

# Bowl Semifinals – Middle School

## First Quarter

(1) This leader submitted the Twelve Suggestions and sought the advice of the North Gate scholars. Empress Wang may have been framed for the murder of this leader's daughter. This leader constructed the famous Fengxian cave at the Longmen Grotto and is memorialized by the Wordless Stele. This monarch began ruling after Emperor Gaozong suffered a stroke and interrupted the Tang dynasty by founding the Second Zhou dynasty. For ten points, name this only empress regnant in Chinese history.

ANSWER: **Wu** Zetian

(2) Description not acceptable; this has a name. The main inhabitant of this facility lived in the first of three security zones in an area protected from direct exposure to the sun. The Todt Organization built this facility near the town of Rastenberg in the Masurian woods. An assassination attempt at this location was known as Operation Valkyrie and failed on July 20, 1944, a few months before its occupant left it for an underground bunker in Berlin. For ten points, name this fortified residence that served as Hitler's headquarters on the Eastern Front.

ANSWER: **Wolf's Lair** (or **Wolfsschanze**; do not accept or prompt on "Führerbunker")

(3) This civilisation's "King List" describes one city as the first in the world; that city, Eridu, was founded in the Ubaid period of this civilization. Eannatum of Lagash conquered an empire across most of this civilization, which built a "Great Ziggurat" in one of its cities and invented cuneiform. The cities of Uruk and Ur formed part of, for the point, what earliest known civilization, which was based in Southern Mesopotamia?

ANSWER: **Sumerian**

(4) This city guarded one aspect of its trade by preventing its glassmakers from leaving Murano. This city's conquest of Dalmatia was celebrated by this city every Ascension Day, where the ship Bucentaur would go out to sea and a ring would be dropped into the water. The Marriage of the Sea ritual took place in, for ten points, what Italian "serene republic" often called the "Queen of the Adriatic?"

ANSWER: **Venice**

(5) The Marquis de Bouillé was so hated that he is the only person mentioned in this work by name. Charles X banned this work, which was replaced by a work titled "Ensure the Salvation of the Empire". This work was written in Strasbourg by Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle as the marching song for the Army of the Rhine, but it gained its most common name after it was performed by François Mireur in its namesake city. "March, march, until an impure blood waters our fields" forms part of the chorus of, for ten points, what national anthem of France?

ANSWER: The **Marseillaise** (accept "**Chant de Guerre pour l'Armée du Rhin**", prompt on National anthem of France before mention)

(6) The death of this empire's founding ruler Digha Cisse caused a power struggle between his sons Khine and Dyabe; when Dyabe lost, he legendarily sacrificed a virgin to the snake Bida every year until he died. Al-Bakri wrote of dogs with golden collars in this empire, whose original Soninke name was Wagadou. Controlling the salt and gold trade across the Sahara, this empire was later absorbed by Mali. For ten points, the Gold Coast is presently named for what medieval West African empire?

ANSWER: **Ghana** (or **Wagadou** before mentioned)

(7) Jules Michelet gave the first definition of this period in his *History of France*. Jakob Burckhardt argued that this period gave birth to modern individuality in *The Civilization of* [this period]. This period's reputation for cultural advancement has been challenged by historians who emphasize its nostalgia for classicism and continuity with the Middle Ages. For ten points, name this era usually characterized by the flourishing of art and humanism in 15th and 16th century Italy.

ANSWER: The **Renaissance**

(8) The Washington Post created a political cartoon parodying Jaws, creatively named PAWS, to mock this man after he was "attacked" by a swamp rabbit. This man challenged the notion that "There is no Soviet domination of Eastern Europe" in a debate with Gerald Ford. This President ordered the disastrous Operation Eagle Claw, a failed attempt to end the Iran-Hostage Crisis. For ten points, name this oft-mocked President who only served one term after being elected in 1976.

ANSWER: Jimmy **Carter**

## Second Quarter

(1) Nikita Khrushchev declared that this country's relations with the USSR had deteriorated to a "night frost" in 1958. The Paasikvi-Kekkonen Doctrine preserved relations between this country and both NATO and the Warsaw Pact. Gerald Ford and Leonid Brezhnev signed a 1975 agreement in this country's capital intended to ease Cold War tensions. For ten points, name this country where the Helsinki Accords were signed.

