

Note to **players**: All questions in this packet involve some combination of baseball and philosophy. Not all answers are in “before and after” format: you may see answers where one answer is “nested” inside the other. For example, a mashup of the 2010s Yankees and the Edward Gibbon series would have the answerline “History of the Decline and Fall of the Evil Empire.” There is one “trick” tossup in this packet.

Note to **moderators**: Where applicable, the linked answerlines have been noted. You may use your discretion to award points to answers that feel like a sufficient attempt at a mashup, even if the given answer does not exactly match the one provided.

1. The *Nicomachean Ethics* uses pleasure, utility, and virtue to distinguish between three kinds of this concept, which was first introduced in the children’s program *Captain Noah and his Magical Ark* in 1978 BCE. Menexenus is angered by a mannequin wearing his uniform and physically attacks this concept after being questioned by Socrates, leading Socrates to claim this concept cannot be defined as “like attracts like.” This subject of *Lysis* appears on a headband often worn by (\*) Bryce Harper, and opposing players often try to express concern or affection by stealing the keys to his ATV. For 10 points, types of love like *agape* and *eros* are often contrasted with what mascot translated as “loving phriendship?”

ANSWER: the **Philia Phanatic**

Linked: *the Philly Phanatic and philia*

2. A lecture by this player ends with an allusion to an Anatole France novel, asking what went wrong when “the saint baptized the Florida Fire Frogs.” In a 2021 game against the Yankees, this player was hit in the jaw by a one-hopper thrown to first baseman J. O. Urmson. After a [one-dot-three-four-four] 1.344 OPS July propelled this player into becoming one of the fastest players in franchise history to hit 30 doubles and 30 home runs in a single season, Sidney Morgenbesser apocryphally responded to his claim of tying (\*) Hank Aaron for that record with the double positive “Yeah, right.” This player distinguished between explicit, inexplicit, implicit, and primitive forms of one concept in a game where he hit a walk-off single against Blake Treinen to give his team a 1-0 lead in the NLCS. This player’s \$212 million, ten-year contract extension was called “felicitous” by manager Brian Snitker, despite it edging Matt Olson for the largest contract in franchise history. For 10 points, name this Braves third baseman who defined illocutionary acts in *How to Do Things with Words*.

ANSWER: **J.L. Austin Riley**

Linked: *J.L. Austin and Austin Riley*

3. In a physiology-based response to this paper, Kathleen Akins argued for a minimum age of 14 following an incident where Dusty Baker’s three-year-old son was almost injured in a collision during the 2002 World Series. This paper notes that analogies like “red is like the sound of a trumpet” would be useless to describe sight to a blind person, and compares Martian scientists to humans analyzing Ripken, a black lab employed in its title role by the Durham Bulls. This 1974 paper was cited in the Mitchell Report as part of an indictment of Mets employee Kirk Radomski’s role in supplying baseball players with drugs. This paper opens with the claim that (\*) “Consciousness is what makes the metal-hardwood problem really intractable.” For 10 points, name this paper by Thomas Nagel that argues it is impossible to understand the subjective experience of bringing new equipment to hitters and umpires.

ANSWER: “**What is it like to be a batboy?**” [accept terms like **batgirl** or **bat attendant** in place of **batboy**]

Linked: “*What is it like to be a bat?*” and the stadium staff position *batboy*

4. Friedrich Engels said he had learned more from this player than “from any ... historians, economists, and statisticians of the period,” inspired by the time this player responded to being called up to the majors by asking if he could instead be sent back to Single-A to be a shortstop. An analysis of this player’s work uses the “axis of castration” to deconstruct his enthusiasm over being sent a samurai sword after winning the Cy Young and his comments that you’re only allowed to write about him if you’ve seen *The Shawshank*

**Redemption.** This “enigmas” of this player’s remarks are marked “HER” in a work that defines the Cultural, Proairetic, Royal, and Semic (\*) codes. This author’s social anxiety disorder and preference for playing in empty stadiums during the COVID-19 pandemic are examined in Thomas Piketty’s *Capital in the Twenty-First Century* and a structural analysis by Roland Barthes. For 10 points, S/Z is about a work by what French pitcher?

