

Tossups

1. **The speaker refers to a quote about this substance after discussing the “tears of last night” in “Nana’s Lied” by Bertolt Brecht. A line referring to this substance appears at the end of a stanza that begins by wondering about the “beautiful Roman” Flora. Dante Gabriel Rossetti coined a new word to translate that line about this substance, which is from a section of a poem titled “The Testament.” Several families trapped by this substance read from an almanac to pass time in an (\*) “idyll” by John Greenleaf Whittier. The “Ballad of the Ladies of Times Past” by François Villon (“fran-SWAH vee-YON”) contains a line referring to this substance “of yesteryear.” The speaker has “miles to go before I sleep” in another poem titled for this substance. For 10 points, identify this weather phenomenon amidst which the speaker “stops by woods” in a Robert Frost poem.**

ANSWER: snow [accept “where are the snows of yesteryear?” or “Snow-Bound”]

<Non-Epic Poetry, WA>

2. **This politician’s wife was criticized after she compared her generation’s beer drinking to the new generation’s weed use in a “60 Minutes” interview in which she also said it was possible that premarital sex would lower divorce rates. This politician’s Vice Presidential candidate equated the number of deaths in “Democrat Wars” to the population of Detroit. This politician cemented a rightward shift by restructuring his cabinet during the (\*) “Halloween Massacre.” That shakeup occurred during an election in which this man chose Bob Dole to replace Nelson Rockefeller on his ticket. This man’s refusal to bail out New York inspired the *New York Daily News*’ headline “[this man] to City: Drop Dead.” This politician, who was mocked for claiming that there was “no Soviet domination of Eastern Europe,” was attacked for pardoning his predecessor’s Watergate-related crimes. For 10 points, name this President who succeeded Richard Nixon and lost the 1976 election.**

ANSWER: Gerald Ford

<US History, EL>

3. **An author with this surname offered explanations for how boys overcome an educational achievement gap to dominate the workplace in *The Sexual Paradox*. In a recent book, a thinker with this surname used C. P. Snow’s dichotomy to argue that a “Second Culture” of humanities types are the main opponents of the title ideology. That thinker with this surname used Lynn Hunt’s term “Humanitarian Revolution” to name one of six causes that have opposed humanity’s “inner demons” and contributed to a (\*) decline in violence. A thinker with this surname wrote the 2018 pro-rationalist book *Enlightenment Now!* as well as a popular science book that compares the innate human capacity for music to a cheesecake and explains the evolutionary origin of speech. For 10 points, give the surname of the author of *The Better Angels of Our Nature* and *The Language Instinct*.**

ANSWER: Pinker [accept Susan Pinker or Steven Pinker]

<Social Science: Sociology, WA>

4. **During a surrender negotiation, this ruler agreed to spare an opposing commander the humiliation of kissing this man’s hands. This ruler went to war with France to defend the rule of his cousin Alfonso II in Naples. As part of an agreement in which Louis XII ceded his claim to the Kingdom of Jerusalem, this ruler married Germaine of Foix later in life. The motto “*tanto monta, monta tanto*” was used by this man as the guiding principle of his rule. An edict promulgated by this man exempted (\*) *mudèjars* (“moo-DEH-zhars”) and *marranos* but forced unconverted Jews to leave his country. This ruler accepted the surrender of Boabdil at Granada in 1492 to complete the Reconquista. For 10 points, identify this king whose marriage to Isabella of Castile formed the Catholic Monarchs.**

ANSWER: **Ferdinand II** of Aragon [prompt on partial answers; accept **Ferdinand V** of **Castile** or **Ferdinand III** of **Naples**; accept **Ferdinand** the **Catholic** before “Catholic”]

<Continental post-600 History, NB>

5. The earliest European structures on the site of this city were palisades, as their very construction violated treaties with the indigenous inhabitants. One such fort is now a tourist attraction known as Citadel Hill. The Mi'kmaq name for this city is K'jipuktuk (“chee-book-took”). Its founding was the cause of Father Le Loutre's War. During the French and Indian War, the British army kept prisoners on Georges Island in this city's (\*) harbor. More than 1,300 Acadians were deported from this city to Boston as part of their expulsion from what are now the Canadian maritime provinces. The largest explosion before the era of nuclear weapons was created in this city's harbor when the SS *Imo* and SS *Mont-Blanc* collided in “The Narrows” that connect this city's port to the sea. For 10 points, identify this Canadian city on the Atlantic coast, the capital of Nova Scotia.

