**International History Bowl**

**2014-2015 Beta Set**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL BOWL ROUND 1**

**First Quarter**

1. This country’s island of Spitsbergen has been the site of several recent polar bear attacks. This country’s native Roald Amundsen became the first person to reach the south pole, though this country is located in Northern Europe. For 10 points, name this country whose oil reserves have led its capital to have a very expensive cost of living in Oslo.

ANSWER: **Norway**

2. This city was attacked by Alaric and his Visigoths 66 years before its last native leader was overthrown by the Ostrogoths. Celts once attacked this city, and during World War II, American troops captured it after a disastrous landing near the city of Anzio which lies to its south. For 10 points, name this city which Benito Mussolini once led a march on in order to take power in Italy.

ANSWER: **Rome**

3. The formation of this institution triggered the Key West Agreement on its proper usage, which was negotiated on its behalf by its first secretary, Stuart Symington. This organization conducted Project Blue Book, a study of UFOs, and it operates Area 51. For 10 points, name this branch of the US military which operates B-52s, F-16s, and other fighter jets.

ANSWER: United States **Air Force** [or **USAF**]

4. This sport was invented at a YMCA in Massachusetts by James Naismith. Larry Bird and LeBron James are considered two of its best ever players. For 10 points, name this sport in which Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls competed, becoming a master at slam dunks.

ANSWER: **Basketball**

5. In Ancient Greek myth, Aphrodite (**aff-roh-DIE-tee)** was born on this large island. This island has been split into Greek and Turkish sectors since Turkey invaded its Northern half. For 10 points, name this country with capital at Nicosia in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea.

ANSWER: **Cyprus**

6. This country’s city of Toledo was once painted by a man known by a nickname meaning “the Greek.” A museum devoted to Salvador Dali can be found in this country’s region of Catalonia. For 10 points, name this European country whose most famous 20th century painter was Pablo Picasso.

ANSWER: **Spain**

7. People who have served on this body include William Douglas and Sandra Day O’Connor. This group of people issued the controversial Dred Scott ruling and the more enlightened Brown vs. Board of Education decision. Currently, it is overseen by John Roberts and 8 other associate justices belong to it. For 10 points, name this highest judicial body in the USA.

ANSWER: **Supreme Court**

8. The first Church council named for this place endorsed ultramontanism and espoused the doctrine of Papal infallibility. The second council named for this place introduced the vernacular mass and renounced anti-Semitism. For 10 points, identify this namesake of 1868 and 1959 Catholic ecumenical councils, which is also the independent state where the Pope lives.

ANSWER: **Vatican** City

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**Second Quarter**

1. This man's reforms were sabotaged when Qi (**pr. CHEE**) sent dancing girls and horses to distract the Duke of Lu. This man advocated the "reification (**pr. RAY-iff-uh-CAY-shun**) of names" and the "five relationships." For 10 points, name this author of the "Five Classics" whose sayings, collected in the *Analects*, form the basis of a traditional Chinese ruling philosophy.

ANSWER: **Confucius** [or **Kong** Qiu; or **Zhongni**; or **Kong**zi; or Master **Kong**; or **Kong** Fuzi]

BONUS: In what other Asian country did the religions of Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism all begin?

ANSWER: **India**

2. At the end of this century, the White Lotus Rebellion broke out in China. The Battle of Plassey and the Black Hole of Calcutta took place in this century. For 10 points, identify this century in which Britain took control of Canada after the French and Indian War, and during which the French Revolution broke out.

ANSWER: **18th** century AD [or **1700**s]

BONUS: What prison in Paris was attacked by a mob during the late 18th century at the outbreak of the French Revolution?

ANSWER: **Bastille**

3. Alexander Neckham first described the European use of this object, which began in 1190 after it was invented in China. This object was used in conjunction with Portolan charts to double the Venetian trading season, which previously relied on clear skies for navigation. For 10 points, name this navigational device which uses the Earth's magnetic field to point north.

ANSWER: **compass**

BONUS: Which other Chinese invention was originally used for fireworks before it became used to fire cannons and muskets in Europe?

ANSWER: **Gunpowder**

4. A scandal leading up to this ballot question involved abusive Twitter messages sent to J.K. Rowling. Alistair Darling appeared in an August 2014 debate on behalf of Better Together, which led the "no" campaign on this question. For 10 points, identify this September 2014 ballot question which sought to make Edinburgh the capital of a new sovereign country.

