**International History Bee  
2014-2015 ALPHA Set – VARSITY/JUNIOR VARSITY**

**BEE ROUND 1**

1. A saying about policy towards these people, who were most numerous during the Middle Ages, held that they should be “liberated from above” to stave off “risings from below.” These people were required to make forty-nine years of “redemption payments” following their “emancipation” in 1861. For the point., name these people, freed by a decree of Alexander II, who formerly were the unfree agricultural labor class of Russia.   
ANSWER: **serf**s (do not accept slaves)

2. Off the coast of this colony, a group led by Abraham Whipple burned a British customs cutter during the *Gaspee* affair. This colony was where Anne Hutchinson went after being exiled from Massachussetts, because it was led by a dissenting proponent of church-state separation. For the point, name this colony which was founded by Roger Williams and which became a New England state in the USA including the cities of Newport and Providence.

ANSWER: **Rhode Island**

3. In Hellenic tradition, Thales (**pr. THAY-leez**) of Miletus was among this number of "Sages.". This many Cities of Gold were sought in North America by Spanish explorer Francisco de Coronado. A grouping of this many landmarks includes the temple of Artemis at Ephesus and the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus. For the point, give the number of Wonders of the Ancient World.  
ANSWER: **seven**

4. In this modern-day country, General “Chinese” Gordon was killed fighting the Madhi at Omdurman, and British and French forces almost began a war in the Fashoda Incident. This country has been ruled since 1989 by Omar al-Bashir, who was accused of allying with the Janjaweed to commit a genocide in the Darfur region. For the point., name this country whose southern portion seceded by referendum in 2011 from its government at Khartoum.   
ANSWER: **Sudan** [Republic of the **Sudan**; or Jumhuriyat as-**Sudan**]

5. In the run-up to this war, new Congressmen such as Felix Grundy were accused of "land-hunger." This war was caused by events such as the *Chesapeake-Leopard* affair and similar examples of impressment, as well as by Henry Clay's War Hawks. For the point, name this war in which the Canadian city of York and Washington, D.C. were both burned, which ended inconclusively in 1814 and which was named for an earlier year.

ANSWER: War of **1812**

6. These people are the antagonists of Martin Sherman's play *Bent*, and spy Howard Campbell is put on trial for being one of these people in Kurt Vonnegut's *Mother Night*. The consequences of these people's rise and fall provide the second half of the novel *The Tin Drum*, and a factory owner attempting to sabotage these people is the protagonist of *Schindler's List*. For the point, name these people who ultimately find and imprison the author of *The Diary of Anne Frank*  
ANSWER: **Nazis** [prompt on **Germans**, etc.]

7. Early in this conflict, Pelagius of Asturias won the Battle of Covadonga. During this conflict, the Almohads were defeated at the Battle of Las Navas de Tolosa. El Cid fought on both sides of this conflict, which was completed with the defeat of Granada by Ferdinand and Isabella. For the point, give this term for the long-running conflict in which Muslim kingdoms were expelled from the Iberian Peninsula.

ANSWER: **Reconquista**

8. This author created the raven Grip, who accompanies a simple-minded man to the anti-Catholic Gordon Riots of 1780 in his novel *Barnaby Rudge*. He also created the characters of Sidney Carton and Madame DeFarge, who are caught up in the French Revolution. For the point., name this author of *A Tale of Two Cities*, who scrutinized English society in *David Copperfield* and *A Christmas Carol*.   
ANSWER: Charles **Dickens**

9. In this country, a cycle of massacres at funerals followed by massacres at new funerals for the victims culminated in the end of the Pahlavi dynasty. This country was where Reza Shah was overthrown in 1979, which was depicted in the Oscar-award winning film *Argo*. For the point., name this country where an Islamic revolution led by Ayatollah Khomeini took fifty-two American hostages.   
ANSWER: **Iran**

10. A November 2014 column by Eric Jackson accused this man of "wasting a hundred billion dollars" by performing stock buybacks and issuing dividends. An anti-discrimination bill introduced in the Alabama legislature in December 2014 was named for this man, a former Compaq VP who joined his current company in 1998. For the point, name this man who wrote a *Business Week* editorial in October entitled "I'm Proud to Be Gay," and is the CEO of Apple.  
ANSWER: Tim **Cook** [Timothy Donald **Cook**]

11. In a film set during this war, a man is rejected from joining an army because he a Western and Atlantic Railroad engineer. In that film set during this war, the *Texas* is driven onto the burning Rock River Bridge. This war was the subject of the Buster Keaton film *The General*, and this war’s attack on Fort Wagner was the subject of the film *Glory*. For the point, name this war depicted in Mathew Brady's *The Dead at Antietam*.