ANSWER: **Halifax** [or **Halifax** Regional Municipality; or **HRM**]

<British/CW History, BB>

6. As a child, this god ignored his duties, cried because he missed his mother, and thus created disasters after being given a domain by the creator of the Land of the Eight Big Islands. When this god instructed a suitor to wash his hair and go to sleep, the suitor tied this god's hair to the rafters of his palace. An 18th-century writer ascribed this god a purely negative nature due to his father's inhaling of foul air, which occurred because this god was born when his father (\*) washed his nose. This god saved a girl by placing eight cups of alcohol in eight gates to trick a monster and then slaying the monster with his sword, after which he drew the “grass-cutter sword” or Kusanagi from the dead monster's body. The serpent Orochi was slain by, for 10 points, what brother of Tsukuyomi and Amaterasu, the *kami* of storms?

ANSWER: **Susano'o** no Mikoto [or **Susanowo** no Mikoto; accept **His Swift Impetuous Male Augustness**]

<Mythology, WA>

7. **Kösem** Sultan plotted the assassination of a ruler with this name during a power struggle with Turhan Hatice (“ha-TEE-jeh”) over the position of Valide Sultan. Turhan Hatice, the mother of that Sultan of this name, initiated the Köprülü era. The ascension of a Sultan with this name ended the Ottoman interregnum. A Sultan with this name recognized Imrë Thököly (“EEM-reh TOOK-uh-lee”) as King of Upper Hungary; Ottoman support for Thököly's revolt ended after a battle in which (\*) John III Sobieski's Winged Hussars led an 18,000-man cavalry charge against the forces of a Sultan of this name in 1683. Radu the Handsome was installed as ruler of Wallachia by a Sultan with this name who had driven Vlad the Impaler from the Wallachian throne. That ruler of this name secured the end of the Byzantine Empire by sacking Constantinople in 1453. For 10 points, give this name of a Sultan known as “the Conqueror.”

ANSWER: **Mehmed** [or **Mehmed I** or **Mehmed II** or **Mehmed III** or **Mehmed IV** or **Mehmed** “the Hunter” or **Mehmed** “the Conqueror” or **Mehmed** Çelebi]

<World History, EL>

## Bonuses

1. According to Plutarch, members of this family held the honor of placing the crown on the heads of the Kings of Parthia. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this royal family. The general that defeated Crassus at the Battle of Carrhae is commonly known by the name of this family, of which he was a member.

ANSWER: House of **Surena** [or House of **Suren**]

[10] At the Battle of Carrhae, Surena had these animals carry arrows, allowing the Parthians to overwhelm the Romans. Roman units that rode these desert animals were called Dromedarii.

ANSWER: **camels**

[10] In 54 BC, Surena helped Orodes II defeat his brother Mithridates III at a city on this river. The Parthian capital of Ctesiphon was on this river, which was also the location of the first capital of the Seleucid Empire.

ANSWER: **Tigris** River

<Ancient History, EL>

2. In a novel much admired by Dom Pedro II, a woman in this role named Isaura (“ee-ZOW-ruh”) battles the treacherous plots of Leoncio Almeida and gets engaged to the dwarf Melchior before finally marrying Alvaro. For 10 points each:

[10] Identify this title role of a Bernardo Guimarães (“ghee-mah-RYE’sh”) novel. Another woman with this role brings her injured enemy to the Quaker Rachel for medical attention after George shoots him.

ANSWER: **slave** [or **slave** girl; accept *A Escrava Isaura* or *Isaura the Slave*]

[10] *A Escrava Isaura* (“ah iss-KRAH-vuh ee-ZOW-ruh”) was written in this language. While in exile, Luís de Camões (“kah-MOYSH”) wrote an epic in this language framed around the travels of Vasco da Gama.

ANSWER: **Portuguese** [or **português**]

[10] Critics frequently compare Isaura to this other literary slave who leaps across “cakes” of ice on the Ohio River while fleeing to freedom.

ANSWER: **Eliza** (from *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*)

<Long Fiction, JC>

3. “Blooms” of these organisms can deplete the oxygen from a body of water. For 10 points each:

[10] Name these photosynthetic organisms that come in red, brown, and green varieties. Red tides are caused by the growth of dinoflagellates and these organisms.

