this* adjective. The speaker closes the poem by telling her, “You live again in time, slender and [this adjective]. Ah you who are [this adjective]!”

ANSWER: **silent** [accept **silencio**] < MM | *Erato* >

2. **The speaker of one poem by this author warns her lover that she will desert him and “seek another as I sought you first,” stating that “I am most faithless when I most am true.” In another poem, this author compares herself to a tree that doesn’t remember the birds that have perched on it; however, it “knows its boughs” are (+) “more silent than before.” The speaker of a poem by this author cries himself to sleep the “night before Christmas” before taking note of a woman who “looked nineteen, and not a day older.” The speaker of a different poem by this author notes how she wouldn’t sell love for peace after stating that love (*) “is not meat nor drink, nor slumber nor a roof against the rain.” One poem by this author ends after the speaker sees a pile of clothes fit for “a king’s son” by his mother who froze to death making them. For 10 points, name this author of “The Ballad of the Harp Weaver” and the collection *A Few Figs from Thistles*.**

ANSWER: Edna St. Vincent Millay [or Nancy Boyd]

For 10 points each, answer some questions about Millay’s poem “Renascence.”

[10] Millay was inspired to write “Renascence” when looking out from the top of Mt. Battie in this U.S. state. This state is also the setting of Sarah Orne Jewett’s short story “A White Heron” and Stephen King’s novel *Carrie*.

ANSWER: **Maine**

[10] Before detailing a “thousands screams” she heard when two ships crashed together, the speaker recalls a time when she saw a starving man on *this* island, “whose hunger” was her own. In a *story* by a *different* author, a man is stored in Room 43 after he dies from a heart attack while staying at a hotel on this island.

ANSWER: **Capri** (the story is “The Gentleman from San Francisco” by Ivan Bunin) < MM | *Erato* >

3. **According to Michael Astour's *Hellenosemitica*, this figure was originally a sun deity, who represented the path of the sun across the Mediteranean. In *The Orientalizing Revolution*, Walter Burkert argued that this figure was originally a Boeotian hero who was co-opted by another culture as a symbol of (+) civilization. According to Diodorus of Sicily, at this male figure's wedding, Iasion and Demeter got drunk and had sex in a freshly plowed field, after which Zeus killed Iasion. This figure journeyed to (*) Samothrace with his mother and nephew Thasus, where he met his eventual wife. Hyginus reports that this figure and his wife were turned into serpents as a result of having earlier killed a dragon sacred to Ares. This figure had earlier used the teeth of that dragon to create a race of skeleton men. For 10 points, name this husband of Harmonia, the first king of Thebes.**

ANSWER: **Cadmus** [or **Kadmos**]

Astour's *Hellenosemitica* also argues that this sister of Cadmus was originally a Tyrian moon goddess. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this daughter of Agenor, who Cadmus was sent to retrieve after Zeus kidnapped her in the form of a bull.

ANSWER: **Europa**

[10] After being told to cease his search for Europa, Cadmus went on to found Thebes, where he sew the teeth of a dragon which resulted in the creation of these warriors. Cadmus threw a stone among these warriors, after which they fought until only Echion, Udaeus, Chthonius, Hyperenor and Pelorus survived.

ANSWER: **Spartoi** [accept **Spartii**; prompt on answers like "skeleton men"] < BM | *Myth* >

4. **In one song by this musician, the singer states “I saw a lot of trees today, and they were all made of wood. They were wooden trees made of [pause] wood.” *Walk the Dog* is a song on one of this artist’s albums whose title track begins with a wolf howl and repeatedly mentions (+) “golden cities, golden towns.” This musician used a technique called “audio drag” to lower her voice on many of her songs, and in 2003 she became NASA’s first artist-in-residence. This artist quoted the USPS creed in one song whose music video features a white circle of light which she uses for shadow puppetry. That song by this artist states (*) “when justice is gone, there’s always force; and when force is gone, there’s always mom.” This artist was inspired by an aria from Massenet’s *Le Cid* for a song which features a repeated C drone on the syllable “ha.” For 10 points, name this wife of Lou Reed and art pop performance artist whose album *Big Science* featured her 1981 hit *O Superman*.**

ANSWER: Laura Phillips “Laurie” **Anderson**

One Laurie Anderson performance is titled *Songs for [this pilot's initials]*. For 10 points each:

[10] That Laurie Anderson piece begins by stating “On June 1st, 1937 [this American pilot] began a flight around the world.” The song also mentions this pilot’s copilot Fred Noonan.