ANSWER: Republic of **Finland** (accept **Suomen tasavalta** or Republiken **Finland**)

BONUS: This man led the Finnish resistance to the Soviet Union during both the Winter War and the Continuation War and served as Finland's first postwar president.

ANSWER: Carl Gustaf Emil **Mannerheim**

(2) At the Battle of Cap Bon, this group killed over 10,000 Roman soldiers. These people's king Godigisel died while this group crossed the Rhine River with the Alans and the Suebi. This Germanic tribe fought Belisarius at the Battle of Ad Decimum and Tricamarum near their capital of Carthage. The Hasdingi and Silingi formed this group, which invaded Iberia before conquering North Africa. For ten points, name these Germanic people whose name sounds like a criminal that destroys property.

ANSWER: **Vandals**

BONUS: This last Germanic leader of the Vandals deposed Hideric and twice fled after facing off against Belisarius at Ad Decimum and Tricamarum.

ANSWER: **Gelimer**

(3) An expensive type of this substance was extracted from the Muricidae genus by leaving sea snails to decompose and was named after Tyre. One plant to make this substance was imported and named for India before it was planted in the southern US. Indigo is a type of, for ten points, what substance used to color fabrics?

ANSWER: **dyes**

BONUS: The dye produced in Tyre and mauveine were both this expensive color, which was associated with royalty in the Roman Empire.

ANSWER: **purple**

(4) The philosopher Kundakunda is a major figure in a sect of this religion that believes that women cannot escape the cycle of rebirth and that the original scriptures of this religion have been lost. Members of that sect of this religion, the Digambara or “sky-clad,” do not wear clothes, while their counterparts, the Svetambara wear white robes; members of both sects carry around feather brooms for sweeping away insects. For ten points, name this Indian religion which observes the “ahimsa” principle of radical non-violence.

ANSWER: **Jainism**

BONUS: Which Indian state has seen its population of Jains become the highest in India, including thousands who live in and around Mumbai?

ANSWER: **Maharashtra**

(5) The formulator of this initiative claimed that the “the division of labor...is in danger of breaking down” while advocating for this plan at a Harvard commencement address. This plan replaced an earlier one devised by Henry Morgenthau which dictated that no steps be taken to rehabilitate the German economy. For ten points, name this plan, named for Harry Truman’s Secretary of State, to rebuild Europe in the aftermath of World War II.

ANSWER: **Marshall** plan (accept **European Recovery Program**; accept **ERP**)

BONUS: The Marshall Plan was rejected by Eastern European countries who, on the urging of Joseph Stalin, instead adopted this Soviet plan named for Stalin’s foreign minister.

ANSWER: **Molotov** Plan

(6) The pagan god Baal became known as Belos, which was later translated as the name of this Greek deity. Israel targeted Iran with a cyber-attack project named after “Nitro” and this deity. The continent of Europe was named after a lady who was kidnapped by this deity. For ten points, name this son of Rhea and Cronus, known as Jupiter to the Romans, who became the king of the Greek gods and wielder of lightning bolts.

ANSWER: **Zeus** (do not accept or prompt on “Jupiter”)

BONUS: Europa was kidnapped by Zeus in the shape of this animal. Io was forced to wander until she met Prometheus at a strait afterwards partially named for this animal, the Bosphorus.

ANSWER: **cow** (accept equivalents like **bull** or **heifer**)

(7) In 2000, a leader of this ethnicity was assassinated while filling out a football betting slip in the lobby of the Intercontinental Hotel. Members of this ethnicity formed the White Eagles and the Volunteer Guard, the latter of which was better known as Arkan's Tigers. The Scorpions, who were of this ethnicity, were led by Ratko Mladic [m'lah-ditch] in a massacre against Bosniaks in the Yugoslav Wars. For ten points, name this Southern Slavic ethnic group, the majority ethnic group in Belgrade.

ANSWER: **Serbs** (accept **Serbians**, despite minor differences between the terms)

BONUS: Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic were convicted of a massacre of over 5000 Muslim men and boys in which town during the Bosnian War?