ANSWER: **algae** [accept **algal** blooms]

[10] The “cultural” form of this process, which is attributed to human sources like sewage and fertilizer runoff, is responsible for some algal blooms. In this process, a body of water gains too many nutrients, leading to spikes in plant and algae growth.

ANSWER: **eutrophication** [accept cultural **eutrophication**]

[10] These lakes, which have little to no nutrients and vegetation, can undergo eutrophication to become mesotrophic or eutrophic lakes. Due to low levels of life, these lakes have very clear water and high oxygen levels.

ANSWER: **oligotrophic** lakes [accept ultra-**oligotrophic** lakes]

<Biology, JL>

4. The speaker twice claims “We goofed the whole thing” after this object came and ends with the parenthetical line “Though ain’t no vision visited my cell.” For 10 points each:

[10] Name this object, the focus of that Etheridge Knight poem. The speaker claims “If hairs be wires, black wires grow on her head” in a poem that begins “My mistress’ eyes are nothing like” this object.

ANSWER: the **Sun** [or “The **Sun** Came”]

[10] In a poem titled for this literary form, Knight described how “Once upon a today and yesterday and nevermore,” seven prisoners argued about how to escape. Aesop’s writings in this form include “The Tortoise and the Hare.”

ANSWER: **fable** [or “A **Fable**”]

[10] Knight was part of a literary movement that was kickstarted by this poem, which begins “Poems are bullshit unless they are / Teeth or trees or lemons / On a step.” This Amiri Baraka poem ends by commanding “Let All Black People Speak This Poem / Silently / Or LOUD.”

ANSWER: “**Black Art**”

<Non-Epic Poetry, EL>

5. John Gower wrote *Confessio Amantis* in English, *Vox Clamantis* in Latin, and a poem titled for one of these objects in French. For 10 points each:

[10] Name these objects that also title the first printed English book with illustrations, William Caxton’s translation of Gautier de Metz’s *Image du Monde*. These objects also name a genre aimed at advising rulers on courtly conduct.

ANSWER: **mirrors** [or **mirrors** for princes; or *specula principum*; or *speculum*; or *Mirour de l’Homme*; or *The Myrroure of the World*]

[10] The tale of Apollonius of Tyre in the eighth book of John Gower’s *Confessio Amantis* inspired this author’s play co-written with George Wilkins, in which Gower plays the part of the Chorus.

ANSWER: William **Shakespeare**

[10] In *Confessio Amantis*, Genius guides a lover in discussing these concepts in order to reach absolution, with incest replacing lechery. Later morality plays often personified this numbered set of concepts from Christian tradition.

ANSWER: **Seven Deadly Sins** [prompt on partial answer]

<Misc. Lit, AK>

6. Teachings that this woman dictated during ecstasies are collected in a book called *The Dialogue*. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this saint who, along with Teresa of Ávila, was one of the first two female Doctors of the Church. Her communication with Gregory XI convinced him to return the papacy from Avignon to Rome.

ANSWER: St. **Catherine** of **Siena** [prompt on **Catherine**]

[10] This saint received her baptismal name in honor of Catherine of Siena. She became the first Native American woman to be canonized in 2012.

ANSWER: St. Kateri **Tekakwitha** [prompt on **Kateri**]

[10] This city was home to another saint named Catherine, who was ordered to be broken on a wheel but broke the wheel instead. This city was also home to the philosopher Hypatia.

ANSWER: **Alexandria** [or **Alexandria** or **Eskendereyya** or al-**Iskandariyyah**]

<Religion, BB>

7. Derek Walcott’s writings belong to a style of literature that reflects the aftermath of this process. For 10 points each:

[10] Identify this process in which people from one country or region settle the land of another, typically through force. In the modern era, it is usually associated with European imperialism.

ANSWER: **colonization** [or **colonialism**; or anything mentioning **colonizing**; prompt on **imperialism**]

[10] A Brown University professor with this surname wrote a widely-cited “critical introduction” to postcolonialism, as well as the book *Affective Communities*. Erik Erikson wrote a psychological biography of a man with this surname as a follow-up to *Young Man Luther*.

