

TELEOLOGY Tiebreaker Questions

1. Specialized moving cutouts of Viola Dana performing this dance were used to advertise the film *The Chorus Girl's Romance*. It's not the hula, but Ann Pennington, who was the first to perform the Black Bottom for white audiences, was also renowned for performing variations of this dance in grass skirts. The Ziegfeld girl Bee Palmer, a frequent performer of this dance, sang "I don't want no hesitation / all I crave is syncopation" on a 1918 song titled for wanting to perform this dance. (*) Gilda Gray, who claimed to have invented this dance while waitressing as a teenager, often wore Himalayan or Egyptian garb while performing it. This dance evolved from the hoochie-coochie and was often performed to ragtime music. For 10 points name this once risqué dance popular during the 1910s and 20s, in which one moves their shoulders back and forth while holding the rest of the body still.

ANSWER: the **shimmy** [accept **shimmy**-shake; accept "I Want to **Shimmie**"]

<Visual Art>

2. Characters named Spanish Johnny and Puerto Rican Jane appear in a violent narrative song titled for an "incident" in one of these places. The father of a 2021 Olympic silver medalist in team show jumping once sang "Now I'm wandering, the loser down the track / And I'm lyin' but, babe, I can't go back" on a song titled for these places. Roy Bittan played the echoing piano line on a song partially titled for one of these places, where the narrator claims he "walks the way I wanna walk." A synth-driven song titled for these places was inspired by the (*) AIDS epidemic and features the opening line "I was bruised and battered, I couldn't tell what I felt." The narrator wants to "blow 'em off in my first heat" in a song from *Darkness of the Edge of Town* titled for these general places. The sophomore album of one songwriter is titled for The Wild, The Innocent, and a "shuffle" named for one of these places. Many Bruce Springsteen songs are titled for, for 10 points, what sort of place that also names his backing band along with the letter E?

ANSWER: **streets** [accept E **Street**; accept "Incident on 57th **Street**", "**Streets** of Fire", "Out in the **Street**", "**Streets** of Philadelphia" or "Racing in the **Street**"; accept The E **Street** Band]

<Pop Music>

3. The pro-slavery anti-Tom novel *White Arce vs. Black Acre* is unusually set on two rival farms in this English county. The half-Roma nature girl Hazel is caught in a love trial with a squire and a Baptist minister in this county in a novel adapted into a 1950 film by Powell and Pressburger. Though it is itself set in Sussex, Stella Gibbons's *Cold Comfort Farm* parodies a writer from this county who may have fictionalized herself as Prue Sarn in a novel set in the Meres in the north of this county. Jonathan Strange is from this county in the debut novel by Susanna Clarke. Sentimental novels like *Gone to Earth* and *Precious Bane* were set in this county by native daughter (*) Mary Webb. P.G. Wodehouse's Blandings Castle is in the county, which is also the implied setting of a poem in which the narrator advises "Give pearls away and rubies / But keep your fancy free." The poem "When I Was One-and-Twenty" appears in a collection partially titled for this county. For 10 points, what English county titles a poetry collection by A.E. Housman named for a "lad"?

ANSWER: **Shropshire** [accept A **Shropshire** Lad]

<Literature>

4. The genderfluid diner worker Y/N appears in a point-and-click horror game titled for one of these people. A socially anxious teenager can choose to romance her guitar-playing childhood friend, the bigfoot Taylor, or the lesbian fairy Day, in a 2021 game titled for a raptor who is also one of these people. Despite its praise by some for featuring non-binary characters, a recent Verona Beach-set urban fantasy game titled fo one of these people drew criticisms for including a storyline featuring a stalker. This type of person titles a game in which a bizarre horror subplot features the grotesque scarecrow-like (*) Labor 9 and a large metal dome that suddenly covers a boarding school. Objects of the player character's affection transform into weapons in a queer-oriented 2021 dating sim crossed with an isometric roguelike called *[this type of person] Dungeon*. All characters who attend St. PigeoNation's Institute are birds in a cult visual novel titled *Hatoful [this type of person]*. For 10 points, what type of significant other does Amy Rose wish Sonic was?

ANSWER: **boyfriend** [accept *Raptor Boyfriend*, *Boyfriend Dungeon*, or *Hatoful Boyfriend*]
<Video Games>

Note to players: a pretty specific answer is required.

5. James Duderstadt, who succeeded Lee Bolinger as president of the University of Michigan, was a professor of this specific subject and co-wrote an influential textbook on it with Louis J. Hamilton; Michigan also has the top-rated program for this subject in the US, featuring professors Sarah Pozzi and David Wehe. The Argonauts are a class of devices used in teaching this subject to students, the last operating example of which is used at the University of Florida. Ted Taylor and his peers' work in the more clandestine parts of this field of study is the subject of a John McPhee book titled for a certain (*) "curve." Isaac Sachs works in this field in the First Luisa Rey Mystery section of *Cloud Atlas*. People working in this field often use the code suites ROOT and MCNP, the latter of which is distributed by RSICC at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. For 10 points, name this engineering field that may involve designing scintillator detectors or fission-based power plants.

ANSWER: **nuclear** engineering [accept **nuclear** science; accept **atomic** science or engineering; accept **nuclear** physics; accept answers like **nuclear** weapon design or **nuclear** reactor design; prompt on particle **physics**; prompt on **radiation** science]
<Other>