

1. In the third act, the protagonist imagines that the one person he has sinned against is himself, and then he describes "the prisoned millions [that] lay all over the country deep in the bowels of the earth." The end of the first act and beginning of the second feature the playing of *Danse Macabre*, to which the title character compares to miners he heard as a youth. We learn from the title character's wife that whenever he tries to come down the stairs, he always returns back up to the second floor, which is what he has been doing for eight years. In the first act, Fanny pays a visit to the central locale, only to interrupt two sisters discussing the title character's son (*) Erhart. The title character is visited by the clerk Foldal and dies in the cold weather of Christiania. He also passes up Ella, for her twin sister Gunhild, so he can get a job at a bank. For 10 points, name this play about an embezzler, written by Henrik Ibsen.

[Ike] ANSWER: John Gabriel Borkman

2. The narrator recalls a dream in which "phosphorous radiance of decay" allowed him to see bodies sleeping with the worms, after encountering a fiend who claims "I have no name in the regions which I inhabit." The ending makes reference to Afrisab and the demons he travels with when voyaging down the Oxus. It recounts a tale of the *Chiurgical Journal of Leipzig*, and describes the titular action as being worse than the Black Hole of Calcutta, the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre, or the Earthquake in Lisbon. The narrator comes to learn that he is actually in a (*) ship, which causes him to stop fearing the titular event. Among those people who have undergone the title action include the wife of a senator from Baltimore, as well as Mademoiselle Lafourcade, who was rescued by Julien Bossuet. For 10 points, name this Edgar Poe short story in which the unnamed narrator suffers from a fear of being interred alive.

[Ike] ANSWER: The Premature Burial

3. One character in this play gets so "fretted" over being called "superannuated" she destroys the varnish of her makeup. It features an amusing comparison involving a wench to a passe-partout, for she is a master key to everyone's strong box. This work's prologue claims that "Poets are bubbles" and fools of fortune, which is one of two types of fools, while its epilogue notes that there are three types of critics. It sees one character forced to swear on a book of poems by Messalina that she will not reveal how one character acted as an (*) imaginary uncle known as Sir Rowland. This play sees Fainall, in love with Mrs. Marwood, scheming to gain the inheritance belonging to the family of Lady Wishfort, who eventually consents to her niece Millamant marrying Mirabell. For 10 points, name this play, the masterpiece of William Congreve.

[Shantanu] ANSWER: The Way of the World

4. Its author went to Oslo for a week to write it in its entirety as to be inspired by Henrik Ibsen. At one point, one of the characters proceeds to generalize the title entities by removing the restriction that all elements of the left set be lesser in value than all elements in the right set to form an entity called a game. At its start, Billy and Allison discover a Hebrew tablet that claims John Conway is God. The title entities are the (*) reals and all values whose absolute value is greater than and less than them. Subtitled *How Two Ex-Students Turned Onto Pure Mathematics and Found Total Happiness*, for 10 points, name this novel by the author of *The Art of Computer Programming*, Donald Knuth.

[Ike] ANSWER: Surreal Numbers

5. It mentions how "Portugal should be held up to blame" before warning Navarre from its doom by showcasing the destruction in Famagusta and Nicosia. In its second section, the narrator expresses his belief in the variational mass density of the moon after having heard about the correct form of the law of universal gravitation. An eagle singles out Rhipeus and Trajan as having died virtuously, and the narrator is surrounded by two rings of (*) light before he is blinded when he sees John. It begins with the narrator drinking from the river of "Good Remembrance" before he gazes at the sun. After encountering the personages of Charles Martel and Thomas Aquinas, the narrator is taken by St. Bernard to the Empyrean where he encounters God. For 10 points, name this poem whose title locale is shown to Dante by Beatrice.