ANSWER: Amelia Mary **Earhart**

[10] Anderson worked as this comedian’s ‘straight man’ in the 1970’s. This comedian cried while pretending to forget his set on SNL and he was portrayed by Jim Carrey in *Man on the Moon*.

ANSWER: Andrew Geoffrey “Andy” **Kaufman** < IC | *Euterpe* >

5. While performing for a ruler in one scene, this dancer spins while holding bowls of fire in each hand. In another film, the title peshwa’s wife watches this dancer as she sultrily plays a lute for him in a grand hall with 20,000 mirrors. This dancer apathetically shakes her legs while wearing heart-shaped glasses in a tribute to (+) Rajinikanth written by Yo Yo Honey Singh. This dancer rubs kumkum on her face before kissing Ram before the song “Lahu Munh Lag Gaya” from *Goliyon Ki Rasleela Ram-leela*, and she played the title character *Aishwarya* in her debut role. This actress performed the (*) Lungi Dance with Shah Rukh Khan in *Chennai Express*, and starred in *Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani* with Ranbir Kapoor. This woman danced *Deewani Mastani* in one film, and she performed a ghoomar as the title princess in *Padmaavat*. For 10 points, name this Bollywood actress, the highest paid actress in India who starred in *Bajirao Mastani* with her husband Ranveer Singh.

ANSWER: Deepika **Padukone**

In *Bajirao Mastani*, Bajirao prepares to invade the capital of this empire. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this empire with a capital at Delhi which was conquered by the Maratha empire. This empire was formed by Babur after the First Battle of Panipat.

ANSWER: **Mughal** empire

[10] This other Bollywood actress played Bajirao’s wife Kashibai in *Bajirao Mastani*. Name this actress who starred in *Krrish* with Hrithik Roshan. This actress appeared in the American remake of *Baywatch*, and in 2018 she married Nick Jonas.

ANSWER: Priyanka **Chopra** Jonas [accept **Priyanka Jonas**] < IC | *Terpsichore* >

6. One work by this composer contains movements like *Study in Vibration* and *Study in Intonation* and contains no traditional musical notation. Greenpeace commissioned a *Moby Dick* inspired work by this composer that features an S-E-A motif. This composer of *Toward the Sea* and *Corona* arranged Barry Mason and Les Reed’s song (+) *The Last Waltz* for solo guitar. The poetry of Rabindranath Tagore is read above one work by this composer, while this composer’s last piece for solo piano is subtitled “in memoriam Olivier Messiaen” after this composer’s “spiritual mentor”. This composer wrote a viola concerto which takes its title from a poem by (*) Makoto Ōoka. This composer included parts for the biwa and shakuhachi, traditional instruments from his home country, in pieces like *Eclipse* and *November Steps*. For 10 points, name this modern Japanese composer of works like *Rain Tree Sketch* and *The String Around Autumn*.

ANSWER: Toru **Takemitsu** [accept **Takemitsu** Toru]

Toru Takemitsu lends his name to an annual composition award. For 10 points each:

[10] In 2015, this Finnish composer became the first woman to judge the competition. She combined the Stations of the Cross with Simone Weil's life in one work, but may be better known for her opera *L'Amour de loin* (*lwehn*) which became the first opera by a female composer staged by the Met since 1903.

ANSWER: Kaija Anneli **Saariaho** [accept Kaija Anneli **Laakkonen**]

[10] Saariaho wrote a cello concerto titled "Notes on" this phenomenon. This word names a "cycle" of seven operas named after the days of the week by Karlheinz Stockhausen. A chorus sings this word over a huge C major chord representing the creation of this phenomenon in *The Creation* oratorio by Haydn.

ANSWER: **light** [accept **licht**] < IC | *Euterpe* >

7. One ruler during these wars dispatched an engineer to another to drain its resources on a canal, though the project wound up being wildly successful. One state that was conquered during these wars was invaded after it suffered an earthquake and a drought, though its prince avoided capture and established the short-lived state of (+) Dai. The winner of these wars was initial defeated at the Battle of Fei, resulting in its general Huan Yi fleeing to another state to avoid punishment. During these wars, the lute player Gao Jianli was blinded after a failed assassination attempt ordered by Prince Dan of (*) Yan, who also dispatched the assassin Jing Ke to kill the eventual winner of these wars. These wars ended with the fall of Qi, and their conclusion saw Ying Zheng change his name to Shi Huang following his victory. For 10 points, name these wars which allowed for the unification and creation of Imperial China.

