

# Bowl Quarterfinals – Middle School

## First Quarter

(1) This country's troops crossed the Alle River in an attempt to defeat Jean Lannes before aid arrived; however, that assault backfired on the Count of Bennigsen, and this country was forced to sign the Treaty of Tilsit. The loser at the Battles of Eylau and Friedland was, for ten points, what country whose refusal to follow the Continental System prompted a French invasion in 1812?

ANSWER: **Russian** Empire

(2) The first railroads in Continental Europe transported this resource from Saint-Etienne. Iron production was greatly increased by substituting wood with a processed form of this resource. The "sea" form of this resource was used in locomotives and is graded between this resource's anthracite and bituminous forms. Coke is a form of, for ten points, what carbon-based rock which fueled the Industrial Revolution?

ANSWER: **coal** (prompt on lignite, prompt on anthracite, bitumen, or coke before mention)

(3) One ruler from this dynasty gave Charlemagne gifts including a clock and an elephant. That ruler was Harun al-Rashid, who may have established the House of Wisdom to house his library. For ten points, name this caliphate whose capital of Baghdad was sacked by the Mongols in 1258, the successors of the Umayyads.

ANSWER: **Abbasid** Caliphate

(4) This leader was told by Senator Paul Laxalt to "cut and cut cleanly". The Rolex 12 served as advisors to this leader of the New Society Movement. This leader may have ordered the assassination of an opposition leader in an airport and he declared martial law in 1972. This leader was succeeded by Corazon Aquino after being overthrown in the People's Power revolution. For the point, name this husband of Imelda, the longtime president of the Philippines.

ANSWER: Ferdinand **Marcos**

(5) This religion celebrates a 1966 plane landing at Palisadoes Airport with its Grounation Day holiday. This religion is divided into denominations like Nyahbinghi called "Mansions" and keeps a diet caled Ital [EYE-tall]. For ten points, name this religion which regards Haile Selassie as the second coming of Christ, a Jamaican movement famous for its practitioners' dreadlocks and cannabis use.

ANSWER: **Rastafarianism** (accept word forms, including **Rastafari**)

(6) The central figure of this event arrived by barge to Murray's Wharf. Robert Livingston administered an oath to the subject of this event, who allegedly added the words "so help me God" at the end. This event included a speech given outside of Federal Hall in New York City. For ten points, name this April 30, 1789 event that marked the start of the first Presidency.

ANSWER: **inauguration** of George **Washington** (prompt on partial answers)

(7) This dynasty used Tiger Cave Kilns to create Guan Ware instead of Ru Ware ceramics. Following the short-lived Qingli reforms, this dynasty introduced the New Policies under reformer Wang Anshi, who was opposed by Sima Guang. After defeating the Liao, the Jurchen Jin Dynasty invaded this dynasty forcing it to move its capital from Kaifeng to Hangzhou. For ten points, name this Chinese dynasty that fell after the invasion of the Yuan under Kublai Khan.

ANSWER: **Song** Dynasty

(8) An event in this region caused Kennedy to remark, "The preacher has been caught coming out of the brothel". The Se Cathedral is located in this region where a namesake inquisition was established by a missionary buried in this region's Basilica of Bom Jesus. The sloop *Alfonso De Albuquerque* was sunk defending this region alongside other Portugese forces during a successful invasion called Operation Vijay. For ten points, name this smallest Indian state, a former Portuguese colony.

ANSWER: **Goa**

## Second Quarter

(1) If this country were to unite with its neighbor, the region of Gagauzia would gain right to self-determination. Russia banned importing wines from this country and Georgia in 2006 after this country rejected the Kozak memorandum, which would have created an "assymetric" state to deal with its breakaway province of Transnistria. Much of Bessarabia is contained in, for ten points, what Eastern European nation along the Dnieper River that chose not to join Romania.

ANSWER: Republic of **Moldova**

BONUS: A major 1903 pogrom in this largest Moldovan city led Theodor Herzl to propose the Uganda Scheme for Jewish resettlement.