[Ike] ANSWER: Paradiso or Paradise [prompt on The Divine Comedy]

6. This author's collaboration with Elmer Rice was a play about Ed Graham and Belle Sheridan. The phrases "Shot, and saw the feathered shaft / dripping bright and bitter red," describes the titular baby in the poem "The Burned Child," while "Nooses give" and "gas smells awful," and that "razors pain you / rivers are damp" are lines from another poem by this author about committing suicide. In another poem this poet wrote "count to (*) ten, and man is bored." Her poetry collections include *Enough Rope* and *Death and Taxes*, which is where you can find the poems "Resumé" and "General Review of the Sex Situation." On her tombstone is "Excuse my dust." For 10 points, name this Algonquin Round Table member that said "men seldom make passes at girls who wear glasses."

[Ike] ANSWER: Dorothy Parker

7. The narrator encounters a pool where every pebble inside of it is either a sapphire, emerald or noble jewel at the beginning of this poem, and a different character describes a place so pure that the moon is too ugly or imperfect for it, and the sun is far too dim. The numerology of this poem includes the fact that each stanza is composed of twelve lines, how the central city discussed is twelve furloughs long, and that this poem is composed of 1,212 lines. Found in the *Cotton Nero* manuscript alongside its author's poems (*) *Patience* and *Virtue*, its narrator is transported to an otherworldly garden where he meets a woman in white across the stream and beckons to see the heavenly Jerusalem after hearing that the title gemstone was merely a rose. For 10 points, name this poem that is the namesake of the author of "Sir Gawain and the Green Knight."

[Ike] ANSWER: Pearl [also take "The Pearl", but chastise them for most likely being wrong.]

8. One character in this work declares that "Therapy, British style" is "the preservation of sanity in the midst of chaos." In the second act, another person in this play compares a certain action with "talking against government to a policeman." Near the end, one character is unable to obtain the honor of a prisoner, so he orders his guards to prevent his visitor from stepping past a line in the ground. Its fourth act is set a *Masque*, where the Prince and the aide-de-camp Bob appear. The title character is surrounded by a praise-singer and speaks of a bird that says (*) "Not-I." Characters engage in an *egungun*, and use a *sigidi* to obtain power from an incubus during a ritual, interrupted by Simon and Jane Pilkings. Elesin's ritual suicide is at the center of, for 10 points, this play by Wole Soyinka.

[Ike] ANSWER: Death and the King's Horseman

9. The protagonist's wife asks her husband "what color are my eyes," to which he responds "they are two silk pavilions, two Andalusian gardens, two moonfish." Later on, she recommends to him that when he points a gun at a man's stomach, it jerks upward and kills his victim through the eye. This work begins with a speaker announcing how Kischnar has just been invaded, and its protagonist describing his prison sentence, during which his cellmate died because he ate his poisoned chocolates. It contains a discussion between the secretary of the Pentagon (*) Karsky and Prince Paul, who are discussing how to deal with Germany and the USSR. This play, set in Illyria, focuses on the code-named Raskolnikov killing a member of the Socialist Proletarian Party. For 10 points, name this play which centers around Hugo Barine's killing of Hoederer, a Jean Paul Sartre play titled after some unclean appendages.

[Ike] ANSWER: Dirty Hands or Les Maines Sales

10. One of his former lovers moves to India after his death and finds a hospital with his friend Jefferson as director. That lover shacks up with Lord Stane, who had helped him during his time in London, and this character has Bruce Tollifer entertain his neglected wife. He gets a break as a partner to Philip Laughlin, though Henry Mollenhauer, Edward Strobik, and Senator Simpson collaborate to send him to jail. Early in life he is deeply impressed by the victory of the "heavily-armed" lobster over a squid when they are placed in a tank, and his dealings with Colonel Butler lead to his second marriage to (*) Aileen. He begins as a soap dealer and opens a successful brokerage house in Philadelphia, though much like his real counterpart Charles Yerkes, he takes over Chicago's transportation system. For 10 points, name this protagonist of *The Stoic*, *The Titan*, and *The Financier*, a creation of Theodore Dreiser.

