

Fall League History Bee - Round 3 (Middle)

Regulation Tossups

(1) In 1505 this man became a monk to honor a promise he made to Saint Anna after nearly being struck by lightning. This scholar discussed his daily habits in the book *Table Talk* and discouraged violence against feudal lords in his tract *Against the Murderous, Thieving Hordes of Peasants*. This theologian's stance against indulgences was laid out in a list of propositions he nailed to the door at All Saints' Church in Wittenberg [[VIT-en-berg]]. The author of the *Ninety-Five Theses* was, for the point, what seminal figure of the Reformation?

ANSWER: Martin **Luther**

(2) A former slave in this position was killed by being thrown down steps by his son-in-law and run over in a chariot by his daughter. Using the ruse of festival games, a holder of this position committed the abduction of the Sabine [[SAY-been]] women to populate his city. The Cult of Mars and the Vestal Virgins were established by the second holder of this position, Numa Pompilius. Tarquin [[TAR-kwin]] the Proud was the last person to hold, for the point, what regal position legendarily established by Romulus?

ANSWER: **King** of **Rome** (accept **Roman King**; or **Rex Romae**; accept words "Ruler" or "Monarch" in place of **King**)

(3) Operation Hectic was an SAS plot to assassinate this man and his aides by targeting their electoral headquarters with T-55 tank fire. This self-identified Marxist, who was replaced in a 2017 coup by Emmerson Mnangagwa [[mah-nahn-GAW-gwah]], signed the Lancaster House Agreement, toppling whites-only rule in Rhodesia. For the point, name this leader of the ZANU-Patriotic Front and long-time president of Zimbabwe.

ANSWER: Robert **Mugabe** [[moo-GAH-beh]] (or Robert Gabriel **Mugabe**)

(4) This man's forces fought the Ragamuffin War, a rebellion started by nomadic cowhands known as *gauchos*. This ruler deployed the Marquis of Erval to rebuff Paraguayan president Francisco Solano Lopez's invasion during the War of the Triple Alliance. This man's daughter, Isabel, passed the Golden Law, emancipating all the enslaved people in their nation in 1888. The final Emperor of Brazil was, for the point, which member of the House of Braganza, known as "The Magnanimous"?

ANSWER: Dom **Pedro II** (prompt on "Pedro")

(5) The founding of this empire coincided with the destruction of the Lodi [[LOW-die]] Dynasty following the First Battle of Panipat [[PAN-ee-pat]]. Along the Yamuna river, one of this empire's rulers ordered the construction of the asymmetrical Red Fort to commemorate the move of its capital from Agra to Delhi. This empire's rulers include the expansionist Aurangzeb [[ow-RAHNG-zeb]] and its founder, Babur the Tiger. Akbar the Great ruled, for the point, what Islamic empire of the Indian sub-continent?

ANSWER: **Mughal** Empire (or Hind-e **Moğulān**; accept the **Mughals**)

(6) Emperor Ferdinand I committed the "Blood Judgement" of this city to gain political control of it. Near Kahlenberg Mountain, Jan Sobieski [[YAHN soh-BYEH-skee]] led the Polish Hussars to break a 1683 Ottoman siege of this city. Following the Napoleonic Wars, Klemens von Metternich organized a "Congress" in this city, which aimed to end all continental wars by balancing the great powers of Europe. The Habsburgs ruled the Austrian Empire from, for the point, what city?

ANSWER: **Vienna** (or **Wien**)

(7) This political agreement was strengthened following Count Bernhard von Bülow [[BYOO-"low"]] threatening war over supremacy in Morocco. Foreign Secretary Lord Lansdowne ended Britain's era of "Splendid Isolation" by entering into this agreement in 1904. Support for Serbia pulled this alliance into a continental war following the assassination of Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo [[SAH-rah-YAY-voh]]. The Central Powers fought World War One against, for the point, what political alliance of the UK, France, and Russia?

ANSWER: Triple **Entente** (accept **Entente** Cordiale [note: the "Triple Entente" was built on the earlier "Entente Cordiale"])

(8) This man was forced to resign as chamberlain for the king of Prussia after publishing "Diatribe of Doctor Akakia [[ah-kah-KYAH]]," criticizing Pierre Louis Maupertuis [[moh-pehr-TWEE]]. This thinker stated the Holy Roman Empire was "neither Holy, nor Roman, nor an Empire." This man satirized Gottfried Leibnitz [[LIBE-nitz]] through his character of Pangloss in a novella subtitled *Optimism*. The character Candide [[kahn-DEED]] was created by, for the point, which French Enlightenment author?

ANSWER: **Voltaire** (accept François-Marie **Arouet**)

(9) One pseudo-scientific method that claims to be able to cure this condition includes high doses of vitamin C and "orthomolecular support," known as CEASE therapy. Leo Kanner first gave this term its modern usage and proposed the "refrigerator mother" theory, which has since been discarded. For the point, name this spectrum disorder characterized by difficulties in communication and social interaction.