ANSWER: **Qin** Shi Huang's **wars of unification** [Accept anything relating to **Qin unifying China** or **Qin conquering** other states, prompt on partial answers such as Qin's wars against Zhao, Qi, Yan, Wei, Chu, and Han]

In 222 BC, the royal family of Yan was captured by the Qin in this peninsula. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this peninsula which the Yan conquered in the 4th century from the Gosojeon. After the collapse of the Qin dynasty, Han Guang became king of this peninsula.

ANSWER: **Liaodong** Peninsula

[10] The Liaodong Peninsula was the eastern terminus of this construction project begun during the Qin Dynasty. This construction project's primary purpose was to deter Xiongnu raids from the north.

ANSWER: **Great Wall** of China [accept **Wǎnlǐ Chángchéng**] < GP | *Clio* >

8. **One event during this conflict began with John of Giscala convincing one group that a city's leader had contacted an enemy general, leading that group to seek Idumean support. In the lead-up to this conflict, one man was mocked by a group of people passing around a basket after that man, (+) Gessius Florus, had confiscated funds from a local treasury. During one battle in this conflict, a unit known by the moniker *Fulminata*, or "Thunderbolt," lost its most important symbol after being ambushed when Cestius Gallus neglected to post pickets overlooking a pass. The shocking result of that battle caused one side to rally moderates to its cause while the other side gathered a punitive force under (*) Vespasian. A depiction of soldiers carrying away sacred objects such as the Menorah is on the Arch of Titus, which commemorates the fall of one side's capital during this conflict. For 10 points, name this conflict during which Roman forces captured Jerusalem and destroyed the Second Temple.**

ANSWER: First **Jewish-Roman War** [or The **Great Revolt**; accept **First Jewish Revolt**; prompt on **Jewish Rebellions** or similar answers]

You are a Jew fighting in the First Jewish-Roman War. For 10 points each:

[10] You decide to join this splinter group of the Jewish Zealots led by Menachem ben Jair. This group was an early assassination unit which trained its members to attack Romans and their sympathizers with small daggers and then disappear into the crowd.

ANSWER: **Sicarii**

[10] If you decide to fight to the bitter end of the war, you might end up with your fellow sicarii at this location, where 960 soldiers drew lots to kill each other rather than surrender to the besieging Romans.

ANSWER: **Masada** [Accept **Metsada**] < TC | *Clio* >

9. **After one character in this play learns of a recent catastrophe, he states that "The seed of pride brings forth the fruit of disaster, the harvest of which is endless tears." A character in this play who laments that he was "born to bring disaster" enters near the end of this play wearing torn clothes and an empty quiver. While at Apollo's shrine, another character in this play witnesses (+) an eagle "accept its fate" as it is being torn to shreds by a hawk. That character had gone to Apollo's shrine to pray after having a dream in which her son falls off a chariot after putting a yoke on two women. This play, the second in a trilogy that (*) included *Phineus* and *Glaucus*, was different from most of its author's plays as it dealt with contemporary events. Atossa summons the ghost of her dead husband Darius in this play after a herald reports that Xerxes' army was defeated at Salamis. For 10 points, name this tragedy written by Aeschylus.**

ANSWER: *The* **Persians** [or **Persai**; or **Persae**]

For 10 points each, name some Argive kings who appear in the plays of Aeschylus.

[10] In Aeschylus' play *The Suppliants*, the Danaids seek shelter with *this* Argive king who ultimately lets them into Argos and drives off the Danaids' Egyptian suitors.

ANSWER: **Pelagus**

[10] In the first part of Aeschylus' *Oresteia*, *this* Argive king is axe murdered by his wife, Clytemnestra, while he is taking a bath.