ANSWER: American **Civil War** [or the War **Between the States**]

12. George Cayley built a working model of this device, but could not create one large enough to fit a human. In 1877, Enrico Forlanini built the first working example of this kind of machine, which was eventually perfected by Igor Sikorsky. An iconic image of these vehicles shows them removing refugees during the fall of Saigon. For the point, name these flying vehicles which use rotors and propellers as opposed to fixed wings.

ANSWER: heli**copter**s [or **chopper**s or other synonyms]

13. The norms of this office were violated by Gaius Marius, who served an unprecedented seven terms in this post. This office was the last level, beyond praetor, in the "cursus honorum," and its occupants' names were used to designate the year. For the point., identify this office, occupied by two people at a time, which was the chief executive of the Roman Republic.   
ANSWER: Roman **consul**s

14. The "SYMBOL" conference took place in this country, where the doctrine of “unconditional surrender” was formulated by the Allies. This country was ruled from 1961 to 1999 by Hasaan II, who opposed the Polisario Front’s attempt to declare the south of this country independent as Western Sahara. For the point., name this country which hosted the Casablanca Conference in North Africa.   
ANSWER: **Morocco** [Kingdom of **Morocco**; or Al Mamlakah al **Maghrib**iyah]

15. Firestick farming was practiced by this supergroup of people, who lost land under the *terra nullius* doctrine. The Warlpiri people of Yuendumu are among these people, who were legally grouped with the Torres Strait islanders. A state policy to raise and educate mixed-race members of this group resulted in the Stolen Generations. For the point, name these indigenous people displaced by convicts transported to Botany Bay, many of whom revere Ayers' Rock as Uluru.  
ANSWER: Australian **aboriginal**s [or **aborigine**s; or **indigenous** people of **Australia]**

16. Mark Vieha wrote a long-running jingle for this product, which was invented by Jim Delligati in suburban Pittsburgh and originally called the Aristocrat. This item was promoted in the 1980s by a lounge singer whose face was a crescent moon. An index based on the price of this fast food item is used as a simple measure of local purchasing power by *The Economist*. For the point, name this double-decker burger, a signature product of McDonald’s.

ANSWER: **Big Mac** (prompt on hamburger, burger, etc.)

17. Meetings called *kurultai* elected these rulers, who issued a law code known as the *Yassa*. The first prominent holder of this title married Börte (**BOR-tay**) before he subjugated the Khwarezmians. *Kamikaze* winds wrecked the navy of a holder of this title who also started the Yuan dynasty of China. For the point, name this warlord rank attained by Kublai and Genghis, two Mongols.

ANSWER: **khan** (accept **Genghis Khan** or **Kublai Khan** if someone gives a full name instead)

18. The first of two themes representing Till Eulenspiegel (**TIL OY-len-shpee-gul**) is played by this instrument. Prominent Viennese musician Joseph Leutgeb (**LOYT-geb**) played this instrument, and debuted four concertos for it by Mozart. This instrument developed from a simpler device used in hunting and can be played with a technique invented in 1750 by Anton Joseph Hampel. For the point, name this brass instrument that is "hand-stopped" and sometimes named for a European country.

ANSWER: French **horn**

19. James Neill complained of a lack of funding for the defense of this site, where the slave Joe and Susanna Dickinson were spared. Similar events as what happened at this site occurred at the Battle of Goliad. People shouting, “Remember this place” won the Battle of San Jacinto. For the point, Jim Bowie and Davy Crockett died at what San Antonio mission during the Texas revolution?  
ANSWER: the **Alamo**

20. A drug lord with this alias was originally dubbed L-50 and was a leader of Los Zetas captured in 2012. While in power, this group banned the practice of Bacha bazi, or “boy play”. This group was responsible for destroying the Buddhas of Bamiyan and were originally funded by Pakistan’s I-S-I. For the point, name this Islamic militant group headed by Mullah Mohammed Omar, which ruled Afghanistan until the 2001 US-led invasion.

