

Answer:     \_Klingon\_

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John's Complete Packets Packet 19 (Easy)

Toss-Ups

1. In French folklore, he is the brother of Merovee, the founder of the Merovingian dynasty, and in the medieval poem Huon de Bordeaux, he is a friendly dwarf who trains the hero in the ways of knighthood. But he is better known for his appearance in Shakespeare, where he is a woodland king whose subjects include Peaseblossom, Mustardseed, and Robin Goodfellow. FTP, name this husband of Titania.

Answer:     \_Oberon\_

2. The English and Turks named it after the French. The French called it the Italian Illness, the Italians called it the Spanish Disease, and the Spanish called it the sickness of Hispanola, believing that it had been brought to Europe by Columbus' sailors. However, recent evidence indicates that it may have been around much earlier, and that what the sailors brought back was simply a different strain to which Europeans were not immune. For ten points, name this venereal disease.

Answer:     \_Syphilis\_

3. In mineralogy, it is the name of a translucent bright-green semiprecious stone formed from cryptocrystalline silica. In medicine, it is the watery fluid in which the cells of the blood are suspended. In physics, it is an ionized gaseous discharge in which there is no net charge, the number of positive and negative ions being equal. FTP, give the common term.

Answer:     \_Plasma\_

4. According to Dave Barry, its official motto is "Brrrrrr!" and its state bird is covered with oil. In reality, its state bird is the willow ptarmigan, and its motto is "North to the Future." For ten points, name this second-least populated and second-newest of the United States.

Answer:     \_Alaska\_

5. The first modern set was the Rider-Waite deck, which was produced in the late 19th century by the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn. Today, these can be bought not only in the traditional medieval motif, but also in varieties such as the Cat-Lover, the California, the Robot, the Tao, and the Scratch-and-Sniff decks. For ten points, name this popular fortune-telling device, which typically features images of rods, cups, pentacles, kings, lovers, and death.

Answer:     \_Tarot\_Cards

6. She is the beautiful, neurotic wife of George Tesman, a scholar whom she does not love, and out of boredom she destroys the lives of her best friend and her former lover Eilert Lovberg. When Eilert follows her suggestion and kills himself, she finds herself blackmailed by Judge Brack, but decides to take her own life instead. FTP, name this title character of a play by Ibsen.

Answer:       \_Hedda Gabler\_

7. In Colon, Panama, Sherwood Anderson accidentally swallows a toothpick along with his hors-d'oeuvre and dies. In Sussex, England, Virginia Woolf throws herself into a river. In Zurich, James Joyce dies of a ruptured ulcer. In sports, the Bowling hall of Fame opens, and Joe Dimaggio hits in 56 consecutive games. FTP, all this happened in what year, which also saw the World War II battles of Tobruk, Kiev, Benghazi, Orel, and Pearl Harbor?

Answer:       \_1941\_

8. Born in Les Cayes, Haiti, his father was a French sea-captain who had fought at Yorktown, while his mother was a mixed-race servant girl who had wandered aboard his father's ship. Raised in France, he emigrated to America at eighteen, started several failed businesses, and was eventually jailed for debt. While his wife worked to support him, he began preparing a series of nature watercolors, which were published to great acclaim between 1827 and 1838. FTP, name this artist and conservationist, the author of Birds of America.

Answer:       John James Audubon

9. From base to peak, it measures 33,476 feet, making it taller than any other mountain in the world, Everest included. At the same time, it is not close to being the world's highest point, since its first 20,000 feet are underwater. FTP, name this Pacific volcano, the highest peak in the state of Hawaii.

Answer:       Mauna Kea

10. Herbert Spencer defined it as "that which man is always trying to kill, but which ends in killing him." H.L. Mencken called it "the great legalizer, even in the field of morals." Byron called it "the avenger," and to Emerson it was "the surest poison." FTP, identify this four-letter word.

Answer:       Time

11. His earliest poems are collected in Empty Mirror, but these were not published until 1961, when he was already at the height of his fame. Other poetry collections by him include Angor Wat, Mind Breaths, White Shroud, TV Baby Poems, Reality Sandwiches, and Kaddish, but he is best known for his first published work, a 1956 poem that was regarded as the manifesto of the Beat movement. FTP, name this writer of "Howl."

Answer:       Allen Ginsburg

12. This term was coined by a politician named Rudolf Virchow in 1873, one year after the event had been launched with the passage of the Falk Laws. Although its real goal may have been to suppress the fast-growing Center Party, the government justified it as a response to the claims of infallibility recently promulgated at the First Vatican Council.

FTP, give the German name for this political campaign, in which Otto von Bismarck tried to curtail the influence of the Roman Catholic Church over German society.

Answer:       The Kulturkampf

13. The name's the same: in the Iliad, he was the king of Argos, whose more notable adventures include wounding the goddess Aphrodite and making a grossly unequal trade of armor with the Trojan hero Glaucus. In the legend of Heracles, he was a savage king of Thrace whose man-eating mares were the object of one of Heracles' labors. FTP, give this common name of Greek mythology.

Answer:       Diomedes

14. A lifelong civil servant, he rose to become governor of Chengdu, then Minister for Public Works, and finally Minister for Justice. According to legend, he was so successful at this last job that by the time he died in 476 B.C., there had been no crime in all of China for thirty years. FTP, name this man who also edited a collection of ancient philosophy, and whose own sayings were posthumously published as the Analects.

Answer:       Confucius or K'ung Fu-tse

15. Machiavelli was an Italian philosopher who faked his own death. Las Vegas is a mob town; nobody gets killed there without permission. There was no autopsy, and memorial services in two cities were cancelled. His latest CD depicts him as Jesus Christ, which means that he plans to rise from the dead. FTP, these are just a few Chuck D's "18 compelling reasons," for the theory that what rapper is actually still alive?