[Shantanu] ANSWER: Frank Algernon Cowperwood [accept "The Stoic", "The Titan" or "The Financier" before mentioned]

11. **One character in this work makes a distinction between the beautifulness of a tomb and that of a corpse to call another character a hypocrite. Near the end, the narrator constructs a cage covered with blue velvet while the exterior is painted all green. Beginning by chronicling a family that includes Elpheta and the children Algarsyf and Cambalo, its first part is set at a feast during the Ides of March, during which a character brings in a (*) sword that inflicts wounds that its broadside can only heal and a ring that allows many languages to be spoken. That ring prompts Canacee to spend much of the second part of this work tending to a spurned falcon. Set in Tartary, it recounts the kingdom ruled by Cambuskan. For 10 points, name this tale that is interrupted by the franklin's tale, told by the son and apprentice of the knight.**

[Ike] ANSWER: The Squire's Tale

12. **This work ends with its protagonists getting less sleep than an owl for one night. One character in this work holds onto two cows to escape from a ship because they swim to shore. That character finds a bunch of drachmas on a beach after having a dream sent to him by nymphs, which he tries to use as a dowry for marriage. Eudromus is a messenger that appears in its fourth book, at the end of which we learn about (*) Philopoemen and Agele. Near the end of this work, Dionysophanes and Cleariste are revealed to be the father of one of its protagonists', who own the land that Myrtale and Lamon work on. Its title characters are found by a goatherd and shepherd respectively and are told by Philetas what love is, before they live out their lives in pastoral tranquility. For 10 points, name this novel by Longus that became the basis of a Ravel opera.**

[Ike] ANSWER: Daphnis and Chloe or Daphnis kai Chloe

13. **It was inspired by the author's reading of Matthias Claudius's account of people invoking *Totenhahne* every day of their life. The central event might have been put into action by the fever stricken Antonia. A woman whose searching for her sons six years in the future sets up the frame narrative for much of this story, which sees a visit to the cloth merchant van Gottheif to learn the truth about what happened in Antwerp shortly before the end of the Thirty Years War. This short story sees four (*) brothers about to incite a crowd to destroy the convent of the title figure before a performance of *Gloria in Excelsis* drives them into a mania. For 10 points, name this Heinrich von Kleist short story named after the Patron saint of music.**

[Ike] ANSWER: "St. Cecilia or the Power of Music"

14. **He wrote about a man named Chapter 11 who bankrupts Hercules's Hot Dogs in a novel in which the protagonist learns from his grandmother Desdemona that Lefty was his brother. That character shortens his name due to his 5-alpha reductase deficiency. This man collected a bunch of other author's love stories and wrote an introduction for them in a collection that quotes Catullus in his *My (*) Mistress's Sparrow is Dead*. In the other novel by this man, the Lisbons lose all five of their children: Cecilia, Lux, Bonnie, Mary, and Therese. For 10 points, name this contemporary American author *The Virgin Suicides* that wrote about a woman named Calliope who shortens her name to Cal in *Middlesex*.**

[Ike] ANSWER: Jeffrey Eugenides

15. **One part of this work opens with the protagonist visiting the painter Daniel Tokenhouse after he visits the Continent for the first time and attends a literary conference where its participants gaze at a Tiepolo painted ceiling. Its protagonist idolizes Vigny's *Grandeur Militaire* and has frequent conversations with David Pennistone. The first volume closes with Bob Duport and Jimmy Brent driving their car into a ditch. We are introduced to him when he appears with Charles Stringham and Peter Templer. A standin for (*) Aleister Crowley in this series is Dr. Trelawney who appears with the antagonist Kenneth Widmerpool. Containing *The Valley of Bones* and *Casanova's Chinese Restaurant*, for 10 points, name this series centered on Nick Jenkins written by Anthony Powell.**

[Ike] ANSWER: A Dance to the Music of Time [accept Temporary Kings before *Grandeur*]

