

Tossups for 1996 Wahoo War of the Minds Round 13

1. Its plot involves the closing of the local saloons and the failure of Thomas Rhodes's bank. Its characters include town prostitute Daisy Fraser, Mayor A.D. Blood, Lucinda Matlock, Fiddler Jones, and Abraham Lincoln's beloved Anne Rutledge. FTP, name this 1915 collection of short poems by Edgar Lee Masters, unique because all of its characters are dead.

Answer: Spoon River Anthology

2. In common usage, this term refers to the emission of cold light. Distinct from fluorescence, it refers to the absorption of energy by atoms, followed by the emission of electronic radiation, which continues for some time after the source of excitation has been removed. FTP, what is this form of luminescence, which derives its name from the behavior of element 15 when exposed to oxygen?

Answer: phosphorescence

3. Cindy Crawford, Robert DeNiro, and Charles Barkley have graced its cover, while the first issue featured a profile of Julia Roberts and a lead editorial by bestselling author Caleb Carr, demonstrating the philosophy "not just politics as usual." FTP, name this publishing venture which, like its editor in chief, John Kennedy Jr., is named for a United States President.

Answer: George

4. After visiting Bath with Mrs. Allen, Katherine Moreland falls in love with Henry Tilney. Henry's father, thinking she is rich, invites her to his estate; after he discovers the truth about her, she is ordered out, but not until she has experienced horrific, if unfounded, visions. FTP, name this novel, a satire of Gothic novels, named after the Tilney house, by Jane Austen.

Answer: Northanger Abbey

5. Spending his 22-year Major League career with one team, he had 3007 hits, 399 home runs, fifteen All-Star appearances, and nine Gold Gloves for his play in right field. A .297 lifetime average included hitting .340 at age twenty, when he became the youngest player to win an American League batting title, and hitting .379 in the 1968 World Series. FTP, name this Detroit Tigers Hall-of-Famer.

Answer: Al Kaline

6. Francisco Pacheco's The Art of Painting is an important source about this artist, his son-in-law. His most famous work is a portrait of himself standing next to the young princess Margarita and her ladies-in-waiting, with King Philip IV and his wife reflected in a mirror in the background. FTP, name this court painter of imperial Spain, who created "Las Meninas."

Answer: Diego de Velazquez

7. He was trained as a biologist, specializing in the classification of marine plants. After finishing his education in 1921, he was sent on a tour of Europe, unprecedented for someone of his rank. Returning home, he was declared regent of his nation, to replace his ailing father. FTP, name this crown prince who, in 1926, became the Showa emperor of Japan.

Answer: Hirohito

8. Composed of an axial filament attached to a basal granule, it is connected to the nucleus by threads known as rhizoplasts. Found on microorganisms such as the Trypanosoma, most are larger and less numerous than cilia. FTP, name this component which allows some single-celled organisms to move, whose name derives from the Latin for "whip."

Answer: flagellum (accept plural "flagella")

9. As a young man, he fell in love with Regine Olsen but, deciding he was unworthy of her, put on a brutish show so that she would reject him. A critic of Hegel, he insisted that Christianity presupposed free will and that an aesthetic and an ethical life could not be reconciled. FTP, name the author of Training in Christianity, Fear and Trembling, Either/Or and The Sickness unto Death.

Answer: Soren Kierkegaard

10. Its population is just over one million, with well over half in its capital city, which is located on the Assiniboine and Red Rivers. Its many lakes include St. Mark's, Dauphin, and Winnipegosis. Bordering Minnesota, North Dakota, Saskatchewan, the Hudson Bay, and Ontario, this is the easternmost of Canada's prairie provinces. FTP, name it.

Answer: Manitoba

11. He graduated from King's College in 1764 and practiced law with Robert Livingston. While serving in the Continental Congresses, he wrote his notable Address to the People of Great Britain. He helped draft the constitution of New York and later became its governor. FTP, name this man, the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Answer: John Jay

12. A fifty foot tall oblong building of grey stone, it stands on a ten inch marble base, near the holy well of Zamzam. Its four corners approximate the points of the compass, and the walls are covered with a curtain known as the kiswa, which is replaced annually. Five feet from the ground in the eastern wall is located a large black stone. FTP, what is this most sacred shrine of Islam, located in Mecca?