ANSWER: **Agamemnon** < MM | *Melpomene* >

10. **After a man in this film calls another a “gourd in the wind,” he is attacked and ultimately saved by the character he had just insulted. A man in this film angers the main antagonist after revealing that a bag he brought to her contains a stone fox head instead of a woman’s head covered in salt. After one character in this film (+) goes mad, he is let into the hut of a blind, crossdressing character who likes to play the flute. During a battle in this film, a man wearing a yellow uniform is shot in the back by a general who would later kill that man’s wife for ordering the death of (*) Lady Sué. Toward the beginning of this film, a man uses his knee to break a bundle of arrows to show that his father’s lecture on unity is ridiculous. That man in this film then abstains from professing his loyalty to his father, unlike his brothers Taro and Jiro. For 10 points, name this film directed by Akira Kurosawa whose story is adapted from *King Lear*.**

ANSWER: **Ran** [accept translations like **Chaos** or **Turmoil**]

For 10 points each, answer some questions about the parts of *King Lear* Kurosawa used for *Ran*.

[10] Thankfully, Kurosawa adapted this unnamed character from *King Lear* into *Ran*, giving him the name Kyoami. In *King Lear*, this hilarious companion constantly calls Lear “nuncle” and inexplicably disappears after Act Three.

ANSWER: King Lear’s **Fool**

[10] Kurosawa also adapted this character from *King Lear* into *Ran*, changing his name to Hirayama Tango. Similar to his equivalent in *Ran*, this character from *King Lear* is banished after he attempts to defend Cordelia, after which he dons a disguise so he can still serve Lear.

ANSWER: Earl of **Kent** [prompt on **Caius**] < MM | *Melpomene* >

11. **This man wrote, “Haste now, O fair-haired daughters of Pelasgus” in a hymn that opens, “All ye that are companions of the Bath of Pallas, come forth, come forth!” Another hymn written by this man opens by telling women to praise the title goddess when greeting the Basket that will come from the ground. This man wrote of Ares sitting on top of Mount Haemus watching Leto “holden in the pangs of childbirth” in (+) “Hymn to Delos.” Hymns dedicated to Zeus, Apollo, Artemis, and Demeter make up four of six hymns written by this man that are extant. The court astronomer Conan notices that the title object disappeared from a temple and is now in the sky in a poem by this man that (*) Catullus adapted into Catullus 66. That poem, “Berenice’s Lock,” is collected in a work by this author that talks about various mythological causes and is called *Aetia*. For 10 points, name this poet from Cyrene who wrote the catalogue *Pinakes* while working at the Library of Alexandria.**

ANSWER: **Callimachus**

Callimachus never became the head librarian of the Library of Alexandria, so for 10 points each, name some dweebs who got the promotion he never did.

[10] This native of Ephesus became the first head librarian of the Library of Alexandria, and this man organized all of the works alphabetically by the first letter of the author’s name, possibly making him the first person to ever organize something alphabetically.

ANSWER: **Zenodotus** of Ephesus

[10] This man became the third head librarian of the Library around 240 BCE, and he may be best known for developing a namesake “sieve” that identifies prime numbers.

ANSWER: **Eratosthenes** of Cyrene < MM | *Polyhymnia* >

12. **In this play, two characters claim to have been in gangs when they were children and state that “five or six kids” would have been willing to sacrifice themselves “like in *Spartacus*.” A character in this play who wrote a book about the “Darfur tragedy” later loses her temper and throws another woman’s handbag at a door. A character who sells domestic hardware is lambasted as a murderer in this play after admitting that he released (+) the hamster Nibbles onto the sidewalk. A lawyer in this play frequently receives phone calls from his company that is being sued due to the harmful side effects caused by the drug Antril. In this play, Michel suggests using Mr. Clean on a Kokoschka catalogue after (*) Annette vomits all over it and the rest of the coffee table. This play centers on the Reille (*Ray-uh*) couple’s visit to the Houllié (*oo-yay*) couple after their son hit the latter’s son with a stick. For 10 points, name this play centering on the discussion of violence, written by Yasmina Reza.**

ANSWER: ***God of Carnage*** [or *Le Dieu du carnage*]

For 10 points each, answer some questions about other plays by Yasmina Reza.

[10] The friendship between Marc, Serge, and Yvan deteriorates after Serge buys one of these items for 200,000 francs in a play that won Reza the 1998 Tony Award for Best Play. After Dirk Stroeve is “seized with awe,” he decides against destroying one of these items created by Charles Strickland in Somerset Maugham’s novel *The Moon and Sixpence*.