ANSWER: **Chisinau** (accept **Kishinev**)

(2) In a depiction by Puck, this man's company was shown as an octopus grabbing lawmakers and reaching for the White House. Despite his son having ordered the action, this man was criticized for the deadly force brought against protesting coal miners at his Ludlow mine. This man's corrupt business practices were exposed by muckraker Ida Tarbell, who wrote a history of his company. For ten points, name this richest ever American, the founder of Standard Oil.

ANSWER: John D. **Rockefeller**

BONUS: Rockefeller helped renovate this European palace, where the boulevard it is next to is now named for him.

ANSWER: **Versailles**

(3) This island was briefly explored and claimed in 1499 by the Portuguese who named it Terra do Lavrador. This island contains a national park that was expanded in 1988 to its present size of 972,000 square kilometers, making it the world's largest. This island left the EEC in 1985, the same year it adopted a flag with a red semicircle on a white field on top of a white semicircle on a red field. For ten points, name this island in the North Atlantic Ocean where an independence movement has sought to end its status as a constituent country within the kingdom of Denmark.

ANSWER: **Greenland**

BONUS: This city, Greenland's capital and largest city, hosted the 2016 Arctic Games and was formerly known as Godthab.

ANSWER: **Nuuk**

(4) A work depicting people from this place should be viewed from right to left and was finished after its painter attempted suicide by overdosing on arsenic. In that piece about this place, each of the major groups acts alongside a blue Buddha-like idol that is meant to represent "the Beyond." The work *Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?* was set on, for ten points, what French Polynesian island that was frequented by Paul Gauguin?

ANSWER: **Tahiti** (prompt on French Polynesia before mentioned; prompt on descriptions of Pacific Islands/Oceania before "this island" is read)

BONUS: Due to its shared setting and subjects, Gauguin's painting *The Spirit of the Dead Watching* was compared to this painting, which caused an uproar at the 1865 Paris Salon. Despite her oppositional gaze, the maid is ignored by the title figure of this work.

ANSWER: **Olympia**

(5) This ruler allegedly threw a group of fettered Jews into the Dead Sea to test its buoyancy after destroying Jericho. This ruler seized power by joining forces with the Syrian governor Mucianus, who encouraged this man to implement his toilet tax. This man met Josephus, whom he would later patronize, while putting down the first Jewish rebellion in AD 66. For ten points, name this first Flavian emperor who ended the Year of the Four Emperors.

ANSWER: **Vespasian**

BONUS: Shortly before his death, Vespasian sent this general to govern Britannia and conquer Wales, which he summarily did. This man's name means "farmer" in Latin.

ANSWER: Gnaeus Julius **Agricola**

(6) This company was criticized for deciding not to remove footage of the Lac-Mégantic disaster, one of the deadliest train derailments in Canadian history, as stock footage in one of its 2018 films. A company called "Qwikster" was to be spun off from this company in 2011, but CEO Reed Hastings quickly changed course. Programs like *Narcos* and the American version of *House of Cards* were produced by, for ten points, what streaming service that released *Bird Box* in 2018?

ANSWER: **Netflix**

BONUS: *Narcos* was a three-season drama set in Colombia about this drug kingpin, who was killed in 1993.

ANSWER: Pablo **Escobar**

(7) At his father's funeral, this leader threw incense at the altar and behaved so badly that his mentor committed suicide as a result. This leader used six iron-plated ships during a 10-year siege of a fortress protected by zealots and warrior monks. This victor at Ishiyama Hongan-ji earlier defeated Imagawa Yoshimoto at Okehazama. This man was forced to commit seppuku after his retainer Akechi Mitsuhide betrayed him during the Honno-ji incident. For ten points, name this first Great Unifier of Japan.

ANSWER: **Oda** Nobunaga

BONUS: This "Tiger of Kai" defeated Oda Nobuanga's allies at the Battle of Mikatagahara and introduced cavalry charges to Japan.

