

Hit or Myth

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1. In his most famous poem, this figure wrote "My wrath bristles through my helmet, the rain stops as I stand by the rail." This figure once tried to have his own son decapitated after that son fell off a horse. As a baby, this figure escaped a flood when he and his mother closed themselves in a clay jar. This figure may have died after a message demanding his execution was hidden in an orange in an event called the "East Window Plot." This figure trained his eyesight by staring directly into the sun every day at sunrise, and was famous for diluting his wine so that all his (*) troops could drink. This figure had "serve the country with utmost loyalty" tattooed on his back, and was able to draw a 300 cattie bow while still a child. This general is mentioned in a 1512 Kaifeng stele and may have included Chinese Jews in his ranks--For 10 points--name this Southern Song era Chinese general and folk hero who served in the Jin-Song wars.

Answer: Yue Fei (Pengju | Wumu)

2. In one story, this legendary object was driven into the ground, creating fissures that destroyed a fake roman encampment. In another, a male counterpart to this legendary object flirts with it and reveals that it is female. This weapon is supposedly leaf-bladed with an inscription carved into it, and was used by Hercules to kill the dragon Ladon. This legendary weapon is enchanted to always (*) return to the pocket of its owner if lost, and passes right through the bodies of mortals. This object originally took the form of a hairpin, and is made from an alloy called Celestial Bronze. First used by its most famous owner to fend off the fury Alecto and to kill Medusa--For 10 points--name this ballpoint pen which transforms into a sword, the signature weapon of Percy Jackson.

ANSWER: Anaklusmos (Riptide)

3. A poem attributed to Lord Byron is addressed to a god of these things and asks that she "Look on thy suppliants with a smiling face." A Buddhist wisdom king who is responsible for this thing is said to be able to change the sex of babies and is named Ucchusma. In Japan, one of these gods is celebrated by eating rice in front of him, and that god may punish unfaithful devotees with ugly children. For members of the Korean (*) Gasin faith, it is wise to cough three times before encountering one of these gods, so that she will not attack you with her poisonous hair. The Roman god of this domain also was the protector of sexual intercourse in marriage, and was enshrined in the Roman forum by Titus Tatius. For 10 points, name this household and public domain, gods of which include Kawaya Kami, Cheukshin, and Cloacina.

Answer: Toilet (Bathroom | p "Sewer")

4. A religious order associated with this ethnic group believes in a system of clan totem figures called ba-binu. The primordial ancestor of this ethnic group was resurrected as a snake in order to guide these people away from Islamization and was called Lebe. That ancestor was created from a hermaphroditic fish creature named (*) Nommo, which was in turn created by the creator god Amma. According to Robert K. G. Temple, the fact that these people celebrated the *Sigui* festival based on the position of Sirius B suggests their contact with intelligent extraterrestrial life. Marcel Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen documented this ethnic group, and the high priest Ogotemmeli was a famous member

of this ethnic group. For 10 points, name this group from the central plateau region of Mali, who live along the Bandiagara Escarpment.

Answer: Dogon

5. According to one source, this creature spoke with a blue-haired girl who informed him of his consciousness and existence before disappearing into nothingness Avengers-style. According to that source, this creature was created from biomaterials sourced from the forests of Guyana. This creature originally wore armor to focus his power, but shed that armor after detonating a building and fleeing his creators. This creature remembers that "life is wonderful" but questions why it is so, and later says "I see now that the circumstances of one's birth are irrelevant, it is what you do with the gift of life that determines who you are." For 10 points, name this mythical creature, which turned Ash Ketchum to stone and was cloned from a similarly named Pokemon.

Answer: Mewtwo

6. A dog in the Mario anime movie *Super Mario Bros.: Peach-Hime Kyushutsu Dai Sakusen!* was named after a food item associated with this figure. In the unrelated Mario anime version of this figure's story, Princess Peach's parents are two hammer bros that give Mario a gun to defeat Bowser. In "War without mercy," John Dower highlighted a (*) paradigm of foreign and internal policy media which he named after this figure. In one movie, this figure and his friends become parachute jumpers and demand control of the Greater Sunda island of Celebes. Bluto makes a cameo in the animated propaganda video "[This figure's] sea eagles," in which this character leads the bombing on Pearl Harbor. This character is accompanied by a talking dog, a monkey, and a pheasant, and goes to conquer the demon island after being born out of a magic fruit-for 10 points--name this title figure of a ubiquitous Japanese fairy tale.

Answer: Momotarou (Peach Boy)

7. This figure's son was supposedly murdered via "twelve deadly wounds" when Sir Richard Bingham's forces took control over his castle. After a legendary incident involving this figure, Howth castle agreed to leave an empty seat at the dinner table, reserved for this figure. One nickname for this woman refers to her short hair, after a story in which she cut her hair in order to be allowed on a trading expedition to Spain. In a famous meeting with(*) Queen Elizabeth, this woman shocked courtesans by bringing a knife and throwing a used lace handkerchief into a fireplace. For ten points, name this female pirate who refused to bow to Elizabeth, not knowing that Elizabeth was queen of her home country of Ireland.