ANSWER: **Srebrenica**

(8) After leaving office at the end of 2010, this man's appointment as Chief of Staff under his successor was blocked by Gilmar Mendes [zheel-mar men-des]. A \$1.1 million apartment was found to have been given to this man as a bribe as part of an investigation known as Operation Car Wash. This former leader of the Workers' Party was jailed after being convicted on money laundering charges in 2017. For ten points, name this predecessor of Dilma Rousseff as President of Brazil.

ANSWER: Luiz Inacio **Lula** da **Silva** (accept either or both underlined parts)

BONUS: This populist politician who has signaled his desire to roll back conservation measures in the Amazon rainforests was elected president of Brazil in 2018.

ANSWER: Jair **Bolsonaro**

## Third Quarter

The categories are ...

1. The Troubles
2. Modern German Politics
3. Battle of Okinawa

### The Troubles

Name the...

(1) Region, a part of the United Kingdom, where it took place.

ANSWER: **Northern Ireland** (do not accept or prompt on Ireland alone)

(2) Paramilitary organization that was the largest group to fight the British in the Troubles.

ANSWER: Provisional **Irish Republican Army** (or Provisional **IRA**)

(3) April 1998 agreement that ended the Troubles.

ANSWER: **Good Friday** Agreement

(4) Incident in 1972 in which British soldiers shot 28 civilians in Bogside.

ANSWER: **Bloody Sunday** (accept **Bogside Massacre** early)

(5) Province that names a "Defence Association" that carried out that assassination attempt.

ANSWER: **Ulster**

(6) British overseas territory where 3 men were killed as part of Operation Flavius by the SAS.

ANSWER: **Gibraltar**

**Modern German Politics**

Name the...

(1) Center-right party, the traditional rival of the Social Democratic Party, that currently holds power.

ANSWER: **Christian Democratic** Party of Germany (accept **Christian Democrats**; accept **CDU**; accept **Christlich Demokratische** Union Deutschlands)

(2) Current Chancellor of Germany, the first woman to hold the position.

ANSWER: Angela **Merkel**

(3) Elected Parliament of Germany, which meets in the Reichstag in Berlin.

ANSWER: **Bundestag**

(4) Racist, far-right party founded in 2013 that won its first 94 seats in Parliament in 2017.

ANSWER: **Alternative for Germany** (or **AfD**; accept **Alternative fur Deutschland**)

(5) Chancellor of West Germany whose Finance Minister Ludwig Erhard engineered an “economic miracle” after the war.

ANSWER: Konrad **Adenauer**

(6) Chancellor who led reunified Germany after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

ANSWER: Helmut **Kohl**

**Battle of Okinawa**

Name the

(1) Conflict during which it took place.

ANSWER: **World War II** (Accept **Pacific War**)

(2) Type of Japanese suicide attack using aircraft that led to the battle being called “typhoon of steel”.

ANSWER: **Kamikaze**

(3) Other Japanese island where Mount Suribachi is located. It was attacked two months before Okinawa

ANSWER: **Iwo Jima**

(4) Largest battleship ever constructed which was sunk on its way to defend Okinawa

ANSWER: **Yamato**

(5) Type of Allied “hopping” strategy which culminated in the attack on Okinawa.

ANSWER: **Island** hopping (Accept **Leapfrogging**)

(6) Capital city of Okinawa destroyed during the battle.

ANSWER: **Naha**

**Fourth Quarter**

(1) **Agent A-54 was a double agent in the Abwehr for this nation. A leader of this nation published “Racial Problems in Hungary” and fought Jewish blood libels in the Hilsner Case. Emil Hacha led this (+) former country as a Protectorate. The “Fourth Plan” was proposed by this country’s leader Edvard Benes, who passed decrees to expel ethnic (\*) Germans. This former country’s defenses were crippled after Britain and France forced it to give Sudetenland to Nazi Germany. The Munich Agreement targeted, for ten points, what no longer extant country that was governed from Prague?**

ANSWER: **Czechoslovakia** (prompt on “Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia,” do not accept or prompt on Czech Republic or Slovakia)