ANSWER: Honoré de **Balzack Greinke**

Linked: *Honoré de Balzac and Zack Greinke*

5. In 2014, Yankees starter Michael Pineda was given a 10-game suspension after he used this philosopher’s consequence operator to describe finitary closure. This philosopher’s definition of “logical notions” was at the center of a controversy that resulted in a game’s ninth inning being replayed 25 days later; following that game, Lee MacPhail ruled that this thinker’s definition of logical consequence had not violated the “spirit of the restriction.” (\*) Goose Gossage signed “Barry, I threw the fucking thing” on a ball hit in a home run that was later overturned due to George Brett’s excessive citations of “Convention T,” which holds that “P is true if and only if P.” For 10 points, name this substance that is sometimes *illegally* used to improve pitchers’ grip on the semantic theory of truth, but can legally be applied to bat handles.

ANSWER: **pine Tarski**

Linked: *pine tar and Alfred Tarski*

Note to players: English-language answer required.

6. This essay uses the “Black-Ink” and “Gray-Ink tests to analyze sentences like “Odysseus was set ashore at Ithaca while sound asleep.” Written in 2000 by mathematician Sean Forman, this essay examines variations of the phrase “Kepler died in misery” to illustrate the danger of ambiguities created by “apparent” proper names. This essay hosts an “oracle” that calculates the degrees of separation between baseball players, expanding on ideas in its author’s earlier *Begriffsschrift* and *Grundlagen*, or (\*) *Foundations of Arithmetic*. Unlike a *similar* essay, this essay uses the difference between [O-P-S-plus] OPS+ = OPS+ and OPS+ = [O-B-P] OBP + slugging to argue that names like “evening star” and “morning star” are not equivalent. For 10 points, name this paper by Frege that calculates a type of [war] WAR contrasted with [F-war] fWAR.

ANSWER: “On **Sense and Baseball Reference**”

Linked: *“Sense and Reference” and baseball-reference.com*

7. According to some of his friends, C.S. Lewis called himself “Andy the Clown” and turned to writing children’s books after being embarrassed in a debate about naturalism at this stadium. Nicknamed “the Baseball Palace of the World,” this stadium was named for a philosopher who used the example of someone buying potatoes from a grocer to illustrate facts that are brute “relative to” other facts. The first All-Star Game and Joe Louis’ first heavyweight title victory occurred in this stadium, as did the first publication of Wittgenstein’s *Philosophical Investigations*. This Catholic stadium protested the legalization of abortion in Britain during an infamous (\*) “Disco Demolition Night” that sent players fleeing to the clubhouse, leading its namesake to coin the term “consequentialism.” Named for a philosopher whose team threw the 1919 World Series, this stadium was replaced in 1990 and was later demolished alongside its husband, Peter Geach. For 10 points, name this stadium where “Intention” and “Modern Moral Philosophy” were written, the former home of the White Sox.

ANSWER: G. E. M. **Anscomiskey Park**

Linked: *Gertrude Elizabeth Margaret Anscombe and Comiskey Park*

8. A work by this thinker on “melancholia” analyzes Holbein’s “The Body of the Dead Christ in the Tomb” and a 2010 game where this thinker broke up Brandon Morrow’s no-hitter bid in the 9th inning. In her rookie year, this author of *Black Sun* made his debut replacing an injured Willy Aybar and later caught a flyout from Joe Mauer in foul territory to clinch his team’s first-ever playoff spot. It is speculated that Gillette sponsored a staged video in which this thinker supposedly intercepts a foul ball that was about to hit a reporter, but actually came out of the presignifying, undefinable state (\*) she calls the *khora*. Illustrating a term

this thinker defined as “what does not respect borders, positions, rules,” or is cast away from the self, this player was traded away to the Giants in a 2017 deal including Christian Arroyo and Mark Krok. For 10 points, name this Bulgarian-Ukrainian-Mexican-French psychoanalyst who wrote *Powers of Horror* as a longtime player for the Tampa Bay Rays.