ANSWER: a **painting** [prompt on “piece of art” or “artwork”; accept an Antrios **painting** or a nude **painting**] (the Reza play is *Art*)

[10] In Reza’s play *The Unexpected Man*, Martha recognizes Parsky, a character with this profession, while on a train from Paris to Frankfurt. In a *novel* by a *different* author, a character with this profession refuses to attend the funeral of his friend Constance Fenimore Woolson -- another character with this profession.

ANSWER: **author** [accept **writer** or anything specific like **novelist** or **poet** or **playwright** or **essayist**] (the novel is *The Master* by Colm Tóibín) < MM | *Thalia* >

13. **In one part of this work, the commander Vulteius and his men commit group suicide after their raft gets stuck on an underwater cable. One leader in this epic poem sends Deiotarus to invite a kingdom to invade his city, as that leader had let the kingdom “traverse the Persian plains” during a previous campaign. This poem calls a boy a “vile manikin” before describing the (+) execution of a character by a soldier named Septimius while on a rowboat. In this poem, Sextus witnesses the reanimation of a corpse after asking for a prophecy from the Thessalian witch Erictho. This epic abruptly ends after surprise attacks from (*) Pothinus and Ganymede leave one of the main characters fighting for his life. That character begins this epic by crossing the Rubicon to march towards Rome. For 10 points, name this historical epic detailing the civil war between Julius Caesar and Pompey that is titled for a 48 BC battle and written by Lucan.**

ANSWER: the ***Pharsalia*** [accept ***De Bello Civilli*** or ***On the Civil War***]

For 10 points each, name some other military leaders that appear in Lucan’s *Pharsalia*.

[10] During the Battle of Dyrrhachium, this leader for Caesar’s army rallies the troops into sieging the city. After giving a riveting speech, this centurion leads them into battle, gets shot in the eye with an

arrow, pulls the arrow out with the eye attached, crushes both of them with his foot, and then proceeds to fight.

ANSWER: **Scaeva**

[10] After Pompey's death, his spirit flies over the army of Caesar and imbues this statesman, who proceeds to march Pompey's army across the desert to join forces with King Juba. While it isn't described in the *Pharsalia*, this man committed suicide in Utica because he refused to live in a world where Caesar ruled.

ANSWER: **Cato the Younger** [prompt on **Cato**; do NOT accept "Cato the Elder"] < EA | *Calliope* >

14. **Rien Van de Weijgaert** (*way-gehrt*) **modeled these structures using a two-barrier excursion set formalism which accounts for both the merging of these structures and their collapse. Erwin Platen created the WVF method of finding these structures based on Voronoi diagrams, and in the Zel'dovich formalism, these structures correspond to a deformation tensor with solely negative eigenvalues. These structures were discovered by Stephen (+) Gregory and Laird Thompson, and these structures are characterized by a negative effective mass because they exhibit concave gravitational lensing. Robert Kirshner discovered a large example of these structures near the constellation Boötes, and these structures with a "bucket-shaped" density profile may correspond to cold regions of the CMB, such as the one in the constellation (*) Eridanus.** For 10 points, name these vast astronomical regions characterized by their nearly complete lack of ordinary matter.

ANSWER: cosmic **voids**

Cosmic voids make up about 95% of the observable universe, so it makes sense that we live in one. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this cosmic void that contains the Milky Way and much of the Laniakea supercluster. This void is named for the three astronomers who studied it, and it is the largest void ever discovered.

ANSWER: **KBC** void [accept **Keenan-Barger-Cowie** void; accept **Local Hole**]

[10] These other structures form the boundaries of cosmic voids. Zel'dovich pancakes eventually condense into these one-dimensional structures exemplified by the Pisces-Cetus Supercluster Complex and the largest object in the known universe, the Hercules-Corona Borealis Great Wall.