(2) **This man was replaced in his early career by Don Carlos Buell after a visit with Secretary of War Simon Cameron convinced the public that this man was insane. This man's Special Field Orders Number 15 was interpreted as a promise of "40 acres and a mule," and he (+) destroyed railway tracks by wrapping them around trees to make a namesake "necktie." This man's success helped turn the 1864 election for Lincoln, after which he captured the (\*) "Christmas present" of Savannah. For ten points, name this Union general who led the "March to the Sea."**

ANSWER: William Tecumseh **Sherman**

(3) **Limestone blocks cut into smaller talatats were used to construct this location, which some scholars believe was a capital city because the shape of its "Great Wadi" resembles a symbol meaning "horizon." In this city, a bust of a woman whose husband was purged from historical records was sculpted by (+) Thutmose. A relief from this city is a "window of appearance" scene, where seated parents receive "life-giving (\*) rays" from ankhs extending from a solar disc. The pharaoh Akhenaten established, for ten points, what Egyptian city that became the center of his cult of worshipping Aten?**

ANSWER: **Amarna** (accept **Akhetaten**)

(4) **In 1981, these two countries fought the Battle of Hill 400. The leader of one of these two countries declared "The little child is getting naughty, it's time he get spanked." before invading the other. These two countries fought the (+) Johnson South Reef Skirmish and dispute the Paracel islands in the South China Sea. An invasion of (\*) Cambodia led to a short 1979 war between these two countries. For ten points, name these two Communist Asian countries led from Hanoi and Beijing.**

ANSWER: **China** and **Vietnam**

(5) **Margaret of Savoy tried to calm demonstrators in this city but was ultimately forced out of the country. The Battle of Alcantara was fought outside this city, ending its country's independent rule. While returning to this city's Ajuda Hills, a royal carriage was fired upon during an assassination attempt on Joseph I, which resulted in the (+) Tavora family's public execution. The Marquis of Pombal oversaw this city's reconstruction following an (\*) earthquake on All Saints Day in 1755. The mouth of the Tagus River is in, for ten points, what capital city of Portugal?**

ANSWER: **Lisbon** (or **Lisboa**)

(6) **A parable from this work titled "The Eldest Lady's Tale" is likely an early Cinderella story. A caliph finds a dead body in a chest in a section of this work titled "The Three Apples." In this work, the slave-girl Morgiana saves her master by pouring (+) boiling oil on thieves hidden in jars. Stories in this collection feature historical figures like Khosrow II and (\*) Harun al-Rashid. For ten points, name this collection of stories that features the characters Sinbad the Sailor and Ali Baba.**

ANSWER: **Arabian Nights** (Accept **One Thousand and One Nights**)

(7) **This composer requested no applause at the premiere of one of his works, which opens with a movement juxtaposing the Kyrie [keer-ee-ay] with the tenor solo "What passing bells for those who (+) die as cattle?" Wilfred Owen poetry is used in that work, which this man helped conduct at its premiere at the re-consecration of Coventry Cathedral. Another work by this composer displays the various sections of an orchestra for children. (\*) For ten points, name this British composer of *War Requiem* and *The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*.**

ANSWER: Benjamin **Britten**

(8) **The Siege of Albazin was won by the forces of this leader who later faced a revolt from a general who infamously opened the gates at Shanhai pass. This leader's forces destroyed the Kingdom of (+) Tungning and defeated Wu Sangui during the Revolt of the Three Feudatories. This leader was succeeded first by the (\*) Yongzheng emperor and later by his grandson the Qianlong emperor. For ten points, name this longest-reigning emperor in Chinese history.**

ANSWER: **Kangxi** Emperor

### Extra Question

Only read if you need a backup or tiebreaker!

(1) **This country was the site of the world's first aerial bombardment when Giulio Gavotti dropped four grenades from his biplane. It's not Ethiopia, but Rodolfo Graziani forced thousands of this country's people into concentration camps. (+) The "Lion of the Desert," Omar Mukhtar, led the Senussids in a resistance movement centered on this country's region of Cyrenaica. (\*) Mussolini's idea of the "Fourth Shore" centered on, for ten points, what African country that Italy invaded in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and which was later led by Muammar Ghaddafi from Tripoli?**

ANSWER: State of **Libya**

BONUS: During what 1813 campaign did Simon Bolivar issue the Decree of War to the Death in Trujillo, Venezuela?

ANSWER: **Admirable** Campaign