ANSWER: Julia **Kristevan Longoria**

Linked: *Julia Kristeva and Evan Longoria*

9. **This pitcher is mentioned by name in Maimonides’ *Treatise on Logic*, after which he was sent to the Diamondbacks in a three-team trade that sent Didi Gregorius to the Yankees. Though not the losing pitcher, this player was the last pitcher for the losing team in the longest playoff game in history, calling Penn Murfee a “weed” to be removed from virtuous societies in his *The Virtuous City*. After challenging (\*) al-Kindi’s metaphysics by saying there are more things that are “one” than God, this player gave up the first walk-off home run by a team trailing by multiple runs in playoff history, despite other Peripatetics like Ibn Sinna and Erik Swanson still being available to pitch. For 10 points, name this Islamic pitcher known as the “Second Teacher,” whose 2022 playoff struggles for the Mariners came just one year after winning the Cy Young in 2021.**

ANSWER: **al-Farobbie Ray**

Linked: *Abu Nasr al-Farabi and Robbie Ray*

10. **Though most current scholars disagree, Rousseau’s *The Social Contract* argues this work is a satire whose reputation derives from “superficial or corrupt readers,” citing its account of how, as a 12-year-old, its subject hit a home run off Tigers third base coach Terry Francona. This work lists Moses and Theseus as among those who have risen through their own ability and not fortune, and claims the title figure’s powers of mind were why he was signed to a massive, nine-year contract, just to be traded to the Rangers the following year for Ian Kinsler. This work advises the reader to “beat (\*) [fortune] and strike her down,” citing how its title figure became the first player to win the Home Run Derby for both the NL and AL in 2012, three years after he became the first player on the Brewers to win it. This work is dedicated to the grandson of a ruler known as “the Magnificent,” who, with his father, became the only father-son duo to each hit 50 MLB home runs in a season. For 10 points, name this work by Niccolo Machiavelli about a first baseman whose father, Cecil, also played for the Tigers.**

ANSWER: **The Prince Fielder**

Linked: *Machiavelli’s The Prince and Prince Fielder*

11. **This philosopher was inspired by Tony Cowell realizing his hunting boots shrank between seasons to argue that ideas of giants or Lilliputians are simply augmentations or diminutions of actual impressions. This philosopher’s three universal “principles of association” include contiguity in time and place and resemblance, such as similarity to the boxes used to store cigars. This philosopher argued that custom or habit, not reason, led a Rockies employee to conclude that counteracting the (\*) altitude could cause a reduction in home runs at Coors Field, as ball weight and bounciness were in constant conjunction with exit velocity. After his first major work fell “dead-born from the press” in 2001, it was adopted by the Diamondbacks in 2018 and became mandatory for all teams in 2022. For 10 points, name this philosopher who standardized atmospheric conditions for baseball storage in his *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*.**

ANSWER: **David Humidor[s]**

Linked: *David Hume and humidor[s]*

12. **A section of this work criticizes Montaigne’s “lewd words” and claims if the protagonist had five Best Nine Awards instead of six, “the whole aspect of the world would have been altered.” That section of this work describes its title figure hitting an Opening Day single off Corbin Burnes to start an 8-game hitting streak to open his MLB career, becoming just the third player for his team and second from his country of birth to do so. This work’s chapter “The Misery of Man Without God” describes its protagonist’s team going on to lose a**

game where he hit a ninth-inning, go-ahead, inside-the-park home run off Josh Hader. In this unfinished work, the central figure declares he wears 27 because he “loves Mike Trout” and that “the heart has its reasons, of which reason knows not.” In its most famous chapter, a player’s 30-day negotiation window is interrupted by the (\*) lockout, after which he contemplates teams’ offers with the thought “If you gain, you gain all; if you lose, you lose nothing,” and concludes he should live as though God is real. For 10 points, name this unfinished work by Blaise Pascal about a much-hyped Japanese right fielder for the Cubs.

