

History Bee Finals

Regulation Tossups

(1) **French astronomer Jacques du Chevreul [[doo-shev-RUHL]] rejected this man's claim that Mars was located under the sun. This astronomer wrote the poem *Elegy to Dania* after being exiled by (+) Christian IV. Johannes Kepler used observational data collected by this astronomer in the *Rudolphine Tables*. Known for his metallic (*) nose, for the point, what Danish astronomer is also known for his accurate and comprehensive observations made without the use of a telescope?**

ANSWER: Tycho **Brahe** (or Tyge Ottesen **Brahe**)

(2) **This man willingly disbanded loyal legions in 79 B.C. to retire to the countryside in Puteoli. This enemy of the (+) *populares* was vital in defeating the Numidian king, Jugurtha, but his superior, Gaius (*) Marius, controversially took credit for the victory. For the point, name this two-time consul and dictator of Rome whose violent purges paved the way for Julius Caesar's rise to power during the Late Republic.**

ANSWER: **Sulla** (or Lucius Cornelius **Sulla** Felix)

(3) **In a novel from this country, theorists speculate that the Soviet Union is represented by a vast ocean of gel that covers the planet of Solaris. Olga (+) Tokarczuk [[toh-KAHR-chuk]] is from this country, as is the author of a novel about Lygia and Marcus Vinicius subtitled "A Narrative of the Time (*) of Nero." For the point, name this home country of Stanisław Lem and *Quo Vadis* author Henryk Sienkiewicz [[SYEN-keyh-vits]].**

ANSWER: Republic of **Poland** (or Rzeczpospolita **Polska**)

(4) **This fruit of Indo-Malayan origin names an Indian Ocean island group controlled by Australia which is sometimes named for Captain William Keeling. The crew (+) of patrol torpedo boat PT-109, led by John F. Kennedy, built dugout canoes of this fruit's husk while stranded on Olasana Island. A type of "Milk" and (*) "Oil" can be derived from, for the point, what tropical fruit first described to Europeans by Antonio Pigafetta?**

ANSWER: **Coconut** (accept **Coconut** War; accept **Cocos**; accept **Coconut** Milk; accept **Coconut** Oil; accept **Coconut** Palm)

(5) **This member of the Order of Santiago was noted for his cruelty, including the 1502 burning and looting of a ship full of Muslim pilgrims traveling to Mecca. This (+) man's discoveries are celebrated in Luis de Camões's [[kah-MOYSH-es]] *The Lusiads*, and this man died of Malaria off the Malabar (*) Coast. For the point, name this Portuguese explorer, the first European to make a sea voyage to India.**

ANSWER: Vasco **da Gama**

(6) **This people migrated to Persia after their leader had a falling out with Yabghu [[YAHB-goo]] and subsequently separated from the (+) Oghuz. In Persia, this group of people defeated the Ghaznavid [[gahs-NAH-vid]] army at both the Battle of Nasa plains and the Battle of (*) Dandanaqan [[dan-DAN-uh-kun]].** For the point, name this Sunni Muslim dynasty that established a namesake empire under Toghrul I, as well as the Sultanate of Rum, both of which were targets of the First Crusade.

ANSWER: **Seljuk** dynasty (or **Seljuks**; or **Seljukids**; accept **Seljuk** Turks; or **Seljuk Turkomans**)

(7) **Immediately following this battle, Earl Morcar of Northumbria threw his support behind Edgar the Aethling, who was elected king by the Witenagemot. Edgar (+) succeeded one man who was legendarily killed by an arrow to the eye in this battle, which he fought shortly after defeating Harald Hardrada at the Battle of Stamford (*) Bridge.** Depicted in the Bayeux [[bah-YOU]] Tapestry, for the point, what is this 1066 battle that decided the crown of England for William the Conqueror?

ANSWER: Battle of **Hastings**

(8) **Soviet engineers accidentally caused the Darvaza gas crater in this nation, a continuous burning methane site in the Karakorum Desert. The *Rukhnama*, (+) or "Book of Soul," was a propaganda work written by a former head of this state, Saparmurat Niyazov. A personality cult was built by (*) Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow [[gur-bahn-GOO-lee behr-"MUHAMMAD"-ohv]], the former president of, for the point, which Central Asian nation?**

ANSWER: Republic of **Turkmenistan**

(9) **Senator and rebel leader Prince Y. Johnson captured a man in this position and videotaped himself drinking beer while that man in this position had his ears cut off. Former AC Milan (+) footballer George Weah [[WEE-uh]] entered this office in 2018 after defeating the incumbent, the first woman to hold this position, Ellen Johnson (*) Sirleaf.** Former Virginia slave Joseph Jenkins Roberts was the first to hold, for the point, what position that resides in the Executive Mansion in Monrovia?