Answer: The Kaaba

13. A Junker from Old Brandenburg, he said "Not by speeches and majority votes are the great questions of the day decided -- that was the great error of 1848 and 1849 -- but by blood and by iron." He led Prussia into a war with Austria against Denmark, after which he isolated Austria politically with the help of Russia. FTP, name him, the principle proponent of Realpolitik.

Answer: Otto von Bismarck

14. The chances of this occurring is one over the wavelength of the incoming light wave to the fourth power. This type of elastic scattering occurs when an incoming wavelength of light is large compared to the size of an atom. Since blue has a shorter wavelength, it scatters more easily, which is why the sky is blue. FTP, name this type of scattering.

Answer: Rayleigh scattering

15. This poem of 265 stanzas is dedicated to the Earl of Southampton. It derives from a story found in Ovid and Livy, and the author could also have read it in Chaucer or William Painter's Palace of Pleasure. This 1594 work, which followed "Venus and Adonis," tells the story of Tarquin's sexual crime and subsequent banishment. FTP, name this early Shakespearean poem.

Answer: The Rape of Lucrece

16. The first, made between Italy and Yugoslavia in 1920, settled a border dispute in Istria and Dalmatia and made Fiume an independent city. In the second, signed during a conference in Genoa, two other nations agreed to give each other most favored nation status and diplomatic recognition. FTP, name these two unrelated treaties, the second signed in 1922 by Walther Rathenau and Georgi Chicherin, which are named for an Italian town.

Answer: Treaties of Rapallo

17. Prepared by adding an ether solution to magnesium, each compound in this series is composed of three members: magnesium, a compound from the halogen group, and an organic group. FTP, what series of organometallic compounds is named for their discoverer, who won a 1912 Nobel Prize in chemistry for this achievement?

Answer: Grignard Reagent

18. Due to his bohemian lifestyle and short life, many of this composer's works were retrieved piecemeal from cupboards and attics. Among such works was the incidental music to Rosamunde, and five symphonies. His first masterpiece, "Gretchen at the Spinning Wheel" was written at the age of 17 while he was working as a schoolteacher. FTP, name this composer whose Unfinished Symphony was finally unearthed in 1865.

Answer: Franz Schubert

19. The rituals of his cult included baptism in honey and a sacred meal of bread and wine. Although Tertulian claimed that it was a devilish mockery of Christianity, Commodus accepted it and its moral code of fasting and abstinence. FTP, name this Persian sun god, originally a member of the Zoroastrian pantheon, who created the world by sacrificing a sacred bull.

Answer: Mithras

20. Visiting the seaside city of Lyme, Lord Tennyson reportedly remarked that he had no interest in its historical significance but would like to see "the exact spot where Louisa Musgrove fell." He referred to an incident in a novel which also features the scheming Mrs. Clay, the proud Captain Wentworth, and too-good-to-be-true heroine Anne Eliot. FTP, name this last completed novel by Jane Austen.

Answer: Persuasion

Bonuses for 1996 Wahoo War of the Minds Round 13

1. Given the category and title of a Pulitzer Prize winning work, name the author for 10 points each.

1. 1987 fiction, A Summons to Memphis

Answer: Peter Taylor

2. 1963 poetry, Pictures from Breughel

Answer: William Carlos Williams

3. 1969 drama, The Great White Hope

Answer: Howard Sackler

2. Identify these terms from physics, for 10 points each.

1. The intrinsic angular momentum of a particle, its value is restricted to multiples of a fundamental constant.

Answer: spin

2. The ratio of magnetic flux to current.

Answer: inductance

3. The speed at which the crest of a wave appears to travel, referenced to a specific direction in space.

Answer: phase velocity

3. Princeton knocked off UCLA in the first round of this year's NCAA men's basketball tournament.

1. From 1967 to 1974, UCLA did not lose a game in the tournament. For 10 points, what other school won the 1974 NCAA basketball tourney?