ANSWER: **Autism** spectrum disorder (accept **ASD**; accept **Autistic**; prompt on "Asperger('s)" before "Kanner")

(10) Al-Masudi, author of *The Meadows of Gold*, was known as "[this person] of the Arabic language." Boeotian [[bee-OH-shun]] native Plutarch called this man's writings "calumnious fictions." This man, who wrote in an Ionic dialect, finished an early historiography with the Battle of Mycale [[mih-KUH-lee]] in Book IX [[NINE]] of one work, dubbed "Calliope [[kah-LIE-oh-pee]]." The "Father of History" was, for the point, which Ancient Greek who detailed the Persian Wars?

ANSWER: **Herodotus** [[heh-RAH-doh-tuss]]

(11) This European man's namesake law code credits his ancestors, King Ina and King Offa, as being the first Brittonic men to be baptized. This man supposedly dressed as a bard to sneak into the city of Chippenham to gain intel prior to the Battle of Edington. This man, whose grandson Aethelstan united England, defeated the "Great Heathen Army" of the Viking leader Guthrum. For the point, name this "Great" king of Wessex and the Anglo-Saxons.

ANSWER: **Alfred** the Great

(12) After this artist designed an ashtray for Air India, they gifted him a baby elephant which was delivered to Cadaqués [[kah-dah-KESS]]. This monarchist was given the title "1st Marquess of Púbol [[POO-bohl]]" following a visit from King Juan Carlos I. This artist was expelled by the leftist André Breton [[breh-TOHN]] and his fellow surrealists for his ardent support of the Franco regime. The *Persistence of Memory* was painted by, for the point, what eccentric Catalan artist?

ANSWER: Salvador **Dalí** (or Salvador Domingo Felipe Jacinto **Dalí** i Domènech)

(13) In 2012, nearly half the Honduran farmers of this good lost their yield due to a namesake "Rust." A religious form of this drink known as *kishir* was used by Sufi Dervishes to present to guests as they entered the home. Turks leaving leftover sacks of this good during the 1683 Siege of Vienna led to the construction of the first European house dedicated to this drink. The Ethiopian kingdom of Kaffa may have inspired the name of, for the point, what beans that are brewed into a caffeinated beverage?

ANSWER: **Coffee** (or **Coffee** beans; accept **Coffee** leaf rust)

(14) In this war, the traitorous city of Capua [[KAP-yoo-uh]] was made *ager publicus* [[AH-ger POO-blih-kuss]], losing its civic rights. Quintus Fabius Maximus implemented his namesake delaying "Strategy" following this war's disastrous Battle of Cannae [[KAN-nee]], the bloodiest in the Republic's history. Losing this war's Battle of the Great Plains led Hannibal to abandon his Italian campaign to return to North Africa. Scipio [[SKIP-ee-oh]] Africanus's victory at Zama effectively ended, for the point, what Roman-Carthaginian War?

ANSWER: Second **Punic** War

(15) In this nation, a performance of the patriotic opera *The Mute Girl of Portici* [[por-TEE-chee]] led to riots outside the Royal Theatre of the Mint. This kingdom enlisted a gendarme [[zhahn-DAHHRM]] known as the *Force Publique* [[poo-BLEEK]] to manage their Central African colonies. The Schlieffen [[SHLEE-fen]] Plan aimed to rapidly knock France out of the Great War by invading this smaller nation. Leopold II ruled, for the point, what European kingdom made up of Flanders and Wallonia?

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Belgium** (accept Koninkrijk **België**; Königreich **Belgien**; or Royaume de **Belgique**)

(16) A remote lake in this range named the Roopkund is known for its high count of skeletons from far off lands like the Eastern Mediterranean Sea. Allied Pilots called the eastern end of this range "The Hump" due to its relative difficulty to cross while airlifting supplies to Republican China. Sherpa guide Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary summited this range's highest peak in the 1950s. For the point, name this range which forms the boundary of Tibet and Nepal, the home range of Mount Everest.

ANSWER: **Himalayas** (accept **Himalayans**; or **Himalayan** Mountains; accept Ganesh **Himal** Range)

(17) During this war, the Count of Cavour sent a 15,000 man Sardinian expeditionary force, which proved critical during its Siege of Sevastopol [[seh-VASS-toh-pohl]]. The Earl of Cardigan led the ill-fated "Charge of the Light Brigade" during this war's Battle of Balaclava [[bah-lah-KLAH-vah]]. Florence Nightingale gained prominence during this conflict. For the point, what war, fought primarily on a namesake peninsula, halted Russian imperial expansion into the Black Sea?

ANSWER: **Crimean** War (accept Guerre de **Crimée**; **Krymskaya** vojna; or **Vostochnaya** vojna)

(18) The first opera commissioned in this nation's language, titled *Özsoy* [[UHZ-soy]], is a retelling of a story from the *Shahnameh*. A ruler from what is today this nation named Selim III hosted operatic performances in the Topkapi Palace. In this modern nation, Pedrillo [[peh-DREE-yoh]] aims to rescue his lover Konstanze from the harem of Osmin in a Mozart work. Janissary music inspired *Abduction from the Seraglio* [[seh-RAH-lyoh]], a singspiel set in what is today, for the point, what Middle Eastern nation?