ANSWER: Penséeiya Suzuki

Linked: *Pascal’s Pensées and Seiya Suzuki*

13. This text is the primary subject of Jacques Derrida’s “The Parergon,” which says it must bridge the “infinite gulf” between its subject and Tyler Austin when they hit back-to-back home runs off the same pitcher in their first career at bats. This work says there could never be “another Newton” who could explain a blade of grass without invoking its ends, just as its subject is the only player who throws exactly 40 sunflower seeds into the grass before each game. This work says that while sublime things are deserving of fear, like a player having the highest average (\*) exit velocity in MLB every year since his debut, beautiful things create a pleasurable “free play” of the mind, like that player kissing his team’s patch after a home run. The two sections of this work focus on the title concept’s “teleological” form, highlighting the 1.049 OPS its subject put up in his 2017 rookie season, and its “aesthetic form,” which centers on his 6’7” height. For 10 points, name this third of Kant’s Critiques, about the Yankees’ current captain.

ANSWER: Critique of Aaron Judgment

Linked: *Aaron Judge and Kant’s Critique of Judgment*

14. This essay grew in popularity after an English translation by Michael Sadleir and the publication of excerpts in BLAST, and was arguably responsible for the resignation of mayor Harry Sidhu following a corruption scandal. This essay, which divides its title subject into impressions, improvisations, and compositions, drew controversy in 2020 after saying there is an “‘inner necessity’ to vote for President Trump.” According to this essay, great practitioners of the title discipline lead humanity up a “pyramid,” beginning by buying the minor-league Salt Lake Trappers and moving onto a franchise then owned by (\*) Disney. This Theosophical essay was sued by its home city after changing its name for broader marketability, which its author achieved through the colorful, abstract paintings of the Blue Rider movement. For 10 points, name this work of art theory by Wassily Kandinsky about the owner of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

ANSWER: “Concerning the Spiritual in Arte Moreno” [accept On in place of Concerning]

Linked: *Wassily Kandinsky’s “On the Spiritual in Art” and Arte Moreno*

15. He’s not Bertrand Russell, but during this philosopher’s radio debate with Jesuit priest Frederick Copleston about the meaning of religious language, he was ejected in his first career game after he was called out at home. This thinker said a near-death experience had weakened his “inflexible attitude” against an afterlife after his last season was cut short by open-heart surgery. This emotivist held that statements like “my father Bob acted wrongly in stealing that base” are *expressing* disapproval, not making claims about wrongness, and was released by his team after injuring his knee in a pickup basketball game and necessitating a trade for A-Rod. This player’s walk-off home run off Tim (\*) Wakefield in game 7 of the 2003 ALCS helped earn him a role as Wykeham Chair in the Bronx. This thinker claimed that because you couldn’t verify rumors that he tried to motivate his team using videos of the 2004 ALCS, the rumors had no meaning. For 10 points, name this current Yankees manager, who popularized logical positivism in *Language, Truth, and Logic*.

ANSWER: A. J. Ayeron Boone

Linked: *Alfred Jules Ayer and Aaron Boone*

16. A philosopher at this university coined the term “Good Old-Fashioned Artificial Intelligence” to describe the fact that “Home run hitters drive Cadillacs, and singles hitters drive Fords.” This school’s fight song is

“We Are Family,” which it adopted during the 1979 World Series under a philosopher who rejected “bald naturalism” in favor of “Naturalized Platonism.” “Analytic Hegelism” was started at this university to describe a bizarre play where Will Craig tried to chase the Cubs’ Javy Baez back to home rather than just stepping on first for the force play. The philosophical “school” named for this university was founded by a philosopher who imagined a limited “Rylean” language with no concept of mental states in a paper that also imagines the “Myth” of a second baseman who hit the only walk-off home run to end a World Series Game 7. This school is known for its philosophy department, which has included (\*) John McDowell and Wilfrid Sellars, as well as for trading away future star pitchers like Charlie Morton, Tyler Glasnow, and Gerrit Cole. For 10 points, name this American university that had a record 20-season losing streak until 2012, which plays at PNC Park.  
ANSWER: the University of Pittsburgh Pirates

Linked: *the University of Pittsburgh / Pittsburgh School and the Pittsburgh Pirates*

