**International History Bee
2014-2015 ALPHA SET**

**BEE FINALS PACKET**

**STAGE ONE**

1. This author had a habit of preparing daiquiris before watching agents of Che Guevara execute political prisoners each afternoon. This author, who included a prayer to "nada" in his short story "A Clean, Well-Lighted Place," popularized a term for his contemporaries that Gertrude Stein applied to Americans serving in World War I. For the point, name this author of the "Lost Generation" who appended Stein's quote to his novel *The Sun Also Rises*

ANSWER: Ernest **Hemingway**

2. This man posited a competition in which participants must guess who other participants will name the winner, known as his namesake "beauty contest." This man, who was instrumental in setting up the Bretton Woods system after World War II, warned against vindictive policies against Germany in *The Economic Consequences of the Peace*. For the point, name this founder of post-classical economics who advocated deficit spending to avoid recessions.

ANSWER: John Maynard **Keynes**

3. This ruler, who spared the life of his prisoner Guy of Lusignan, gave himself the upper hand and expelled his foes to a strip of coast in the Treaty of Ramla, to which he was a signatory. This man was victorious at the Horns of Hattin in 1187. This ethnically Kurdish leader lost at Arsuf to a charge led by the Knights Hospitallers. For the point, name this Sunni Muslim leader of the Ayyubid dynasty, who fought Richard the Lionheart in the Third Crusade.

ANSWER: **Saladin** [or **Salah ad-Din** Yusuf ibn Ayyub]

4. This city, whose traders are credited with introducing tempura to Japan, was briefly a Jesuit colony in the 1580’s, when it was a major port for the Portuguese. The Dutch established the small island trading port of Dejima in this city’s harbor. Tsutomu Yamaguchi experienced an event here three days after surviving a similar event while on a business trip in Hiroshima. For the point, name this city on Kyushu, the site of the second nuclear bomb attack in Japan.

ANSWER: **Nagasaki**

5. This sport’s laws are established by the Marylebone Club. One side in the most recent occurrence of one rivalry in this sport was captained by Michael Clarke. The 2013-2014 Ashes was won by Australia, who mourned the loss of one of this sport’s rising stars, Phillip Hughes, in 2014. For the point, name this sport played by Sachin Tendulkar and Sir Don Bradman, where batsmen hit balls and protect a wicket.

ANSWER: **cricket**

6. This procedure was first worked out using methane collected from the Baltimore sewers as a sample. James Arnold acquired samples from the tomb of Zoser to further refine this procedure, for which Willard Libby won a Nobel Prize. This procedure relies on the fact that isotope 14 of its namesake element decays at a known rate over time. For the point, identify this procedure which determines the age of organic matter chemically.

ANSWER: radio**carbon dating**

7. This man's sons Gamal and Alaa were under trial for corruption at the same time in November 2014 that murder charges against this man were dropped. This man fell from power shortly after naming Omar Suleiman as his first-ever vice president. He was accused of complicity in 239 deaths in 2011 that occurred at Tahrir Square. For the point, name this former president of Egypt, who ruled from the 1981 assassination of Anwar Sadat until the "Arab Spring."
ANSWER: Hosni **Mubarak**

8. Hugh Dowding designed a telephone chain used by this organization to collect information about enemy positions. Its destruction was supposed to precede Operation Sea Lion. Members of it were nicknamed “the Few” after a speech Winston Churchill gave praising them. An enemy shifted its strategy from bombing this group's bases to bombing civilian populations during the Blitz. For the point, name this air force that fought the Luftwaffe in the Battle of Britain.
ANSWER: **Royal Air Force** [or **RAF**] (prompt on things like “English/British/UK Air Force”)

9. This ship carried people who self-identified as "Separatists" and departed from the Netherlands, where its passengers had briefly tried to settle. Aboard this ship, passengers established a "body politic" by signing a document that begins “In the name of God, Amen.” That document was this ship’s namesake Compact. This ship landed in 1620 at Plymouth Rock. For the point, what was this ship which took the "Pilgrims" to what is now Massachusetts?
ANSWER: the ***Mayflower***

10. After the Battle of Helsingborg, this group organized the Confederation of Cologne. Pirates called Likedeelers, or the Victual Brothers, attacked this group's cog ships. This organization built bases called kontors, one of which was the Steelyard in London. This organization forced the Treaty of Stralsund on Valdemar IV. The "Jewel" of this organization was the city of Lubeck. For the point, name this medieval alliance which dominated trade in the Baltic.
ANSWER: **Hanseatic** League [or the **Hansa**]

11. This man and his royal counterpart began a series of railway attacks after capturing the port of Wejh. He shared his quarters with a boy named Dahoum, and declared his love for "S.A.," who may have been another man, in the dedication for his autobiography *The Seven Pillars of Wisdom.* This man helped Prince Feisal's army take Aqaba during World War I, opposing Ottoman rule. For the point, name this British officer who helped liberate Arabia.
ANSWER: Thomas Edward **Lawrence** [or T.E. **Lawrence**; or **Lawrence of Arabia**]

12. This treaty led to the formation of the International Opium Convention and the Free City of Danzig. Ho Chi Minh advocated for an independent Vietnam to be included in the outcome of the peace conference where this treaty was signed, but he was ignored. Its Article 231, also known as the War Guilt clause, forced Germany to pay reparations. For the point, name this 1919 treaty signed that formally ended World War I.