ANSWER: Republic of **Turkey** (or **Turkiye** Cumhuriyeti; accept **Ottoman** Empire)

(19) Herman Sörgel [[SUHR-gul]] devised the Panropa plan to increase usable land around this body by strategically building hydroelectric dams. Glass ingots and *Pistacia* [[pih-STAY-shuh]] resin were found in the Uluburun shipwreck in this sea off the coast of Bodrum. The development of the 50-rower *penteconter* vessel facilitated maritime trade across the eastern portion of this sea. For the point, name this European sea which was known as *Mare Nostrum* [[MAH-reh NOH-stroom]] to the Romans.

ANSWER: **Mediterranean** Sea (prompt on smaller bodies within the Mediterranean like the "Aegean Sea")

(20) According to Francis Fukuyama's *The End of History and the Last Man*, this event represented the conclusion of the last challenge to liberal democracy as an ideology. Four months prior to this event, the Gang of Eight perpetrated the August Coup, though it was stopped by pro-Yeltsin forces. The reforms of Mikhail Gorbachev failed to prevent this political event. For the point, name this disintegration of a Communist nation into constituent countries like Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and Russia.

ANSWER: **Dissolution** of the **USSR** (accept **Fall** of the **USSR** or other word forms which indicate the "Soviet Union broke-up"; accept **Soviet Union** or **CCCP** for "USSR"; do not accept or prompt on mentions of "Russia")

(21) This foodstuff is the most commonly used ingredient in a Caelius Apicius [[KAY-lee-us ah-"PICK"-ee-us]] manual, *De re culinaria* [[deh-reh-koo-lih-NAH-ree-ah]]. In medieval Nuremberg, this food's quality was regulated by its office of *Wurstlein* [[VURST-"lean"]]. In *Maccabees*, Jewish citizens openly refusing to eat this un-kosher food led to Antiochus [[an-TIE-oh-kuss]] IV's army attempting to kill them. For the point, name this meat forbidden in Islam, a food derived from swine.

ANSWER: **Pork** (or **Ham**; accept synonymous answers involving food derived the meat of pigs)

(22) During this battle, a kamikaze squadron sank the carrier USS *Bismarck Sea*. Prior to this battle, Chester Nimitz claimed the Japanese would surrender the targeted island without a fight. Joe Rosenthal shot a partially-staged raising of the U.S. flag over Mount Suribachi [[soo-rih-BAH-chee]] during this battle. One of the last major battles of the Pacific Theatre was, for the point, what engagement on the namesake volcanic Japanese island?

ANSWER: Battle of **Iwo Jima**

(23) A scandal concerning this energy source was caused by the Virgil C. Summer expansion project in South Carolina, nearly bankrupting Westinghouse. Planning to exclusively use this energy source, Project Independence was a Nixon-era initiative to abandon the need for foreign oil by the year 1980. A radiation leak nearly led to a total meltdown at Three Mile Island, a plant utilizing, for the point, what energy source created through fission?

ANSWER: **Nuclear** Energy (accept **Nuke**Gate Scandal; accept "Power" in place of "Energy" and "Atomic" in place of "Nuclear")

(24) Two inmates named Vrba and Wentzler name a report outlining the layout of this site, convincing Miklós [[MEE-klohsh]] Horthy to halt his deportation edict. The head of the Theresienstadt [[teh-RAY-zyen-SHTAHT]] orchestra, Pavel Haas, was sent to this place in 1944. A sign at this complex claimed "work sets you free," and this camp included the gas chambers at Birkenau. For the point, name this Nazi death camp in modern Poland, the deadliest of World War Two.

ANSWER: **Auschwitz** Concentration Camp (or Konzentrationslager **Auschwitz**; accept **Auschwitz**-Birkenau)

(25) In this nation, "The Scream of La Villa de Los Santos" began a major independence movement. The USS *Nashville* assisted this nation's soldiers stationed in Colon in repelling a Colombian invasion. During Operation Just Cause, the U.S. invaded this nation to depose *de facto* leader Manuel Noriega in 1989. For the point, name this Central American nation which contains a canal connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

ANSWER: Republic of **Panama** (or Republica de **Panama**)

Extra Questions

A cabal of politicians and distillers working within this man's administration were revealed by Benjamin Bristow to be avoiding state taxes. *The New York Sun* reported how Republicans close to this president were getting kickbacks from a fake railroad company, which greatly inflated its own costs. The Credit Mobilier [[moh-beel-YEH]] Scandal and the Whiskey Ring affected, for the point, the administration of which former Union general and U.S. president?

ANSWER: Ulysses S. **Grant** (accept Hiram Ulysses **Grant**)