ANSWER: galaxy **filaments** [accept galaxy **sheets**; prompt on galaxy **walls**; prompt on **supercluster complexes**] < IC | *Urania* >

15. **One figure with this name annually captured Dilis Varskylavi, which ended winter. That Georgian weather goddess of this name was depicted riding a snake with a golden saddle and bridle. Another figure of this name took a staff, seal, and cord from a man as a pledge for a goat, but then never claimed the goat. That figure of this name acquired those items while at Timnath disguised as a temple (+) prostitute. That mother of Perez and Zerah was later sentenced to be burned to death before revealing who the father was. Another figure of this name was lured into a room by a friend of Jonadab, who had pretended to be sick. After being (*) raped, that figure of this name was taken in by Absalom, who later killed the rapist. One figure of this name is made a widow after God killed Onan for performing coitus interruptus. For 10 points, give this shared name of two Biblical women, one of whom seduced her father-in-law Judah, the other of whom was a daughter of David who was raped by Amnon.**

ANSWER: **Tamar**

Even though David was very angry at Amnon for raping Tamar, he apparently did nothing to punish him. For 10 points each:

[10] A Dead Sea Scroll fragment says that the reason David refused to punish Amnon was because Amnon held this position. This position was held by Esau, even though he traded away the inheritance of this position for a bowl of stew.

ANSWER: **first born** son

[10] Because David refused to punish Amnon, Absalom took matters into his own hands and murdered him at one of these events, after which he flees to Geshur.

ANSWER: **feast** [accept obvious equivalents such as **banquet** or **meal**; prompt on answers like **party**] < BM | *Myth* >

16. **In this play, two characters report that they were almost frightened to death after they saw a man looking at the plate of salmon they were eating. One character in this play accidentally puts a hat-box on his head instead of his hat before he starts talking about a hospital that was burned down during construction. The protagonist of this play claims to have written *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Robert le Diable*, and *Norma* after agreeing to stay at (+) another character's home instead of a hotel in which he has incurred debt. This play ends after a gendarme's announcement of one character's arrival causes everyone to freeze for almost a minute and a half. Toward the end of this play, a (*) postmaster reads aloud a letter that mocks characters like a superintendent of charities and the Judge Lyapkin-Tryapkin. In this play, the servant Osip helps the protagonist trick Anton Antonovich, the governor of a small town. For 10 points, Khlestakov is mistaken for the title official of what play by Nikolai Gogol?**

ANSWER: *The **Inspector General*** [or **Revizor**; accept *The **Government Inspector*** or **Inspector**]

For 10 points each, name some other Russian playwrights who wrote comedies.

[10] This author wrote a one-act comedy about a Prince vying to buy a large plot of land that is eventually purchased by his friend Bubenhof in the play *Children*. Characters learn that an unnamed Actor has committed suicide at the end of this author's less comedic play *The Lower Depths*.

ANSWER: Maxim **Gorky** [or Alexei Maximovich **Peshkov**]

[10] This author wrote a play that begins with the maid Liza realizing that Sofia Pavlovna had been playing music with Molchalin the entire night. During a ball in the third act of that play by this author, most of the characters believe that the protagonist has gone crazy after he delivers a speech criticizing society.

ANSWER: Alexander Sergeyevich **Griboyedov** (the play is *Woe from Wit*) < MM | *Thalia* >

17. **They aren't Maori, but one of these people tells a customs official he is bringing "happy dust" on board, leading to his luggage getting searched. These people include the senator Tom Fries and his nephew Clark who are described in the diary of the 15-year old Podkayne. Tars (+) Tarkas becomes the leader of these people with the help of a character who marries a princess of these people named Dejah Thoris. In one series of novels, these people live on Barsoom, and these people's religion influenced the creation of the "Church of All Worlds" in another novel. The term (*) "grok" is an untranslatable word from these people's language, and these people raise Valentine Michael Smith in Robert A. Heinlein's *Stranger in a Strange Land*. For 10 points, name these people who John Carter interacts with in a series by Edgar Rice Burroughs and who live on the fourth planet from the sun.**

ANSWER: **Martians** [accept descriptions like "people from Mars"]

For 10 points each, answer some questions about other fictional martians.

[10] The "spiders from mars" were the backup band for this fictional alien who may be from Mars. This alter ego of David Bowie names a concept album featuring songs like "Moonage Daydream" and "Starman."

ANSWER: **Ziggy Stardust** [accept either]

[10] In the novel named for this character, the engineer Mstislav Los' falls in love with this character before returning to Earth. This daughter of Toscoob is the "Queen of Mars" in a novel by Alexsey Tolstoy.