ANSWER: **President** of the Republic of **Liberia**

(10) **A French pioneer of this philosophy, Peter Abelard, wrote the first autobiography in Western Europe, titled *History of my Misfortunes*. The (+) originator of the ontological argument, Anselm of Canterbury, is considered the father of this school of philosophy. Thomas Aquinas (*) was a practitioner of, for the point, what medieval school of philosophy that attempted to harmonize Aristotle and Catholic doctrine, the dominant school in Europe from 1100 to 1700?**

ANSWER: **Scholasticism** (or the **Scholastics**)

(11) **This man allegedly helped cure the ergotism of two noblemen, which led to that disease being referred to as this man's "fire."** Athanasius (+) of Alexandria wrote a biography of this man, who attempted to hide in a cave to escape a group of demons. This man withdrew to a mountain by the Nile in order to lead an (*) ascetic life. For the point, name this Egyptian "Desert Father" often referred to as the "Father of All Monks."

ANSWER: Saint **Anthony** the Great (or **Anthony** of Egypt; or **Anthony** the Abbot; or **Anthony** of the Desert; or **Anthony** the Anchorite; or **Anthony** the Hermit; or **Anthony** of Thebes; accept **Antonio** or **Antony** in place of "Anthony")

(12) **This man's flight to Diggers Rest was falsely reported as the first aerial flight in Australia. A (+) challenge by the Daily Mirror resulted in this man weeping after taking a full hour to escape from specially made (*) handcuffs.** For the point, what Hungarian-American illusionist was famous for his ability to escape from chains, milk cans, and straight jackets?

ANSWER: Harry **Houdini** (or Erik **Weisz**)

(13) **This leader, who opened the Whampoa Military Academy, governed under the Three Principles of the People. Following the Xinhai [[SHIN-HYE]] Revolution, this man ceded power to the warlord Yuan (+) Shikai. This leader's death fractured the First United Front and led to the civil war between the Communist Party and the (*) Kuomintang.** For the point, name this "Father of the Nation" and first provisional president of the Republic of China.

ANSWER: **Sun** Yat-Sen (or **Sun** Deming; accept **Sun** Wen; or **Sun** Zhongshan; prompt on "Yat-Sen")

(14) **Paul Crowther was convicted of assaulting this man with a milkshake for, he claimed, "spouting bile and racism." This man was challenged to a sword duel by Polish aristocrat John (+) Zylinski due to his comments over Eastern European immigrants. This man nearly died in 2010 after a pro-United Kingdom Independence Party banner was caught in the tailplane of the small aircraft in which he was traveling. The Euroskeptic (*) "Brexit Party" was founded by, for the point, which British right-wing populist politician?**

ANSWER: Nigel **Farage** [{"FAIR"-ahzh}] (or Nigel Paul **Farage**)

(15) **This work was restored by Juan García de Miranda after it was damaged in a fire at the Alcázar. A figure in this painting was misidentified as Maria (+) Theresa when it was inventoried at the Madrid Royal Palace. Viewed from the lenses of Mariana of Austria and Philip (*) IV, for the point, what 1656 painting by Diego Velázquez depicts the Infanta Margarita surrounded by her ladies-in-waiting?**

ANSWER: *Las **Meninas***

(16) **This subject of a 2020 bestseller by Larry Tye was associated with a movement which William F. Buckley claimed “men of ... stern morality can close ranks” behind. One (+) president claimed that he “will not get into the gutter with [this man],” whose popularity plummeted after he was asked “have you no sense of decency, sir” during a set of (*) hearings. For the point, name this Wisconsin senator and anti-communist who fueled the Second Red Scare.**

ANSWER: Joseph **McCarthy** (or Joseph Raymond **McCarthy**; accept "Tail-Gunner Joe" **McCarthy**)

(17) **This deity was likely combined with the war god Wepwawet, and this deity helped Isis embalm Osiris in one myth. Priests of this deity conducted the Opening of the (+) Mouth Ceremony which prepared the spirit for the "weighing of the hearts" conducted by this deity, according to the *Book of the (*) Dead*. For the point, name this Ancient Egyptian jackal-headed god of death whose worship was an integral part of the mummification process.**

ANSWER: **Anubis** (or **Inpu**; or **Anpu**)

(18) **This man won a wrestling match after being challenged by King Henry VIII during the negotiation of the Field of the Cloth of (+) Gold. This king, who was known as the "Knight-King," was captured by *condottiero* Cesare Hercolani during the Battle of (*) Pavia. For the point, name this 16th century King of France, a member of the House of Valois [[vah-LWAH]].**