ANSWER: Grace O'Malley

8. In a Flaming Lips song, the creator of this object "will never be satisfied/always complaining about his life" to this object. In one story, this sentient object gives a whale a bottle of "Gush and Flush," alleviating the whale's indigestion. According one one source, this sentient object traces its ancestry from an enchanted crystal ball owned by an evil wizard. This object's creator hides his true first (*) name from her until it is revealed when her creator's hillbilly family visits. This object breaks after a love song from her husband makes her cry, triggering a reboot and the appearance of her "Emergency Mother In Law Program." This intelligent object enjoys long walks on the beach and helping

her husband to steal the Krabby Patty secret formula--for 10 points--name this computer system and spouse of Sheldon Plankton in *Spongebob Squarepants*.

Answer: Karen

9. Although not Finnish, members of this ethnicity play a variant of baseball that is similar in rules to American baseball but with more bases and with baseball gloves worn on the top of their heads. In a gentleman's sport played by this ethnicity, it is a major social faux pas to actually score goals, and that sport has dedicated tea breaks built into its rulebook. An Atlas-esque giant named Hunk holds up the town these people live in, and the King of the Sky is a deity which lives on a cloud and ensures these people are quiet at night. Subgroups of these people include the Weirdos and the Arborians, and the currency used by these people has units of Dollops and Sments. These people drive snails as cars and all take their names after real-life culinary dishes--for 10 points--name these people who include Truffles, Schnitzel, and Mung Daal.

Answer: People from Chowder (Citizens of Marzipan City | People of the Shoeniverse)

10. In an early quest for these objects, a guardian of these objects smashed a chair and demanded that she made chicken feed and not these objects. One person who claimed to have knowledge about these semi-legendary objects was found dead at the top of a hill before he could testify. In one account, over 500 of these objects had been sold by an unknown source as part of (*) Operation Avarice. Documents about these objects included one describing a plan to attach improvised explosive devices to camels, as well as another which stated "We don't have anything to hide, so we're giving you all the details." The vast majority of these objects were found to have been manufactured prior to 1991, thereby rendering their payloads inert. For 10 points, name these pseudo-mythical objects which were used to justify U.S. military action in a certain country in 2003.

Answer: Weapons of mass destruction in Iraq

11. The Lombok festival centering around these animals traces its origins to the story of Mandalika, a princess who killed herself because her suitors went to war with each other. In chapter 8 of *What the Master Would Not Discuss*, it is said that filling the navels of those who have been struck by lightning with the remains of these animals would bring them back to life. In a Cherokee legend, one of these creatures as tall as a tree would steal women from the village while the men were hunting, but was baited into falling into a fire and dying. In *Ctesias' Indica*, one of these animals is said to be 7 cubits in size and live in the (*) Indus river. One of these creatures which can supposedly discharge poison or electricity from its body is called the olgoi-khorkhoi and comes from Mongolia. For 10 points, name these creatures, which may be members of phylum annelidae or nematoda.

Answer: Worms

12. In one political action, many of these creatures were implanted with microchips which replicated the buzzing of blood-worm flies. One of these creatures named Lumpawaroo was caught while foraging for berries and taken to work in a labor colony. That creature's father was awarded a gold medal for heroics during the battle of (*) Yavin. The most famous of these creatures violated the honor code of his species by using his claws to kill, and owed a life debt to his partner after escaping an underground fighting ring. That creature was known for ripping arms off of his enemies, and was present

for a legendary Kessel run. For 10 points, name this race of tall, hairy creatures, the most famous of which is Chewbacca.

Answer: Wookiees

13. The Yu-Gi-Oh! card depiction of this figure allows its owner to draw a card when it is placed in the graveyard and describes this figure as a "Rock Star of the Burning Abyss." Although not St. Patrick, this figure trapped all of the snakes in his town in an iron gate and created a mechanical fly at the edge of his town which kept all flies out. In a fairy tale about this figure, he extinguishes all of the lights around town, only for them to be rekindled from a fire in his former love interest's (*) vagina. This figure had a fictional disciple named Lucinius, and this non-homer figure's works were selected randomly for divination by figures like Rabelais and Hadrian. For 10 points, name this classical magician, necromancer, and poet who is best known in modernity for the Aeneid.

Answer: Vergil

14. Although the origins of this mythical creature are unknown, parts of this legendary creature's anatomy are known to be syncretic with the Japanese tanabata festival. This creature has several teal rectangles attached to its body that flap in the wind, as well as a seam across its stomach which conceals an eye. This creature wakes for 7 days every (*) thousand years, during which time it grants three wishes. This creature's appearance coincides with the Millennium Comet, and this creature chooses Max as his friend. In that appearance, Max, May, Ash, and Brock seek to prevent a scorned magician from using this legendary creature to summon a Groudon. For 10 points, name this wish pokemon, the titular pokemon of a 2003 animated movie.

