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**1** Beethoven, kept awake by loud knocking on a neighbor's door, used it as the opening drumbeats in one of these works in D minor. Brahms wrote one in D major for Joseph [\*] Joachim, who also helped popularize Beethoven's. Mendelssohn wrote one in E minor for a young virtuoso, Ferdinand David. Many young students learn Bach's "double" one in D minor. For 10 points—name this genre in which an orchestra is joined by a solo violin.

ANSWER: violin concerto(s) or violin concerti

**2** MSNBC called him one of the House's most conservative Democrats—appropriate, as he's a founding member of the Blue Dog Democrats. Once an ally of [\*] Newt Gingrich, and now an ally of Dick Gephardt, his tireless crusade against unfounded mandates has gone largely unnoticed. For 10 points—name this California congressman "with good hair" some suspect of foul play in the disappearance of intern Chandra Levy.

ANSWER: Gary Adrian Condit

**3** Their production by sufficiently high-energy colliders is predicted in certain models with teraelectron-volt gravity; it is believed they would decay "democratically." The Kerr type have [\*] angular momentum. Schwarzschild solved equations for static, uncharged ones, and Hawking showed that the area of their event horizons always increase. For 10 points—name these regions of space-time from which light cannot escape.

ANSWER: black hole(s) [prompt on "singularities"]

**4** She hopes to bore herself to death, and refuses to be informal with Aunt Julia. After competing with the redheaded manhunter Diana for control of [\*] Eilert Loevborg, she burns his manuscript. When Loevborg kills himself, and Judge Brack blackmails her, she commits suicide. For 10 points—name this title heroine of a play by Ibsen.

ANSWER: Hedda or Hedda Gabler

**5** Its polymeric allotrope, obtained through rapid cooling of the liquid, is insoluble in almost all solvents. At standard pressure, it has two crystalline forms, monodinic and orthorhombic, which are stable at different temperatures. In crystals, the basic unit is a ring of [\*] eight atoms. For 10 points—name this element, whose hydride has the odor of bad eggs.

ANSWER: Sulfur

**6** This novel's protagonist is working on a painting, *The Burning of Los Angeles*. He becomes involved in the lives of several people warped by their proximity to the [\*] artificial world of Hollywood. Tod Hackett appears in—for 10 points—what 1939 novel by Nathanael West that introduced readers to the name Homer Simpson?

ANSWER: *The Day of the Locust*

**7** Water enters them through small openings called *ostia*, and leave through larger ones called *oscula* [AH-skyoo-luh]. Undergoing both sexual and asexual reproduction, these [\*] sessile benthic organisms feed using flagellae attached to choanocytes [ko-AA-no-sites] or collar cells. For 10 points—name this phylum that includes the sponges.

ANSWER: *Porifera* or *Spongiaria* [accept sponge(s) on early buzz]

**8** It won a bronze medal at a 1930 exhibition at the Art Institute of Chicago. Heavily influenced by the artist's stay in Europe, and often viewed as satire, it was used as propaganda in [\*] World War II to remind Americans of the values they were protecting. The artist's dentist and sister served as models in—for 10 points—what often-parodied Grant Wood painting?

ANSWER: *American Gothic*

**9** Originally a schoolteacher, he rose to a major in the Union army during the Civil War. After the war, he returned to his home state, opened a law office, and married [\*] Ida Stanton in 1871. Elected to Congress in 1876, his support of big business resulted in an 1890 protective tariff bearing his name. For 10 points—name this politician, elected governor of Ohio in 1892, who was assassinated by Leon Czolgosz in 1901.

ANSWER: William McKinley

**10** Founded in 1979 to distribute completed films, and named after its founders' parents, its first production was 1986's *Playing for Keeps*, written and directed by the [\*] founders. Purchased by Disney in 1993, its first major success was 1994's *Pulp Fiction*. For 10 points—name this film company, accused of "buying" Oscars for its films, started by Robert and Harvey Weinstein.

ANSWER: Miramax Films, Inc.

**11** First spotted near the end of World War II, their name may have come from the comic strip *Smoky Stover*. At first, pilots thought it was a new German secret weapon. Later, explanations ranging from St. Elmo's fire to ball lightning to stress-induced hallucinations were invoked, but many people believed they were [\*] UFOs. For 10 points—name these small lights spotted by World War II pilots that share a name with a band fronted by Dave Grohl.

ANSWER: Foo Fighters [prompt on "UFO" before "*Smoky Stover*"]

**12** Chinua Achebe claimed this book did not criticize European imperialism, but rather showed that its author was racist. Rather than distance the author from the character's ideology by having a narrator recount [\*] another narrator's story, Achebe claims its author reduces Africa to "props for the break-up of [a] petty European mind." For 10 points—Marlow recounts a voyage up the Congo in what novella by Joseph Conrad?

ANSWER: *Heart of Darkness*

- 13** This city belonged to the Khazars when the Varangians under Oleg established themselves there in 882. Under Oleg's successors, this port on the [\*] Dnieper River became the capital of the first medieval Russian state. For 10 points—name this city that is now the capital of the Ukraine.

ANSWER: Kiev

- 14** The manuscript of the first book featuring this character was completed in Southern France in 1939, after Augusto and [\*] Margret Rey fled Paris by bicycle. Originally called Fifi, a computer-animated featured film is planned for this star of dozens of children's books. For 10 points—name this oddly silent primate who left the African jungle to live with the enigmatic man in the yellow hat.

ANSWER: Curious George

- 15** This town was founded in 1796 on the principle that one should be allowed to marry one's [\*] cousins, because they're so attractive. This town's rivalry with its neighbor ranges from a near war over a lemon tree to sports matches between its Sharks and the neighboring Isotopes. For 10 points—what is this town located right next to Springfield?