17. T.S. Eliot’s dissertation for his never-finished PhD at Harvard was about this player, who had a record 17 hits while playing for Oregon State in the 2018 College World Series. This player argued that if A and B are related by C, then C is related to A and B by relation D, and so on, perhaps alluding to his callup to the majors being followed the same year by Kyle Stowers and Gunnar Henderson. This player quickly replaced Robinson Chirinos as his team’s everyday catcher after making his debut in 2022, though he himself was pushed from popularity by analytic philosophers like former admirer (\*) Bertrand Russell and finished second in AL Rookie of the Year voting to Julio Rodriguez. For 10 points, name this idealist Baltimore Oriole who outlined an infinite regress argument and the Absolute in *Appearance and Reality*.

ANSWER: F. H. Bradley Rutschman

Linked: *F.H. Bradley and Adley Rutschman*

18. The preface to this work frames its readers as “nieces in wish,” ending as the author sails from New York to the [emphasize] *birthplace* of a player who was mocked after declaring “this is my house.” A player in this work’s title city kicked off a disappointing .259/.334/.295 season by recording his 4,000th career hit, which this work compares to the “masculine and military passions” expressed in the *Song of Roland*. A furry, orange mascot for a team based in this work’s title city was thrown out of a game after changing into a nightgown and going to sleep on top of the away dugout, angering Dodgers manager (\*) Tommy Aquinas. This work portrays the elaborate architecture of Jarry Park Stadium and Olympic Cathedral as a kind of worship of the Virgin Mary, and was written before the author moved to Washington and published a work on his “Education.” For 10 points, name this travelog about the Expos’ and Canadiens’ medieval seasons, by Henry Adams.

ANSWER: Montreal Saint Michel and Chartres

Linked: *Montreal (cluing the Montreal Expos and the Montreal Canadiens) and Henry Adams’ Mont Saint Michel and Chartres.*

19. Note to players: English-language answer required.

The player at the center of this work had earlier in the game made a rally-killing baserunning error that Gordon McLendon compared to “Merkle’s Boner,” though Einstein was inspired by his account of the *principium individuationis* constituting only differences in time and space. The appendix to this work, which calls Kant’s categories a “terrible Procrustean bed,” appears as the prologue of Don DeLillo’s *Underworld*. Chuck Dressen questionably chose not to go with pitcher Carl Erskine prior to this work, instead allowing Ralph Branca to deny his blind incessant impulse and achieve freedom from suffering. This work calls the title event the (\*) “thing in itself,” also known as the “Miracle of Coogan’s Bluff.” This work draws heavily from the Upanishads, repeating the Sanskrit phrase “*The Giants win the pennant!*” For 10 points, name this seminal work by Arthur Schopenhauer about Bobby Thomson’s game-winning home run to win the NL pennant in 1951.

ANSWER: *The* *Shot Heard Round the World as Will and Representation* [accept and Idea in place of and Representation]

Linked: “*The Shot Heard Round the World*” (nickname) and Schopenhauer’s *The World as Will and Representation*

20. An example in this paper describes how “the cat is in the carton” can appear to refer to Bruce, a cat who is running around the room, but can eventually refer to Albert, the cat that lives in New Zealand. Responding to Peter Unger’s claim that “flat” is an “absolute term,” this paper argues that saying the pavement isn’t flat because something else is flatter simply changes the relevant standards of precision. This paper uses the example of a player walking to first on three balls as an illustration of baseball’s lack of “rules of accommodation,” which do apply to concepts like permissibility and presupposition. This paper defines a septuple specifying the “kinematics of score,” and argues that (\*) conversations could similarly be updated using “n-tuples.” For 10 points, name this paper that itself mashes up baseball and philosophy by comparing the context throughout a conversation to a baseball scoreboard, written by David Lewis.

ANSWER: “**Scorekeeping in a Language Game**”

*The tossup is on a single work of philosophy. If it seems like they are trying to manufacture some baseball common link to fill out the correct title of the work, e.g., “Box Scorekeeping in a Language Game,” you may award points at your discretion.*