Answer: Jirachi

15. In one appearance of one of these creatures, a man avoids conflict with one of these creatures by collecting fifty chicken eggs and throwing them at that creature. In the special Kung Fu Panda: Legends of Awesomeness episode "The Po Who Cried Ghost," Po is the only person to believe that these creatures exist. The first film about these creatures was 1980's *Encounters of the (*) Spooky Kind*. These creatures may have originated from a Taoist funeral practice of avoiding having to pay to transport dead bodies home by hiring taoists to resurrect the body and walk it home. For 10 points, what are these creatures in Chinese culture, which perform a namesake action?

ANSWER: JiangShi (hopping zombies | p "zombies")

16. A frame in this style showing a cross-eyed girl with braids and missing a tooth follows a character saying that he will assault another's mind with subliminal messages, and in another, characters run frantically through a perfume department. While viewing some people of this type, characters say "those are some ugly looking fish," "maybe we're near one of those toxic waste dumps," and "I think I'm gonna be sick." After a manager asks about a woman's late husband, one scene in this form shows a lamp being turned on before we hear the answer "she doesn't like to talk about it." We see that same manager in this form as he repeatedly says "there's no place like home," after he is granted his wish to be served steamed with a side of melted butter. In a training video, one of these depicting a giraffe is replaced by an (*) "ahem, graph," and in that same training video, we see a food item in this medium on screen appear bigger and bigger while the narrator tries for

thirty seconds to create exciting music with only his mouth. In the episode "I Had an Accident," we see this form used several times, on a family turning off their TV at the end of the episode, on a zebra named George, and on the Gorilla. Jerry the Snail in "Dumped" is of this form, as are many of Sandy's memories when she describes Texas, Hans the Hand, Nosferatu in "The Graveyard Shift," and all scenes in which we see the parrot Potty and his owner Patchy the Pirate. For ten points, name these scenes in which we do not see purely drawn images.

ANSWER: Live-action scenes in Spongebob (accept anything indicating that they're not cartoon style)
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17. In this myth system's flood story, a city is saved from a deluge when the gods create an enchanted air dome, trapping that city at the bottom of the sea. This myth system details an event called the Interloper war, in which a group tried to defeat the light spirits using a weapon called the fused shadow. The Yiga clan is a group from this mythos which represents itself with an upside-down eye symbol and subsists largely on (*) mighty bananas. In another story, a boy wins a flying race on a flying island and then is sent to save a princess on the land below. A trio of goddesses native to this myth system are named Farore, Nayru, and Din, and represent courage, wisdom, and power. For ten points, name this myth system, important features of which include the triforce, Ganon, and Link.
Answer: Zelda Myth (not Hyrule specific but probably accept that too)

18. In Surah Ta-Ha of the Quran, one of these creatures provided the dust that was fed to the Golden Calf. In the Devi-Bhagavata Purana, Lakshmi is cursed by Vishnu for staring at one of these creatures named Uchchaisravas, which was present during the churning of the ocean of milk. One of these creatures was the mascot of a 1950s North Korean Stakhanovite progress movement, another of these creatures was depicted in a famous Han dynasty (*) physiognomy sculpture. The Islamic name for the Western Wall refers to one of these creatures, and that creature may have transported Abraham when he visited Hagar and Ishmael. For 10 points, name these mythological creatures, exemplified by the Chinese Tianma and Longma, the Islamic Haizum and Buraq, and the Greek Pegasus.

Answer: Flying Horses (Flying Donkeys | p "Horses", "Donkeys") [Buraq isn't really a horse but idc]

19. In a My Little Pony rendition of one of these myths, Rainbow Dash uses the Pegasus device to create rainbows, the nature of which Scootaloo discovers after failing out of flight school. In one myth of this type, a spelunker begins finding hieroglyphs in a cave and later takes a gun down to investigate. A Pokemon rendition of one of these myths led to a redesign of the (*) Lavendar Town music. One of these myths revolves around Nickelodeon headquarters experiencing an irregularity with editing Spongebob, while another of these myths centers around a blank-faced being who has spread eight pages throughout the forest. For 10 points, name these myths, which include Ted the Caver, Jeff the Killer, and Slenderman.

Answer: Creepypastas

20. In one story, nine of these people were asked riddles and a tenth asked which answer was the worst, leading the tenth to respond that each answer had been worse than the previous one. According to Strabo, one of these people came to Athens with a series of presents including a

partridge as large as a hawk and a man without arms, and had a tombstone which read "having immortalized himself according to the custom of his (*) country" after he died by immolation. Another of these people told an acquaintance "we will meet in Babylon" before immolating himself in Susa in 323 BC, thus predicting the death of Alexander the Great. That figure demanded Alexander be naked before he would speak with him and was named Kalanos. Porphry and Pyrrho describe two groups of these people called the Brachmanes and the Ajivika--for ten points--name this philosophical group described by Greek authors, which supposedly went naked, ate vegetarian diets, and sometimes immolated themselves.
Answer: Gymnosophists