Answer: Treaty of **Versailles**

13. Yevgina Ginzburg describes entering a part of this system in Kolyma in the book *Journey Into the Whirlwind*. “Zeks” were inhabitants of these places who often worked in gold mines or timber forests. Their population increased during the Great Purge of the 1930s and they were officially closed during the Khrushchev thaw in 1960. Alexander Solzhenitsyn compared this system to a chain of islands. For the point, name this system of Soviet prison camps.
ANSWER: **Gulag** [or **labor camps** or **prison camps** until “prison camps” is said; or **lagerya** or **lagers**]

14. This writer recorded the axiom "the strong do what they will and the weak suffer what they must" in the Melian dialogue, his accounting of a debate over whether to massacre an island's population. He also recorded the funeral oration of Pericles in his major book of history. For the point, name this ancient Greek historian who provides the chief source on the defeat of Athens by Sparta in his text *The Peloponnesian War.
ANSWER:* **Thucydides**

15. Christopher Columbus named this archipelago for the eleven thousand followers of Saint Ursula. This island group currently contains the only American territory where cars drive on the left side of the road, which was purchased for twenty-five million dollars in 1917 from Denmark. For the point, name this archipelago in the Leeward Islands with “U.S.” and “British” sections, that includes the island of St. Thomas.
ANSWER: **Virgin Islands**

16. Aleksandr Asarin predicted the doom of this geographic location shortly before its decline began. In 1994, the ASBP was initiated by five countries to rescue this location, and a dam was constructed across Berg Strait. A bioweapons lab was built on a peninsula in this location; it was later abandoned in 1992, but not before the surrounding residents were infected by an accidental release of smallpox in 1971. Its rapid shrinkage is largely due to previous Soviet irrigation plans. For the point, identify this shrinking body of water between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

ANSWER: **Aral Sea**

17. This body was last called in 1614 prior to its final and most important meeting. A section of this body was influenced by the Abbé Sieyès to secede and declare itself the National Assembly. This body was composed of three “orders,” the nobles, priests, and commoners, and had to be convened to approve new taxes requested by Louis XVI. For the point, name this legislature which met in 1789 at Versailles, beginning the French Revolution.
ANSWER: **Estates-General**

18. This colony was earlier expanded after long-distance runners exploited an agreement to acquire as much land as a man could cover in three days. Also in this colony, several hundred Susquehannocks were killed by the Paxton Boys in the Conestoga Massacre. This colony is where *Poor Richard's Almanac* was published. For the point, name this colony founded as a Quaker refuge that later became the home of Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia.
ANSWER: **Pennsylvania**

19. This country had the modern world’s first elected female head of government in 1960. Its current president is the first ever from the North Central Province and ran as a member of the New Democratic Front, Maithripala Sirisena, who was elected in January 2015. The father of rapper M.I.A, Arul Pragasam, was an activist on the losing side in this country’s civil war that ended in 2009 with the defeat of the Tamil Tigers. For the point, name this country formerly known as Ceylon, and located just south of India.

ANSWER: **Sri Lanka** (accept **Ceylon** until “current”)

20.This man’s effective consolidation of power was satirically depicted on a recent *Economist* cover saying that he must be obeyed. This man spent time as an exchange student in Muscatine, Iowa in the USA, and he has been supportive of efforts to construct a blue water navy through his position as Chairman of the Central Military Commission. For the point, name this “5th generation” paramount leader and advocate of the Chinese Dream as China’s president.

ANSWER: **Xi** Jinping

**END OF STAGE ONE**

**STAGE TWO**

21. It’s not Richard III, but this man’s bones were discovered buried under a latrine in his palace 17 years after his death from respiratory failure. This leader sent the Kagnew Battalion to the Korean War. This member of the Solomonic Dynasty was overthrown by a group of low-ranking military officials called the Derg, headed by Mengistu Haile Maram. For the point, name this last emperor of Ethiopia.

ANSWER: **Haile Selassie** [**HIGH-ly suh-LASS-ee** but accept phonetically plausible answers; or **Ras Tafari**]

22. Three versions of this system are visible on the Behistun inscription near the city of Kermanshah. The Amarna letters were also made using this system, which was used to compose a list of *lugal,* or kings, such as Lugalbanda. Leonard Wooley dug up many financial texts made using it in the lost city of Ur. In this system, a reed stylus makes wedge-shaped markings in clay. For the point, name this writing system of the Sumerians, Assyrians, and other ancient Near East peoples.
ANSWER: **cuneiform** [prompt on **writing** or **inscription**]

23. Nicknames given to holders of this position include "Dung-Named" and "Slit-nosed." A holder of this position won the Battle of Kleidion, after which he blinded most of the Bulgarian army. Members of the Comnenian dynasty held this position. A holder of this position was saved from the Nika riots by Belisarius and was advised by his wife, the former dancer Theodora. For the point, name this position held by Justinian, who ruled from Constantinople.
ANSWER: **Byzantine emperor** [or anything indicating a ruler of the **Byzantine** empire or ruler of the **Eastern Roman** Empire; prompt on "Roman emperor" or "emperor"]

24. The expression "your name is mud" may derive from a doctor implicated in this event, Samuel Mudd. Mary Surratt became the first woman executed by the federal government as a result of this event, which only injured secondary target William Seward. This event interrupted the play *Our American Cousin* and was perpetrated by an actor who shouted "sic semper tyrannis." For the point, identify this April 1865 murder by John Wilkes Booth.