Answer: North Carolina State (do NOT prompt on North Carolina)

2. The last time a defending champion lost in the first round was 1988 when, for 5 points each, what Colonial Athletic Association team beat what Big Ten school?

Answer: University of Richmond beat University of Indiana

3. The earliest exit of a defending champion since then was in 1994, when the University of North Carolina lost to what Big East school?

Answer: Boston College

4. For the stated number of points answer the following questions about the bloodiest defeat in Roman history.

1. For 5 points, name this battle, suffered at the hands of Hannibal.

Answer: Cannae

2. For 10 points, name the year in which Cannae occurred.

Answer: 216 B.C.

3. For 5 for one or 15 for both, name the two Roman consuls defeated at Cannae.

Answer: Lucius Aemilius Paullus and Gaius Terentius Varro

5. 30-20-10. Name the artist from clues.

30: His friend J.L. Bruyas financed the construction of a special shed to exhibit his works outside the 1855 Universal Exposition called the Pavilion of Realism.

20: At the Salon of 1850, he showed "Burial at Ornans," which was set in his home town.

10: His most famous painting is 1849's "The Stonebreakers," which embodies his social principles.

Answer: Gustav Courbet

6. Many historic quotes seem to be invented after the fact. For 10 points each:

1. "The Guards die, but do not surrender!" is engraved on the statue of this French baron; in fact he survived Waterloo and insisted that all he had said was "Merde!"

Answer: Baron Pierre Cambronne

2. This American diplomat wished he had said, "Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute!" regarding the XYZ affair, but he attributed it to creative journalism.

Answer: Charles Cotesworth Pinckney

3. "Taxation without representation is tyranny!" is not found in print until 1820, but it is widely attributed to this Boston lawyer in 1761.

Answer: James Otis

7. Answer these questions about asexual reproduction for the stated number of points.

1. 5: Mitosis is a part of this process, in which an organism reproduces by dividing in half.

Answer: binary fission

2. 10: Literally meaning "virgin birth," this is the process by which some organisms grow from eggs which do not need to be fertilized.

Answer: parthenogenesis

3. 15: This type of egg, produced by water fleas and some bees, becomes male if it is not fertilized, female if it is fertilized.

Answer: mictic egg

8. For 10 points each, give the Latin terms to describe the types of fallacy demonstrated in these statements.

1. I washed my car yesterday, and today it is raining. Therefore, washing my car caused it to rain.

Answer: post hoc, ergo propter hoc

2. Richmond is the capital of Virginia, therefore it is raining today.

Answer: non sequitur

3. It cannot be raining today, because the man who just said it was raining is a homosexual communist scumbag!

Answer: argumentum ad hominem

9. Given a line from a poem about World War I, identify the poet for 10 points each.

1. If I should die, think only this of me, that there's some corner of a foreign field / that is forever England.

Answer: Rupert Brooke ("The Soldier")

2. In Flanders fields the poppies blow / Between the crosses, row on row.

Answer: John McCrae ("In Flanders Fields")

3. Move him into the sun -- Gently, its touch awoke him once.

Answer: Wilfred Owen ("Futility")

10. FTP each, name the composers of these musical pieces based on works of literature:

1. Symphony Faust based on Goethe's work.

Answer: Franz Liszt

2. An opera based on the Gogol fantasy The Nose

Answer: Dmitri Shostakovich

3. Opera Beatrice and Benedick, based on Much Ado About Nothing, and Harold in Italy, based on Byron's poem.

Answer: Hector Berlioz

11. FTP each, identify these works of literature, named in the book Writer's Choice as forgotten classics:

1. Raymond Carver recommended this Wallace Stegner novel, whose hero is Bo Mason; it takes its title from a folk song about a hobo's dream-world.

Answer: Big Rock Candy Mountain

2. This 1888 work by Edward Bellamy relates what happens when a man wakes up in Boston in the year 2000.

Answer: Looking Backward

3. This novel by Jean Rhys (REES), set in Jamaica, recounts Antoinette's meeting with Edward Rochester and her descent into madness.

Answer: Wide Sargasso Sea

12. Answer these questions about the Boxer Rebellion.

1. 5: In what year did the rebellion begin?