ANSWER: Shelbyville [accept Springfield before "principle"]

- 16** He helped create Germany's Socialist Unity Party; in 1967, he was appointed successor to its first secretary, Walter Ulbricht, following his 1961 direction of the construction of the [\*] Berlin Wall. In 1981 and 1987, he and Helmut Kohl exchanged the first official visits as leaders of the two Germanys. For 10 points—name this man who resigned in October 1989, the final leader of East Germany.

ANSWER: Erich Honecker

- 17** This franchise began in the AAFC in 1947; a year later, quarterback Y.A. Tittle joined them. Their [\*] 1958 NFL championship over the New York Giants is called "The Greatest Game Ever Played," but they lost the 1971 Super Bowl to the New York Jets. For 10 points—name this team for whom Johnny Unitas played from 1956 to 1972, which moved in 1983 to Indianapolis.

ANSWER: Colts or Baltimore Colts [prompt on "Indianapolis"; do *not* prompt on "Ravens"]

- 18** The only fictional character to receive an obituary on the front page of the New York *Times*, Arthur Hastings often tells the stories of his exploits in [\*] England. First introduced in *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, and retired in *Curtain*—for 10 points—name this man with an egg-shaped head, stiff black mustache, and little gray cells, a retired Belgian police detective created by Agatha Christie.

ANSWER: Hercule Poirot

- 19** First postulated in 1935, their common name was coined in 1962 by John Wheeler. None have yet been discovered, but it is believed that one end of these structures could appear at the [\*] singularity of a black hole, and create a tunnel in the fabric of space-time. Also known as Einstein-Rosen bridges, these are—for 10 points—what hypothetical timesavers, one of which is located next to Deep Space Nine?

ANSWER: wormhole(s) [accept Einstein-Rosen bridge(s) on early buzz]

**20** A national park in Kenai, Alaska is named for these geographic features. The coastlines of Scotland, southern Chile, southern New Zealand, and [\*] Greenland all contain large numbers of these sea inlets which, unlike estuaries, have very steep walls. Formed by glaciers—for 10 points—name these regions a dead parrot might pine for, best seen in Norway.

ANSWER: fjord(s)

**21** He is named in a Hittite treaty tablet, written in cuneiform, as the god of contracts. Also a god of war and justice, he was born from a rock armed with a [\*] torch and a knife. In sacrificing the cosmic bull, he created the world. Popular with Roman soldiers, his worship was suppressed by the rise of Christianity. For 10 points—name this Persian sun god.

ANSWER: Mithras or Mitra [do not prompt on “Mithridates”]

**22** Known to exist for just two substances, in one, it is explained by *p*-wave pairing of the [\*] fermionic atoms. In the other, its onset is marked by a characteristic shape in the specific heat curve at the lambda point, 2.17 Kelvins For 10 points—name this phenomenon, in which liquid helium-3 and helium-4 have almost zero viscosity..

ANSWER: superfluidity or superfluid(s) or superfluid state

**23** His first book, *Black Skin, White Masks*, psychoanalyzes the plight of blacks in a white-dominated world. In his second book, *The Wretched of the Earth*, more prescriptive and anti-colonial, he called for a revolution by the [\*] peasants, not the proletariat, of the Third World. For 10 points—name this anticolonialist psychiatrist and activist from Martinique, the leader of the Algerian National Front.

ANSWER: Frantz Omar Fanon

**24** In 388 he punished a bishop who set a synagogue on fire. When Thessalonica revolted in 390, he massacred 7,000 in a stadium. In retribution, he was denied [\*] communion for eight months by the bishop of Milan, St. Ambrose, a dire punishment for a devout Christian who had outlawed pagan worship 10 years before. For 10 points—name this last emperor of the united Roman Empire.

ANSWER: Theodosius I or Flavius Theodosius the Great

**25** He has said, “It is true I have raped history, but it has produced some beautiful offspring. Known for their inaccuracies, melodrama, and plagiarism, he wrote hundreds of volumes with his “factory” of [\*] ghostwriters. His initial success came with historical plays like *Napoleon Bonaparte*, but—for 10 points—what author is better known for swashbuckling historical novels like *The Black Tulip*, *The Count of Monte Cristo*, and *The Three Musketeers*?

ANSWER: Alexandre Dumas père or Elder or the Father

**26** He characterized mythical thought in terms of “bricolage,” a way of working from whatever is at hand. Saussure’s theory of language informed his view of social institutions, in terms of lateral relationships and binary laws. His 1949 work *Elementary Structures of* [\*] *Kinship* is considered one of the foundations of structural anthropology. For 10 points—name this Belgian-born French anthropologist who wrote *The Savage Mind* and *The Raw and the Cooked*.

ANSWER: Claude Lévi-Strauss

**27** Kingsford Smith Airport is located on its northwest shore. Originally called Stingray Harbor, it was the site of the 1770 landing of James [\*] Cook. The British government planned a convict colony here, but it was moved to Port Jackson—although it became the namesake of a fictional prison ship. Now encompassed by Sydney’s southern suburbs is—for 10 points—what inlet of the Tasman sea named for its interesting flora?

ANSWER: Botany Bay

**28** After murdering a countryman, he changed his name and fled to exile in King Proetus’s court at Argos. Proetus’s wife Arteia [ar-TAY-uh] falsely accused him of adultery, prompting the king to send him to [\*] Iobates to be killed. Born Hipponoüs—for 10 points—name this Greek who succeeded on Iobates’ quest to kill the Chimera with the aid of Pegasus.

ANSWER: Bellerophon