ANSWER: **Francis I** (accept **Francois I**)

(19) **During a rap battle, this man tells his opponent, “You died owning slaves. I died setting men free.” In (+) that same episode of *Epic Rap Battles of History*, George Washington asks this man, “How’d you get beat by a dude named (*) Longshanks?” For the point, what nationalist fought in the First War of Scottish Independence and was played by Mel Gibson in the film *Braveheart*?**

ANSWER: William **Wallace**

(20) **This composer was exiled prior to the premier of one of his operas after he took part in the May Uprising. It is believed that Felix (+) Mendelssohn and Giacomo Meyerbeer were targets of this composer’s ant-semitic essay *Jewishness in Music*. Claimed to have been Adolf Hitler’s (*) favorite, for the point, what German composer’s works include *Tannhäuser* [[TON-hoy-zer]], *Lohengrin*, and *The Ring of the Nibelung*?**

ANSWER: Richard **Wagner** [[VAHG-nuh]] (or Wilhelm Richard **Wagner**; accept phonetic pronunciations)

(21) **In 2019, this man's remains were exhumed from the Valle de los Caídos [[VYE-yeh deh los kye-EE-dohss]] and reburied in his wife's mausoleum in Mingorrubio (+) Cemetery. Despite being supported by the Condor Legion in a civil war, this man kept**

his country neutral during World (*) War Two. In 1969, this man named Prince Juan Carlos as his heir apparent. For the point, name this man who ruled as Generalissimo of Spain between 1936 and 1975.

ANSWER: Francisco **Franco** Bahamonde

(22) **A trip to Crete inspired the semi-mythical figure Lycurgus [[lye-KUR-guss]] to introduce this system, including the use of a common mess hall and a restriction on (+) bathing. This system, which was often led by more experienced men known as *paidonomoi*, was chronicled by the Athenian Xenophon, who put his own sons into this program while serving as a mercenary. The youth of (*) Sparta were subjected to, for ten points, what twenty year program of militaristic training?**

ANSWER: **Agoge** [[ah-GOH-gay]] (or **Agōgā**)

(23) **Operation Paget [[PAH-jet]] was an inquiry established in 2004 to investigate conspiracy theories about this event. Trevor Rees-Jones survived while both Henri (+) Paul and Dodi Fayed [[DOH-dee fye-ED]] died in this event, which was originally blamed on aggressive (*) paparazzi. For the point, what tragic 1997 event involved a royal in a car accident in the Pont de l'Alma tunnel in Paris, France?**

ANSWER: **Death** of **Diana**, Princess of Wales (accept equivalents for "death"; accept **car accident** before "car accident" is mentioned; accept **death** of Henri **Paul** before "Henri Paul" is mentioned; accept **death** of Dodi **Fayed** before "Dodi Fayed" is mentioned)

(24) **This battle was codenamed Operation Watch on the Rhine by the German military. The city of (+) Bastogne was a key objective in this battle, during which one commander responded with the word "Nuts" when asked to surrender. One of the objectives of this battle was to capture the port of (*) Antwerp, and this battle took place in the Ardennes Forest. For the point, name this battle, the final major German offensive of World War Two.**

ANSWER: Battle of the **Bulge** (accept Battle of the **Ardennes** or **Ardennes** Counteroffensive before "Ardennes" is mentioned)

(25) **The Ninth of September Front opposed an independence movement for this island led by George Grivas known as EOKA [[ee-OH-kah]]. The nationalist (+) Nikos Sampson was installed as the leader of this island after a coup ousted Makarios [[mah-KAH-ree-ohss]] III. That coup was followed by a 1974 invasion of this country codenamed Operation (*) Atilla. For the point, name this island divided between a Turkish northern half and a Greek southern half and governed from Nicosia [[nik-oh-SEE-ah]].**

ANSWER: **Cyprus** (or **Kýpros**; accept Republic of **Cyprus**; or **Kypriakí** Dimokratía; accept **Kıbrıs**; or **Kıbrıs** Cumhuriyeti)

Extra Questions

(1) **Using dark blue woad [[WODE]], the Picts created examples of this art form to commemorate acts of valor. Tā moko is a form of this art sacred to the (+) Māori, which gains its color from the soot of burned white pine mixed with kauri gum. Pope Adrian I banned this art form since he decreed that the body was made in the image of (*) God.** For the point, name this art of body modification often using needles and ink.

ANSWER: **Tattoos** (accept word forms)