ANSWER: **assassination** of Abraham **Lincoln** [or equivalents]

25. This city is where the Lotte World Tower, a 556-meter skyscraper, is under construction. This city’s main airport is located in a nearby city that was the site of an amphibious invasion in 1950. That city, Incheon, is on the western fringes of its subway system, the largest in the world. Districts in this city include Gangnam and this city is home to tombs of members of the Joseon dynasty. For the point, name this capital and largest city of South Korea.

ANSWER: **Seoul**

26. Traditionally, this man is said to have taken the empty girdle of Mary back to the other Apostles after being the only witness to the Assumption. This man is held by the Nasrani community to have travelled to India and founded the Christian church there. An expression involving this Biblical character derives from his need to pole his finger into the nail marks on Jesus before believing in the Resurrection. For the point, name this Apostle who was called "Doubting."
ANSWER: St. **Thomas** [or **Didymus**]

27. The identities of the three bodies Yigael Yadin found at this location are subject to debate. Strangely enough, the Sicarii who once occupied this location failed to mount a counterattack against the installed siege devices, launched by the Roman governor Lucius Flavia Silva. Because Judaism forbids suicide, the inhabitants of this location likely did not kill themselves, but instead killed each other after drawing lots. For the point, name this legendary Jewish mountain fortress besieged during the Great Jewish Revolt.

ANSWER: **Masada**

28. The first of these built by India will be the *INS Vikrant.* China purchased four of these vessels to attempt to build their own; their first, Liaoning, was commissioned in 2012. The United States has 20 of these despite losing the *USS Yorktown* in a battle in which four of these belonging to Japan were sunk six months after they were utilized in the attack on Pearl Harbor. For the point, name these ships whose decks serve as landing areas for aircraft.

ANSWER: **aircraft carrier**

29. This man anticipated Ricardo's iron law of wages in his *The Present High Price of Provisions*. A modern disciple of this man's ideas is Paul Ehrlich. This man claimed that "preventative checks" such as birth control were the only way to avoid his namesake catastrophe. For the point, name this economist who predicted population would outstrip food supply.
ANSWER: Thomas **Malthus**

30. Troops returning from a war with Parthia during this man’s reign brought with them a wave of disease that became known as the Antonine Plague and claimed the life of his co-emperor Lucius Verus. While fighting the Quadi, he began writing a treatise inspired by the ideas of Epictetus. For the point, name this father of Commodus, an emperor who laid out his own Stoic philosophy in his *Meditations*.

ANSWER: **Marcus Aurelius** [prompt on partial answer]

**END OF STAGE TWO**

**TIEBREAKS**

31. This country lost much of the region of Karelia to its eastern neighbor after the Continuation War and the Winter War. This country prospered in the late 20th century due to its lumber industry, tourism on its Baltic coast, and most notably through the success of firms like Nokia. This country’s white and blue flag was modeled on its neighbors’ flags which also have an off-centered cross. For the point, name this country, seen as a buffer state during the Cold War, where the Helsinki Accords were negotiated.

ANSWER: **Finland**

32. This party included the office-seeking "Hunkers" as well as a group of abolitionists named for an aggressive method of catching rats, the Barnburners. Another faction of this party used matches to continue meeting after their lights were shut off and was called the Locofocos. This party also included the Albany Regency, which produced Martin van Buren. For the point, name this party in New York that affiliated with the national Jacksonian movement.
ANSWER: New York **Democrat**ic Party

33. A king of this name peacefully won control of the Holy Land from Al-Kamil in the Sixth Crusade and was known as "stupor mundi." A king of this name called the Diet of Roncaglia to force his rule on the Lombard League, but was defeated at the Battle of Legnano. That emperor with this name drowned while swimming in full armor on his way to the Third Crusade. For the point, give this name of three Holy Roman Emperors, one of whom was called "Barbarossa.", as well as a later leader of Prussia who was known as the Great.

ANSWER: **Frederick** [or **Frederick** I Barbarossa; or **Frederick** II]

34. Archaeologists on this continent uncover bone "projectile points" made by the Clovis culture. "Atlanteans" are freestanding columns carved in the shape of warriors at Tula on this continent, where a circle called "Woodhenge" and Monks' Mound were in a large city made on raised earthworks at Cahokia. For the point, name this continent once home to the Mississippian culture, which was first settled by humans who crossed a land bridge across the Bering strait.

ANSWER: **North America**