ANSWER: **Takeda** Shingen

(8) After its deployment in the Crimea, the Gustav rail gun was to be used for the second time in fighting over this city. This city's defenders were resupplied by the Road of Life, where vehicles would travel across a frozen lake east of this besieged city. Army Group North and their Finnish allies retreated after 900 days of fighting in, for ten points, what Soviet city that was besieged from 1941 to 1944?

ANSWER: **Leningrad** (accept **St. Petersburg**)

BONUS: This frozen lake east of Leningrad, the largest lake entirely within Europe, was used as the "Road of Life" during the siege of Leningrad.

ANSWER: Lake **Ladoga**

## Third Quarter

The categories are ...

1. Three Kingdoms Period
2. Battle of Actium
3. Mayans

### Three Kingdoms Period

Name the battle from the American Revolution where...

(1) Modern-day country where the Three Kingdoms period took place.

ANSWER: **China** (Accept **Zhongguo**)

(2) Dynasty which collapsed into the Three Kingdoms period.

ANSWER: **Han**

(3) Decisive 208 AD battle in which Cao Cao's fleet was destroyed by fireships.

ANSWER: Battle of **Red Cliffs** (Accept Battle of **Chibi**)

(4) Famed strategist who "summoned the east wind" during that battle and later became Chancellor of Shu Han.

ANSWER: **Zhuge** Liang (Accept **Kongming**, prompt on "wolong")

(5) First emperor of Eastern Wu.

ANSWER: **Sun** Quan (Accept **Zhongmou**, accept **Emperor Da**)

(6) Shu general also called "Zilong" who distinguished himself at the Battle of Changban.

ANSWER: **Zhao** Yun

**Battle of Actium**

Name the...

(1) Egyptian queen whose ships' hasty retreat signaled a turn in the battle.

ANSWER: **Cleopatra** VII Philopator

(2) Losing general at Actium, the Roman lover of that Egyptian queen.

ANSWER: **Marc Antony** (or **Marcus Antonius**)

(3) Winning general who took the title "Princeps" after the battle.

ANSWER: **Octavian** (accept Gaius **Octavius** Thurinus; accept Caesar **Augustus** or **Augustus** Caesar; prompt on "Caesar")

(4) Epic poem by Virgil whose protagonist's shield features a depiction of the battle.

ANSWER: **Aeneid**

(5) City that names the 34 BC "donations" in which Roman and Parthian land was divided up, a key cause of the war.

ANSWER: Donations of **Alexandria**

(6) Modern day country off of which the battle was fought near the Gulf of Corinth.

ANSWER: **Greece**

**Mayans**

Name the...

(1) Technology whose "Long Count" type supposedly predicted the end of the world in 2012.

ANSWER: **calendar**

(2) Prominent Mexican peninsula on which the Mayan civilization was centered.

ANSWER: **Yucatan** Peninsula

(3) Mayan city where the Temple of Kukulcan, a massive step-pyramid, is found.

ANSWER: **Chichen Itza**

(4) Religious action carried out at a sinkhole called the Sacred Cenote to honor the rain god Chaac.

ANSWER: human and/or child **sacrifice**

(5) Mythological text of the K'iche people that describes the Hero Twins and was preserved by a Dominican friar.

ANSWER: **Popul Vuh**

(6) Country where the Mayan city of Tikal can now be found in

ANSWER: **Guatemala**

**Fourth Quarter**

(1) **Upon seeing a phenomenon that looked "like an umbrella pine," this man journeyed from Misenum to rescue Rectina and Pomponianus. Although this man remarked that "fortune favors the brave," his corpse was (+) excavated from pumice at Stabiae. Letters to Tactius from this man's nephew detail his death during the eruption of Mount (\*) Vesuvius. For ten points, name this Roman scientist, the author of *Natural History*.**

ANSWER: **Pliny the Elder** (prompt on Pliny)

(2) **Both members of the winning presidential ticket in this election year had been interested in the philosophy of a mystic named Nicholas Roerich. The winning Vice Presidential candidate in this election year had earlier served as Secretary of Agriculture under the incumbent and succeeded (+) John Nance Garner. Wendell Wilkie lost this election, which broke the tradition of two-term (\*) presidencies.** For ten points, name this election year in which FDR won, just after the start of World War II.