ANSWER: **Scottish independence** referendum [or obvious equivalents]

BONUS: Which largest Scottish city by population was one of the few areas where the majority of people voted for independence?

ANSWER: **Glasgow**

5. This state's Central Valley was the original destination of the Donner Party. A football team in this state is called the 49ers, in reference to a famous gold rush here in 1849. For ten points, name this most populous US state where plans are underway to build a high speed railway between its cities of San Francisco and Los Angeles.

ANSWER: **California**

BONUS: What bridge was built in the 1930’s to connect San Francisco with Marin County to its north?

ANSWER: **Golden Gate Bridge**

6. This man first came to prominence by suppressing the 13 Vendémiaire (**pr. VON-deem-yair**) rebellion with what Thomas Carlyle called "a whiff of grapeshot." He made his brothers Joseph and Jerome into the kings of Spain and Westphalia, respectively. For 10 points, name this "First Counsel" who was defeated by the Duke of Wellington at Waterloo.

ANSWER: **Napoleon** Bonaparte [or **Napoleon I**; prompt on **Bonaparte**]

BONUS: Which item of clothing of Napoleon’s, which also comes in bowler and fedora forms, recently sold for around $2 million US dollars?

ANSWER: His **hat**

7. This politician's former deputy Maya Kodnan is serving a twenty-eight year prison sentence for involvement in the 2002 sectarian riots in Gujarat (GOO-juh-rot), where this man was chief minister for thirteen years. In 2014, his Bharatiya Janata (bah-rah-TEE-yuh jah-nuh-TAH) Party dislodged the Congress Party in general elections. For the point, name this newly elected Prime Minister of India.

ANSWER: Narendra **Modi**

BONUS: Modi’s immediate predecessor was what first Sikh to be India’s Prime Minister?

ANSWER: Manmohan **Singh**

8. Mythical examples of these people include Conchobar mac Nessa’s attendant Cathbad. Julius Caesar claimed that these people sacrificed criminals by burning them inside a wooden effigy. Pliny the Elder describes a ritual in which they sacrificed white bulls after climbing oak trees to cut down mistletoe. For 10 points, name this class of Celtic people, most famous as priests.

ANSWER: **druid**s [prompt on “**Celt**ic **priest**s” or equivalents; prompt on “**Celt**s” or “**Gaul**s”]

BONUS: Which Celtic language has maintained the greatest number of speakers to the present-day, including many in the cities of Aberyswyth and Cardiff?

ANSWER: **Welsh**

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**Third Quarter**

FAMOUS GREEKS

What person or god from ancient Greece…

1. Was the leader of the Olympian gods and was depicted in a famous statue at Olympia?

ANSWER: **Zeus** (do not accept Jupiter)

2. Ran naked through the streets of Syracuse shouting "Eureka" after discovering buoyancy?

ANSWER: **Archimedes**

3. Led a cult which opposed eating beans and discovered a side length theorem for right triangles?

ANSWER: **Pythagoras**

4. Was the "gadfly of Athens" whose *Apology* was recorded by Plato?

ANSWER: **Socrates**

5. Offered a salt spring as a gift to Athens, which then chose Athena as its patron deity instead?

ANSWER: **Poseidon**

6. Was the god of light and music and the twin brother of Artemis?

ANSWER: **Apollo**

MEDIEVAL EASTERN EUROPE

In the Middle Ages, who or what was the…

1. Empire which, by the 1070s, was reduced to the area around Constantinople?

ANSWER: **Byzantine** Empire [or **Eastern Roman** Empire; prompt on **Roman** Empire]

2. Country first organized by the Piast Dynasty, which was later invaded by its neighbor Germany to start World War II?

ANSWER: **Poland**

3. Muslim empire based in Turkey which conquered much of the region from 1308 to 1571?

ANSWER: **Ottoman** Empire

4. Modern-day country where the Grand Duchy of Muscovy formed around the city of Moscow?

ANSWER: **Russia**

5. Group which briefly overran Eastern Europe and was earlier led by Genghis Khan?

ANSWER: **Mongol**s

6. City where Vladimir the Great converted a namesake state to Christianity before it became the Ukrainian capital?

ANSWER: **Kiev**

HERBERT HOOVER

Name the person or event from the life of Herbert Hoover that was…

1. The position he held from 1929-1933

ANSWER: **US President** (prompt on just “president”)

2. The four-term New Deal architect who succeeded him

ANSWER: **F**ranklin Delano **Roosevelt** [or **FDR**; prompt on **Roosevelt**]