Answer: 1899

2. 10: The Boxers were originally formed in opposition to this dynasty, but by the time of the rebellion, supported it against foreigners.

Answer: Ch'ing dynasty

3. 15: The Boxers were mainly composed of what elite ethnic group, which established the Ch'ing dynasty in 1644?

Answer: Manchu

13. For 10 points each, answer these questions about isomers.

1. In this type of isomer, the same atoms are present in two different compounds, but they are arranged in different functional groups. For example, ethanol and methoxymethane are these.

Answer: structural isomers

2. This type of isomer occurs when compounds with the same molecular structure differ only in the arrangement of groups in space.

Answer: stereoisomers

3. This type of stereoisomer consists of restricted rotation about a bond between two atoms.

Answer: cis-trans (accept syn-anti or geometric)

14. How much do you know about America's greatest rock band, the Eagles? Given the first line of a song that is NOT "Hotel California," give the title, for 10 points each. (Note to moderators: please do not attempt to SING!)

1. "Raven hair, ruby lips, sparks fly from her fingertips."

Answer: Witchy Woman

2. "Somebody's gonna hurt somebody -- before the night is through."

Answer: Heartache Tonight

3. "He was a hard-headed man, he was brutally handsome -- she was terminally pretty."

Answer: Life in the Fast Lane

15. Answer these questions about Latin American revolutionary Che Guevara.

1. 5: In what South American nation was Guevara born in 1928?

Answer: Argentina

2. 5: In what South American nation was Guevara captured and killed in 1967?

Answer: Bolivia

3. 10: After fleeing Argentina, Guevara joined the government of socialist president Jacobo Arbez Guzman, in what Central American nation?

Answer: Guatemala

2. 10: After leaving Guatemala, Guevara joined Fidel Castro in Cuba until the fall of Havana. In what year did the fall of Havana occur?

Answer: 1959

16. Name the authors from works on a 10-5 basis.

1. 10: A Drift of Shadows and The Bow and the Lyre

5: Sun Stone and The Labyrinth of Solitude

Answer: Octavio Paz

2. 10: Wanderings and In the Beginning

5: The Chosen and My Name is Asher Lev

Answer: Chaim Potok

3. 10: The New Colony and The Late Mattia Pascal

5: Tonight We Improvise and Six Characters in Search of an Author

Answer: Luigi Pirandello

17. Many English political thinkers besides Locke influenced the American Revolution. For 10 points each:

1. John Trenchard and Thomas Gordon collaborated on this indictment of English society, taking their pseudonym from a Roman statesman.

Answer: Cato's Letters

2. This radical was expelled from Parliament and imprisoned in 1768 for his allegedly seditious "Number 45 North Briton."

Answer: John Wilkes

3. This Dutchman's doctrine of just war, put forth in 1625's On the Law of War and Peace was often quoted by American patriots.

Answer: Hugo Grotius

18. After 17 years of uninterrupted power, Great Britain's Conservative Party is in trouble. For 10 points each:

1. Who was Britain's last Labor Prime Minister, serving 1976 to 1979?

Answer: James Callaghan

2. What 55-year-old Labour leader died of a heart attack in 1994?

Answer: John Smith

3. What current Labor leader, a 43-year-old dubbed everything from "Bambi" to "Stalin" by the Tories, hopes to finally break the Conservatives' hold on power?

Answer: Tony Blair

19. For 5 points each, name these figures from Virgil's Aeneid.

1. Aeneas's first wife, whom he leaves in Troy.

Answer: Creusa

2. The son of Creusa and Aeneas.

Answer: Ascanius or Iulus

3. Aeneas' mother, the goddess who aids him on his quest.

Answer: Venus

4. Venus' rival, the goddess who attempts to thwart him at every turn.

Answer: Juno

5. The fury called up by Juno to assist her against Aeneas.

Answer: Alecto

6. The Rutulian king killed by Aeneas in the climactic battle.

Answer: Turnus

20. Paper and pencil ready. For 5 points each, put these geologic periods in chronological order: Triassic, Permian, Tertiary, Ordovician, Carboniferous, Silurian.

Answer: Ordovician, Silurian, Carboniferous, Permian, Triassic, Tertiary