

500 Questions Volume II - Set 13

Its chemistry is analogous to that of sulfur and is obtained as a by-product of copper processing. Used to make photoelectric cells, solar cells, and xerography, it is also used to make ruby glass and to vulcanize rubber. For 10 points, identify this metalloid with atomic number 34 that takes its name from a goddess of the moon.

Answer: selenium

Originally accused of Brahminism and failure to recognize writers outside its region, its focus changed when it was purchased by Ticknor and Fields. Among the works first published in it were "Barbara Frietchie," "The Man without a Country," and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." For 10 points, identify this New England Magazine founded in 1857 and headed by such men as William Dean Howells and James Russell Lowell.

Answer: The Atlantic Monthly

When his home state, Tennessee, seceded from the Union in 1861, he retained his U.S. Senate seat, the only Southerner to do so. Upon returning home to speak, he was nearly murdered by an angry mob. For his loyalty to the Union, Lincoln appointed him military governor of occupied Tennessee and later his vice-presidential running mate. For 10 points, name this President who was impeached in 1868.

Answer: Andrew Johnson

It was abundant during the Mesozoic Era, but until fairly recently, it survived only in China. For 10 points, what is this tall deciduous tree of the phylum gymnospermae which bears fan-shaped leaves, usually with a distinct notch opposite the petiole?

Answer: Ginkgo

Alysheba wins the Kentucky Derby; Al Unser wins the Indianapolis 500; Edwin Moses finally loses a hurdles race; Penn St. wins the NCAA football championship; Indiana University wins the NCAA basketball championship; the New York Giants win the Super Bowl; and the Minnesota Twins win the World Series. For 10 points, in what year did all of these sports events take place?

Answer: 1987

From 1668 to 1688, he served the House of Stuart as poet laureate - a post he lost for his loyalty to James II during the Glorious Revolution. For 10 points, identify this 17th century English poet, dramatist, and critic whose notable works include The Hind and the Panther, All for Love, and Absalom and Achitophel.

Answer: John Dryden

The Frankfurt Assembly proposed that his father, Frederick William IV assume the leadership of the German people and form a federal empire. His father refused, but this man with aid of his Chancellor Otto von Bismarck, undaunted by the power of Austria and led the wars necessary to create a united Germany. For 10 points, identify this founder of the German Empire.

Answer: Kaiser Wilhelm I or William I

It is located at the source of the river which bears its name. The county seat of Bexar County, Texas, it was originally settled by the Spanish, but was captured from the Mexicans by Texan forces in 1835. For 10 points, identify this tenth largest city in the United States whose most famous landmark is the Alamo?

Answer: San Antonio

In its two preceding symphonies were composed in less than seven weeks in 1788. Written in C, it has K. 551. For 10 points, identify this symphony #41, Mozart's last.

Answer: Jupiter symphony

Their lineage was based on the mother's and they were not actually a single tribe, but a group of tribes, together in the mid-sixteenth century through the efforts of the Mohawk leaders Dekanawidah and Sagoyewew. For 10 points, name this powerful Indian league, most of which sided with the British in the Seven Years War.

Answer: Iroquois league

pencil and paper may be necessary. Bear in mind that the quadratic equation states that x equals minus b or minus the square root of b -squared minus four times a times c , all divided by 2 times a . Now, consider equation $3x^2 - 2x = 5$. For 10 points, give either of the two roots of this equation.

Answer: -1 or 5/3

John Ford won one of his four Oscars for Best Director for a film based on the work of this author whose work was *The Cup of Gold*, followed quickly by the short story collection *"The Pastures of Heaven."* For 10 points, identify this winner of the 1962 Nobel Prize in Literature and author of *The Grapes of Wrath*.

Answer: John Steinbeck

It is marked by three collinear stars: Alnilam, Alnitak, and Mintaka. More recognizable named features of this constellation, however, include a nebula, and the stars Bellatrix, Rigel, and Betelgeuse. For 10 points, what is this heavenly hunter?

Answer: Orion

He was an Egyptian sage who lived during the third dynasty and remarkable because he was one of the few pharaohs who was raised to deity status after his death. For 10 points, who was this Egyptian thinker and architect whose most lasting contribution is the tomb he built for pharaoh Zoser, the first ziggurat or pyramid?

Answer: Imhotep

He made his first cinematic appearance in the silent short *"Plane Crazy"* in 1928. For 10 points, who is this popular character who made his talking debut in the short *"Steamboat Willie"* later that year?

Answer: Mickey Mouse

The Old Testament identifies him as the son of Enoch and indicates that he died in the year of the great flood. For 10 points, who was this grandfather of Noah who the Bible records as living 969 years—longer than any other human?

Answer: Methuselah

A homonym of the name of this region in France is used for counties in two U.S. states - Ohio and Illinois. Located in northeastern France it is located on the border with the low countries. For 10 points, identify this region famous for its sparkling wines.

Answer: Champagne

President Lyndon Johnson signed it on August 10, 1964 after it passed through Congress with only two dissenting votes in the Senate. It empowered the president to repel, as he deemed necessary, any armed attack by American forces in Southeast Asia. For 10 points, name this resolution which was the basis for the tragic escalation of American "involvement" in Vietnam.

Answer: Gulf of Tonkin resolution

He was lame, because Jupiter, in a fit of anger, hurled him down to earth. He was the husband of Venus by whom he was constantly cuckolded. For 10 points, who was this Roman god of fire and metalworking who had his forge in the heart of Mt. Etna where he was assisted by the cyclopes?

Answer: Vulcan

Howard Hawks directed his favorite pair—Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall—in a racy 1946 thriller in which the detective becomes intricately involved with two blackmail victims. For 10 points, with a script by William Faulkner, what was this film which featured Bogey as Raymond Chandler's tough gumshoe, Philip Marlowe?

Answer: "The Big Sleep"