16. Those who have followed in this work's footsteps are Michael Schmidt and Louis Untermeyer, who subtitled his own the "story of one thousand years." Although its subjects include the physician Samuel Garth and politician Ambrose Philips, it also chronicles how *On Public Spirit* only sold a few copies. One part of it describes how Nicholas Rowe's dramas lack art, but it is his translation of *Pharsalia* that is delightful. Its description of Abraham (*) Cowley led to an essay by T.S. Eliot that revived the reputation of poets like John Donne and Richard Crashaw. Usually providing biographical information, then critical opinions on each of its fifty-two subjects, it grew out of its author's *Life of Richard Savage*. For 10 points, name this composite of rhymers and more by Samuel Johnson.

[Ike] ANSWER: The Lives of the Most Eminent Poets

17. One character in this story is a meticulous doctor who spends forty-five minutes a day rinsing his teeth out with water, and brushes it with five different brushes. The protagonist apparently purchases a ribbon from Gustav Dvor, and this story's first two parts end with the line "What happened after that is unknown to all men." Its protagonist wants to put an advertisement in *The Northern Bee* newspaper. The title character, who is eventually arrested for trying to go to Riga, puts on a (*) gold-braided high collared uniform and has a sword by his side in an attempt to pass for a State Councilor. Its protagonist writes a letter to Alexandra Podtochina accusing her of witchcraft, after a barber throws the title character into the Neva River. For 10 points, name this story in which the titular object that is found in Ivan Yakovlevich's bread, which actually belongs on Kovalyov's face, written by Gogol.

[Ike] ANSWER: The Nose or Hoc

18. In the final paragraph of this work the narrator addresses "Dear loyalty . . . who could have served . . . and loved [one character] as a dog loves" while that character walks away from the main setting disappointed. Another character in this story recalls her absent son Dan who was able to tame a wild raven. The main character obsessively watches a toad trying to squeeze into a hole under a door, before approached by a man that gives her a jack knife and offers her ten dollars. Before climbing the tallest pine tree in the forest, a (*) nine-year-old girl plays a game searching for the hiding cow Mistress Mooly before she meets a hunter who stays overnight in the house of her grandmother Mrs. Tilley. For 10 points, name this short story in which Sylvia decides not to tell a hunter the location of the titular bird, written by Sarah Orne Jewett.

[Gioia] ANSWER: "A White Heron"

19. In one of his speeches, he talks about how "'tis one thing for a soldier to gather laurels" another for him "to spread cypresses." He asks "are children brought into the world with a squirt?" He lectures another character on the importance of the King of Bohemia and his Seven Castles in one chapter. In an argument with his brother, he believes that Christian names are not important, and tension is resolved between his brother and him when he speaks of how he did not injure a fly. His time with (*) Marlborough at Namur prompts him to deliver an Apologetical Oration about war. He becomes the guardian of Billy, after his father Lieutenant Le Fever dies. Frequently using the bowling green to re-enact battles as part of his "hobbyhorse," for 10 points, name this man injured in the groin that frequently argues with his brother Walter and Parson Yorick, who is served by Corporal Trim, the uncle of Tristram Shandy.

[Ike] ANSWER: Uncle Toby Shandy

20. In this work, one of its character's imagines his wife to be treasure found at sea, which is unfortunate since law stipulates finders can only keep one third of it. The protagonist later dreams of being in a room with red carpet and red curtains and a gold clock. It opens with a man killing his dog than drowning himself in the sea, shortly after its protagonist discovers her mother's horse has been poisoned. The protagonists take a honeymoon at a place called Massacre, before they proceed to Granbois. The narrator of this novel's second part is infuriated by his wife's affair with Sandi, and earlier he had sex with the servant Amelie to punish his wife upon learning she seduced him using an (*) *obeah* love potion made by Christophine. For 10 points, name this novel whose third part is narrated by Grace Poole and concludes with the burning of Edward Rochester's Thornfield estate, written by Jean Rhys.

[Shantanu] ANSWER: Wide Sargasso Sea