ANSWER: **Aelita** < IC | *Urania* >

18. *Note to players: Description Acceptable***In 1918, an article entitled "The Cult of the Clitoris" suggested that this scene was part of a wartime German conspiracy against the British, which led to the main performer suing for libel. Modern interpretations of this scene may have drawn on the performances of Little Egypt (+) at the 1893 World's Fair. The most performed version of this scene was supposed to be "thoroughly decent" and performed "as if it were being done on a prayer mat" according to its creator. This scene inspired a popular dance titled for the "Visions of" its main character and was created by Maud (*) Allan. In that version, the dancer swings a disembodied head above her face before kissing it, while other versions of this dance often require the performer to remove several articles of clothing. For 10 points, name this dance popularized by Oscar Wilde and Richard Strauss, in which the king Herod is seduced by Salome.**

ANSWER: Dance of the **Seven Veils** [accept anything related to **Salome** dancing for King **Herod**; prompt on "Visions of Salome" before mentioned]

The Dance of the Seven Veils has been adapted many times both on stage and in film. For 10 points each:

[10] A 1907 version of the Dance of the Seven Veils was produced by Flo Ziegfeld in the first performance of this series of Broadway shows that often featured female dancers in elaborate costumes.

ANSWER: Ziegfeld *Follies*

[10] This actress called her performance of the Dance of the Seven Veils in a 1953 film “the most demanding of her entire career.” This actress starred in films such as *Cover Girl* and *The Lady from Shanghai* and married Orson Welles in 1943.

ANSWER: Rita Hayworth < BL | *Terpsichore* >

19. **Immediately after being born, this figure crafted a bow and arrow to kill a flock of metal birds. This figure once conquered a set of 18 forts in one mission. This figure was nearly killed in a stag hunt when the stag choked him with his own lasso and this figure turned into a waterwheel to churn the stomach of his enemy after having been swallowed in the form of a (+) goldfish. This figure subdued the demon Lutzen using a song and this figure fights the lord of the Taiga and a giant tiger in another war. This figure fought against a man who employed a parrot, magpie and a crow to kidnap women to be his wives. That King of the (*) White Tent, had kidnapped this figure's wife of Zhumo, and this figure's concubine Maisa was kidnapped by a naga king. This ruler of the mythical Kingdom of Ling fought a war with the kingdom of Hor. For 10 points, name this namesake of an extremely long epic poem, a folk hero from Mongolia and Tibet.**

ANSWER: King Gesar [or King Geser; or King Kesar; accept The Epic of King Gesar; accept Gesar Gruschke]

Attempts to establish the historicity of King Gesar have largely been fruitless, but some people still believe. For 10 points each:

[10] Gesar's marriage to a Chinese princess has been tied to this historic king of Tibet's marriage to Princess Wencheng of the Tang Dynasty. This king is also credited with introducing Buddhism to Tibet.

ANSWER: Songtsen Gampo [or Songtsän Gampo]

[10] Gesar has also been dubiously connected to people with this title. This title denoted rulers of the Roman empire and was derived from the name of a dictator who helped dismantle the Roman Republic.

ANSWER: Caesar < BM | *Calliope* >

20. **A hymn from this country makes an onomatopoeic pun between the sound of a train and a word meaning “go forward,” while a different hymn from this country consists only of the phrase “we are marching in the light of God.” “Siyahamba” is a hymn from this country, home to a hymn depicting the hardship of working in the mines, (+) “Shosholoza.” The melody of an Enoch Sontonga hymn written in a language from this country was adapted into the national anthems of Zambia and Tanzania, while another hymn performed by a choir from this country is a musical setting of the Lord’s prayer. That Christopher Tin hymn was the first song from a (*) video game to win a Grammy and is named “Baba Yetu.” For 10 points, name this country, home to the Soweto Gospel Choir, whose national anthem “Nkosi Sikelel’ iAfrika” is sung in languages like Xhosa and Zulu.**

ANSWER: South Africa

This man described singing Shosholoza while imprisoned on Robben Island. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this “Father of the Nation” and prime minister of South Africa who succeeded F.W. de Klerk.

ANSWER: Nelson Rolihlahla **Mandela** [accept **Madiba**]

[10] Shosholoza is a song in Zulu and this language. This Bantu language from the Nguni group is very closely related to Zulu, and is spoken by the second largest ethnic group in Zimbabwe.

ANSWER: Northern **Ndebele** [accept ama**Ndebele**; accept **Zimbabwean Ndebele**; accept North **Ndebele**; accept **Matabele**; do not accept or prompt on “Southern Ndebele” or “Transvaal Ndebele”] < IC | *Polyhymnia* >