ANSWER: **Gandhi** [accept Leela **Gandhi** or Mohandas **Gandhi** or ***Gandhi**’s Truth*]

[10] This Frenchman's essay "What is a Nation?" has been cited by many postcolonial authors, such as Edward Said ("sah-EED") and Aimé Césaire ("eh-MAY say-ZAIR"), as an exemplar of Orientalism. During his life, this author was best known for his *Life of Jesus*.

ANSWER: Ernest **Renan**

<Thought, WA>

8. This group won a string of decisive victories thanks to tactical use of field artillery and war wagons, the latter of which provided protection for handgunners from cavalry charges. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this militant group led by such generals as Jan Žižka ("ZHEEZH-kah") and Prokop the Great.

ANSWER: **Hussites**

[10] The Hussites won a critical victory at Vitkov Hill overlooking this city, which is where Jan Hus lived. A later incident in this city kicked off the Thirty Years' War.

ANSWER: **Prague** [or **Praha**; accept Defenestration of **Prague**]

[10] This Bohemian city names a major early victory for the Hussites, as well as the peace that reconciled Catholics and the moderate Utraquist Hussites in 1485 by establishing the compromise from the Council of Basel as law.

ANSWER: **Kutná Hora** [or **Kuttenberg**; accept Peace of **Kutná Hora**]

<Continental post-600 History, NB>

9. Miss Minnie Cooper is rushed out of a movie theatre while she uncontrollably laughs in a story about an event of this kind that the barber Henry Hawkshaw is unable to prevent. For 10 points each:

[10] Identify this type of event. In another story, a boy is nicknamed "the gutless wonder of Cincinnati" for puking during an event of this kind that is interrupted by a plane crash.

ANSWER: **lynching** [or **lynch** mob; accept answers indicating an extrajudicial killing of a black person; prompt on **hanging**]

[10] The latter story, "A Party Down at the Square," is by this author who later expounded on lynch mobs in the essay "An Extravagance of Laughter." This author also wrote *Juneteenth*.

ANSWER: Ralph Waldo **Ellison**

[10] Miss Minnie Cooper appears in the former story, "Dry September," which is by this author. The story "That Evening Sun" is narrated by Quentin Compson, who appeared in this author's novel *The Sound and the Fury*.

ANSWER: William Cuthbert **Faulkner**

<Short Fiction, EL>

10. This person's cane and cape are relics stored at the church of San Marco. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this Dominican friar who allegedly told Sandro Botticelli that he had made the "the Virgin appear dressed as a whore."

ANSWER: Girolamo **Savonarola**

[10] The church of San Marco contains several frescoes by Fra Angelico, including this scene that shows the archangel Gabriel telling the Virgin Mary that she is going to be the mother of Jesus.

ANSWER: The **Annunciation**

[10] The church of San Marco was reconstructed in the 1400s by Michelozzo ("mee-keh-LOT-so"). Michelozzo designed this building, which uses rustication on the ground floor and ashlar on the higher floors, for his most notable patron.

ANSWER: **Palazzo Medici** Ricardi

<Other Art: Misc Visual, PC>

11. In 1956, a French protectorate in this region joined West Germany under the Treaty of Luxembourg. For 10 points each:

[10] Identify this coal-rich state in western Germany. A territory in this region was earlier joined to Germany after a 1935 plebiscite.

ANSWER: **Saarland** [accept **Saar** Protectorate or Territory of the **Saar** Basin]

[10] Administration of the Saar Protectorate was part of this Frenchman's namesake plan to increase French industrial production through the control of coal and steel. He also served as the first president of the European Coal and Steel Community.

ANSWER: Jean **Monnet**

[10] This other zone in Germany remained under Allied occupation until German reunification in 1990. It was surrounded by a namesake wall.

ANSWER: **Berlin**

<Continental post-600 History, NB>

12. This ship's rotating turret inspired her namesake "mania" in the 19th century. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this vessel that was made famous by an indecisive encounter with the CSS *Virginia*.

ANSWER: USS **Monitor**

[10] The USS *Monitor* was one of the first examples of this type of ship, named for the non-wooden construction of her hull.

ANSWER: **ironclad**

[10] The first ironclad was built by this country. This country's battleships were attacked in the Battle of Oran during World War II.

ANSWER: **France** [accept **Vichy** France]

<US History, NB>