3. The political party that defeated him in the 1932 election

ANSWER: **Democrat**ic

4. The East Asian language he spoke, along with more people than any other language

ANSWER: **Chinese** (or **Mandarin**)

5. The prestigious California university which he attended in its first year

ANSWER: **Stanford**

6. The type of structure named for him on the Colorado River

ANSWER: **Dam**

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**Fourth Quarter**

1. **The use of this three word phrase ended a secret program by which Ryan Crocker coordinated the capture of Al-Qaeda operatives. This phrase originally ended with the word "hatred" when David Frum wrote it into a section of the (+) 2002** **State of the Union Address that argued for the overthrow of Saddam Hussein**. (\*) For 10 points, give this three-word phrase used by George W. Bush to describe Iraq, Iran, and Syria by analogy to an earlier grouping of Germany, Italy, and Japan.

ANSWER: "**axis of evil**"

2. **This body of water has been home to a controversial British air base on the island of Diego Garcia. The largest island in this body of water is where the Malagasy (+) language developed and is the namesake of a recent animated film. This body of water saw a tragedy unfold in 2004 that affected countries from Somalia to (\*)** Indonesia. For 10 points, name this ocean which is named for the country located in the middle part of its Northern Coast.

ANSWER: **Indian** Ocean

3. **During this era, Josquin des Prez (**pr. JOHS-kin day PRAY**) made advances in polyphony (puh-LIFF-uh-nee), and Giovanni da Palestrina wrote the (+) *Pope Marcellus Mass*. This era's music came under fire at the Council of Trent and was succeeded by the (\*)** Baroque period. For 10 points, identify this period in Western musical history in which motets and masses were the dominant form of music, and which shares its name with a "rebirth" in literature and visual arts.

ANSWER: the **Renaissance**

4. **This substance was the subject of the "Letter to Queen Victoria" sent by Commissioner Lin, who burned chests full of it on the beach. This substance was mixed with alcohol to make the eighteenth-century medicine (+) "laudanum" and was consumed in namesake "dens." The seizure of the *Arrow* sparked a second (\*)** war named for this substance. For 10 points, identify this narcotic whose first war ended when the Treaty of Nanking granted European concessions in China.

ANSWER: **opium**

5. **The first British PM to lose a no-confidence motion did so as a result of this war. The Indian phase of this war was launched by Hyder Ali's alliance with France and ended by the Treaty of Mangalore. The First League of (+) Armed Neutrality was formed to oppose British blockades in this war, whose loss ended Lord (\*)** North's term as prime minister. For 10 points, name this war which ended when British general Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown to George Washington.

ANSWER: **American War of Independence** [or War of the **American Revolution**; or **American Revolution**ary War)

6. **Russell S. Penniman found a cheaper way to make this product, which must be periodically rotated to avoid the pooling of its active component out of the (+) sawdust medium. This product reduced the danger of using black powder or unmodified (\*)** nitroglycerin, and led to its inventor being dubbed "the merchant of death." For 10 points, identify this explosive with mining and military applications, which requires a blasting cap and was devised by Alfred Nobel.

ANSWER: **dynamite** (do not accept or prompt on TNT)

7. **This weapon survived in the British army until World War II, when Jack Churchill killed a Nazi soldier with one of them. These weapons were sometimes named for the (+) Welsh people who invented them and perfected their use, and they were used to great effect by the English at (\*)** Agincourt (**pr. AA-jin-core**). For 10 points, name this six-foot-tall archery weapon used with arrows.

ANSWER: long**bow**

8. **This country's oil reserves were nationalized under Lazaro (+) Cardenas. In 2000, Vicente Fox won this country's presidential election, ending decades of uninterrupted (\*) PRI rule.** For 10 points, name this country which endured several years of civil war following the deposition of Porifirio Diaz and which has recently been the largest source of immigrants into the USA.

ANSWER: **Mexico**

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**Tiebreakers/extras – ONLY READ IF TIED OR IF A BACKUP QUESTION IS NEEDED!**

**This state's "burned-over district" was the center of the (+) Second Great Awakening, and its city of (\*)** Cooperstown became the home of the Baseball Hall of Fame due to an erroneous belief that the game was invented there. For 10 points, name this home of the Finger Lakes and Buffalo, along with the city where the Empire State Building is found.

ANSWER: **New York**

BONUS: Whose nomination as Walter Mondale's running mate in 1984 made her the first woman to be a major-party U.S. Vice-Presidential candidate?

ANSWER: Geraldine **Ferraro**