ANSWER: US presidential election of **1940**

(3) **These people expanded into the Volga region under the leadership of Kotrag, a leader of the "Black" variant of these people. Ninety nine out of every hundred of these people were blinded after their defeat at the Battle of (+) Kleidion, a sight that caused King Samuel to die of shock. The Byzantine emperor (\*) Basil II became known as the "slayer" of,** for ten points, what nomadic ethnic group who later formed a country with capital Sofia?

ANSWER: **Bulgars** (accept **Bulgarians**)

(4) **This man, who led the reserves at the Battle of Seringapatam in 1799, was opposed by Anthony Pohlmann, who commanded forces for the (+) Maratha ruler Raghujii Bhonsle II, at the Battle of Assaye. During the Peninsular War, this general defeated French forces at the Battle of (\*) Salamanca, and this man joined Gebhard von Blucher in a key victory in Belgium that led to an emperor being exiled to St. Helena.** For ten points, name this British general who won the 1815 Battle of Waterloo over Napoleon.

ANSWER: Arthur **Wellesley**, first Duke of **Wellington** (accept either or both underlined names)

(5) **Rapid development of this technology was temporarily suspended after a 2011 disaster involving this technology in Wenzhou. In 2018, Mahatir Mohammed announced the postponement of a joint-project with (+) Singapore involving this technology. The Fuxing and the (\*) Nozomi are examples of this technology. The world's most extensive network of this technology can be found in China, while the earliest was built in Japan.** For ten points, name this fast transport technology exemplified by the Shinkansen.

ANSWER: **High-Speed Rail** (prompt on "rail" or "trains")

(6) **A copy of this oration was kept in a "bank vault" under the palace, preventing the leaders of the 15 August (+) coup from finding it before it was smuggled out in a laundry basket. This speech concedes that, despite attempts for "self-preservation," a joint declaration from (+) China, the United States, and the USSR was accepted, and the speaker and his country (\*) must "[endure] the unendurable."** For ten points, name this speech delivered by Emperor Hirohito, announcing Japan's surrender in World War II.

ANSWER: **Jewel Voice** Broadcast (or **Gyokuon-hoso**; prompt on descriptive answers)

(7) **This was the southernmost of two states where a chief named Captain Jack took up positions along Tule Lake during the 1870's Modoc War. At the same time as the Civil War, a group of this state's namesake volunteers fought in this state's (+) Owens Valley Indian War. This state's native Americans were converted to Catholicism (\*) in a series of missions led by Junipero Serra.** For ten points, name this state where the Pomo were killed in the 1850 Bloody Island Massacre after refusing to be forced labor during its gold rush.

ANSWER: **California**

(8) **A law code of these people, the Liber Iudiciorum, was promulgated by Chindasuinth and later expanded by Recceswinth. A ruler of these people received a fragment of the true cross after he renounced Arianism at the Third Council of (+) Toledo. Defeat to Clovis I at the Battle of Vouille [vwee-YAY] forced these people to leave their capital at Toulouse. These people inadvertently inspired St. Augustine to write *The City of God* after their ruler (\*) Alaric sacked Rome in 410. For ten points, name these Germanic people related to the Ostrogoths.**

ANSWER: **Visigoths** (prompt on just "Goths", do not accept or prompt on "Ostrogoth")

**EXTRA QUESTION**

**One leader of this country promoted "Sharization" to move towards religious rule after launching Operation (+) Fair Play to take control in 1978. That leader of this country, Muhammad Zia ul-Haq, was killed in a plane crash near (\*) Bahawalpur and controversially executed his predecessor Zulfikar Ali. For ten points, name this Islamic Republic that has been led by two members of the Bhutto family, including Benazir, who was killed in 2007 in Rawalpindi.**

ANSWER: **Pakistan**

BONUS: What island in the Saronic Gulf names a naval battle where Eurybiades voted against chasing down the losing commander, a year before the Battle of Mycale?

ANSWER: (Battle of) **Salamis**