

Game 1

Toss-ups

1. Q. Steve Landesberg, Graham Chapman, Richard Harris, Richard Burton, and Dudley Moore are all actors who have played characters with the same first name. Which name?

A. Arthur

2. Q. Hitler became a German citizen, Huxley wrote *Brave New World*, Heisenberg won the Nobel Prize in physics, and the Lindbergh baby was kidnapped in which year?

A. 1932

3. Q. Andrew Jackson had several Attorneys General, several Secretaries of the Treasury, and made several appointments to the Supreme Court. One man is distinguished, however, by being one of each of these. Name this Southern Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

A. Roger B. Taney

4. Q. Coleridge's poem "The Pains of Sleep" describes his addiction to opium. More famous is *Confessions of an English Opium-Eater*, written by which other British Romantic?

A. Thomas de Quincey

Two answers needed here
5. Q. The name of two of Santa's reindeer are the German words for *thunder* and *lightning*. Name both of these reindeer for 10 points.

A. Donner and Blitzen

6. Q. There have been many assassination attempts on American presidents, and some of the prospective assassins have even hit their targets. Often enough, however, they hit someone else. Anton Cermak, the mayor of Chicago, was killed by an errant bullet aimed at which American president? (chār mēk)

A. Franklin D. Roosevelt

7. Q. Carl Degler, Bernard Bailyn, Daniel Boorstin, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., and Barbara Tuchman all share which profession?

A. Historian (do not accept *Writer*)

8. Q. In 1970, California became the most populous state in the union. In all the censuses between 1820 and 1960, New York was the most populous state. However, which was the most populous state in 1810?

A. Virginia

9. Q. Mt. Pelee erupted in 1902, totally covering the city of St. Pierre and killing all but two of its inhabitants. On which Caribbean island, now an overseas French department, did this catastrophe occur?

A. Martinique

10. Q. In 1709, a stranded sailor, Alexander Selkirk, was rescued from an island he had been left on more than four years before, and became an instant celebrity, enthraling listeners with tales of being thrown off a cliff by a ram and of being so lonely that he danced with cats. An aging writer visited Selkirk and wrote a novel about the sailor's ordeal, an adventure story that has been widely read ever since about a shipwrecked sailor named Robinson Crusoe. Who was the author?

A. Daniel Defoe

11. Q. Above all others, the nineteenth century was one of many idealistic schemes to rid the world of war and oppression. The Polish linguist and philologist Ludovico Zamenhof, for example, created a synthetic religion which he hoped would unite humanity. Naturally, it did not catch on. Another of his inventions, however, was the most successful artificial language of all time, which is estimated to still have over a million speakers. What is this language?

A. Esperanto

12. Q. Its editors have included Stalin and Molotov. This once underground newspaper was founded in 1912, but it is now the state newspaper of the Soviet Union. What is this avowedly truthful newspaper?

A. Pravda

13. Q. Bo Derek, Ursula Andress, and Linda Evans look somewhat alike, and all three have made waves by posing for *Playboy* magazine. They also have all been married to the same man. Who is he?

A. John Derek

14. Q. This former New Jersey senator was sentenced to three years in prison in February 1982 because of the Abscam investigation. Name him.

A. Harrison Williams

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15. Q. The Secretary of Commerce is a Cabinet post of little prominence, but from 1938 to 1940, the then Secretary of Commerce was one of the most influential men in the United States. Who was this personal adviser to Franklin Roosevelt?

A. Harry Hopkins

16. Q. He wrote *The Discourses on the First Ten Books of Livy* in 1519, and *The Art of War* in 1520. Much more influential, however was a 1513 book of his. Because of this book, his first name is a popular nickname for the Devil, and his last name has become synonymous with an amoral grasping after power in which the ends justify the means. Name this famous author of *The Prince*.

A. Niccolò Macchiavelli [Host: From Niccolò came Old Nick]

17. Q. She was born Leslie Hornsby in London in 1949, but became internationally famous as an underweight fashion model. What is her better-known modeling name?

A. Twiggy

18. Q. His songs include "Get My Rocks Off," "Freakin' at the Freakers Ball," and "Penicillin Penny." He and his band, The Medicine Show, are best known, however, for the song "Cover of the *Rolling Stone*," which did indeed get them on the cover of *Rolling Stone* magazine. Name this bawdy and very satirical singer, many of whose songs were written by Shel Silverstein.

A. Doctor Hook

19. Q. Nearly half a million cholecystectomies [pron. kohl-uh-sist-ekr-uh-meez] are performed each year. For ten points, which organ is removed in this operation?

A. Gall bladder

20. Q. Richard Byrd starts an expedition to the Antarctic, Alexander Fleming discovers penicillin, and the Kellogg-Briand Pact outlaws war. In which year did all these take place?

A. 1928

21. Q. John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, and William McKinley in Buffalo, but in which American city was Robert F. Kennedy assassinated?

A. Los Angeles

22. Q. Although it sounds like an etching by M. C. Escher, "Self-Portrait in a Convex Mirror" actually is a Pulitzer Prize-winning poem by which poet: Anthony Hecht, John Ashberry, John Berryman, or Allan Ginsburg?

A. Ashberry or The second one

23. Q. June 6, 1944 was the date of the Normandy invasion, but which nation launched its own invasion on June 6, 1982?

A. Israel

24. Q. Many famous people write their memoirs, but this former French Minister of Art wrote his *Anti-Mémoires*. More famous, however, is his novel *La Condition Humaine*, or *Man's Fate*. Who is this author familiar to any student of 20th century literature?

A. André Malraux (ma lō)

25. Q. Members of Congress and other government officials get to send official letters without paying postage. What is this privilege called?

A. Franking (also accept free frank)