ANSWER: **Taliban**

21. This city took its modern form in 1784 when the Mala Strana, the Hradcany district, and its Old Town were united into one administrative entity. In 1618, two Catholic regents claimed they were saved by the intercession of Mary after being thrown from a window in this city. In 1968, an uprising known as this city’s “Spring” unsuccessfully protested Soviet domination. For the point, name this historical capital of Bohemia, which today is the capital of the Czech Republic.  
ANSWER: **Prague**

22. For most of the 2000s, this country followed the “Sunshine Policy” on its most pressing foreign affairs question. This country’s 1960 April Revolution exiled the longtime resident of the Blue House to Hawaii. This country was led by Syngman Rhee during a war which set its border at the 38th parallel. For the point., name this U.S. ally in East Asia which fought its Communist “North” neighbor in the early 1950s.   
ANSWER: **South Korea** [or **ROK**; or **Republic of Korea**; or **Taehan-min'guk**; or **Hanguk**]

23. This man’s government attempted to eliminate the Four Pests in an effort that included the Sparrow-Killing Campaign. This man coined aphorisms such as “political power grows out of the barrel of a gun” in a manual that was once the world’s second-most-circulated book after the Bible, his *Little Red Book*. For the point., name this leader of the Long March who became the “chairman” of Communist China from 1949 to his 1976 death.   
ANSWER: **Mao** Zedong

24. This city's largest suburb was named for a pioneering Catholic bishop who owned the "Jesus Island" on which the city was founded. This city is home to the world's largest underground shopping complex, and still hosts soccer games at Olympic Stadium, which hosted the games in 1976. This city’s economy grew through its position for exporting furs and timber through the St. Lawrence River. For the point, name this most populous city in Quebec.

ANSWER: **Montreal**

25. A politician from this city reorganized its four traditional tribes into ten new *phyles* and increased the size of its ruling council by 100. Later reforms in this city moved judicial power to the *boule* (**BOO-lay**) from its original court, the Areopagus. For the point, name this city where harsh laws instituted by Draco were eventually reformed by Cleisthenes (**KLISE-then-eez**) and Solon, who laid the foundations for its democracy.

ANSWER: **Athens** [or **Athenai**]

26. Andreas Baader and Ulrike Meinhof (**ul-REE-keh MINE-hofe**) co-founded a terrorist organization with this adjective in its name that killed American soldiers stationed in West Germany. Another group with this adjective in its name kidnapped and murdered Italian prime minister Aldo Moro. An army of this color once invaded Poland from the east and later fought the Germans on the Eastern Front. For the point, name this predominant color of the Soviet flag.

ANSWER: **red**

27. New examples of these structures have been found as recently as 1989, when J.C. Bhattacharyya found two of them. These structures were first correctly identified by Christian Huygens, who failed to notice the spaces in between them which are now named for their discoverer, Giovanni Cassini. For the point, name these structures which astronomers found around the second-largest planet.

ANSWER: **rings of Saturn** [prompt on partial answer]

28. This country’s independence movement grew out of riots at the opera *The Mute Girl of Portici*. This country’s king in the late 19th century, who held the Congo Free State as his own possession, was Leopold II. For the point, name this low country in Western Europe whose neutrality Germany disregarded in World War I when its troops marched through Brussels.

ANSWER: **Belgium**

29. This country attempted to declare independence under the Malolos Constitution, shortly before the arrival of Frederick Funston. This country, whose political leaders included Jose Rizal and Emilio Aguinaldo, was the site of a battle where George Dewey commanded “you may fire when ready, Gridley.” For the point, name this now-independent country acquired by the United States in the Spanish-American War at the Battle of Manila Bay.   
ANSWER: the **Philippines**

30. Constantine I introduced a type of these items called the *solidus* to replace the earlier *aureus*. Dead people were buried with one of these objects called an *obol* in their mouths. Roman types of these things include the *sestertius* & the *denarius*, while Greeks used the *drachma*. For the point, name these objects, made from silver or gold, that were exchanged for goods & services.

ANSWER: **coin**s [or **money**; or **currency**; or other equivalents]

**Extra (ONLY READ IF YOU BOTCH A QUESTION!)**

An exception to this U.S. Constitutional amendment which was applied in the 1940s and 1950s was established in the *Chaplinsky v. New Hampshire* case. This amendment was also the subject of the *West Virginia v. Barnette* decision and the draft card case *U.S. v. O'Brien*. This amendment is held to imply a right to freedom of association, and it begins with the Establishment Clause. For the point, name this American Constitutional amendment, which protects freedom of religion and speech.

ANSWER: **First** Amendment