Answer:       Tupac Shakur

16. As a young man, the jobs at which he worked included oyster pirate, seal clubber, gold prospector, and professional hobo, which landed him in jail when he was arrested for vagrancy in Erie, Pennsylvania. A member of the Socialist Labor party since 1896, his fifty volumes of novels, short stories, and essays later made him wealthy enough to build Wolf House, his own experimental farm and ranch in the Somona Valley, and it was there that he died of a morphine overdose in 1916. FTP, name this author of The Iron Heel, Martin Eden, John Barleycorn, and The Call of the Wild.

Answer:       Jack London

17. In 1996, Judge Thelton Henderson ruled that it probably violated the Equal Protection clause, and issued a restraining order against its enforcement. A panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals felt differently, and this law was declared constitutional in 1997. FTP, name this ballot initiative that bans public affirmative action in California.

Answer:       Proposition 209 or the California Civil Rights Initiative or C.C.R.I.

18. The first director of the Uppsala national observatory, he spent most of his life taking observations of the Aurora Borealis, though none of his astronomical work was of any lasting importance. In fact, he would be completely forgotten today were it not for a short letter he wrote to the Swedish Academy in 1742, in which he argued for the superiority of a centigrade system of measurement for temperature. FTP, name this namesake of a temperature scale.

Answer:       Anders Celsius

19. The battle at which he died is variously referred to as Terebinth or Ain Jalut. The Bible describes him as being about six and a half feet tall, armed with a bronze helmet, bronze scale armor, and a bronze scimitar. This weaponry did him more harm than good, however since the weight of his armor wore him down, and his sword was ultimately used to finish him off. FTP, name this Philistine from Gath, who loses his duel with David.

Answer:     \_Goliath\_

20. There are more of them in Southern Chile than any in other place in the world, including the Canal de Messier, which at 4,250 feet is the world's deepest. FTP, what are these steep-sided, deepwater ocean inlets, which are also found in Canada, Scotland, and Greenland, but which are most often associated with the coast of Norway?

Answer:     \_Fjords\_

#### John's Complete Packets Packet 19 (Easy) Bonus Questions

#### 30 POINT BONUS

1. For ten points each, identify these bad parents of history and fiction.

1. When she learns that her husband is about to abandon her, this Euripides title character kills her children, then flies away in a magic chariot drawn by dragons.

Answer:     \_Medea\_

2. This Russian tsar ordered his only son Aleksei tortured to death in 1718, fearing that the prince would become the center of opposition to him.

Answer:     \_Peter\_ I (Peter the Great)

3. This title character of a Prosper Merrime novella has his young son shot after the boy betrays a fugitive to the police.

Answer:     \_Mateo Falcone\_

#### 30 POINT BONUS

2. For ten points each, name these places significant in the history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

1. First, name the upstate New York town near which Joseph Smith received his gold plates in 1827, and from which the first edition of the Book of Mormon was published in 1830.

Answer:     \_Palmyra\_

2. Also famous as the birthplace of Harry Truman, Smith declared a site near this Missouri city to be the "New Jerusalem" in 1831.

Answer:     \_Independence\_

3. Founded in 1839, this city in southern Illinois served as headquarters of the church until 1844, when Smith was lynched by a mob.

Answer:     \_Nauvoo\_

### 25 POINT BONUS

3. For five points each, given a category of animal life, name the largest (non-extinct) species found within it, by average adult mass.

1. All animals

Answer:     \_Blue whale\_

2. Predators

Answer:     \_Sperm whale\_

3. Insects

Answer:     \_Goliath beetle\_

4. Rodents

Answer:     \_Carybara\_

5. Reptiles

Answer:     \_Crocodile\_

### 30 POINT BONUS

4. For five points each, given a work of classical music, name the composer.

1. "Birthday Ode to Queen Anne"

Answer:     George \_Handel\_

2. The "Trout" Quintet

Answer:     Franz \_Schubert\_

3. Symphony Fantastique

Answer:     Hector \_Berlioz\_

4. The "Scythian" Suite

Answer:     Sergei \_Prokofiev\_

5. "Carnival of the Animals"

Answer:     Camille \_Saint-Saens\_

### 30 POINT BONUS

5. For the stated number of points, answer these questions about the phrase "Kenneth, what is the frequency?"

1. For five: name the TV anchorman who was beaten up in 1986 by a mysterious assailant who uttered these words.

Answer:        Dan \_Rather\_

2. For ten: name the band that later released a popular song based on this incident.

Answer:        \_R.E.M.\_

3. In 1997, a decade-old mystery was ended when Rather's assailant was positively identified. For a final fifteen points, name him.

Answer:        William \_Tager\_

### 30 POINT BONUS

6. Name the author, 30-20-10.

1. In 1974, he wrote a sketch about a homicidal doctor that was used in the last-ever episode of "Monty Python's Flying Circus." This was the only occasion in the show's history where a non-cast member was given a writing credit.

2. Many readers consider his finest work to be "Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency," as well as its sequel, "The Long Dark Tea-Time of the Soul."

3. He is best known for writing a series of sci-fi parodies that began with "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy."

Answer:        Douglas \_Adams\_

### 30 POINT BONUS

7. Not counting FDR, six presidential candidates have received at least ten percent of the popular vote in three different elections since 1820. For five points each, name these six candidates, three of whom won twice, one of whom won once, and two of whom never won at all.

Answer:        Andrew \_Jackson\_, Henry \_Clay\_, Martin \_Van Buren\_, Grover  
\_Cleveland\_, William Jennings \_Bryan\_, Richard \_Nixon\_

### 30 POINT BONUS

8. Since the shuttle program began in the 1970s, NASA has constructed six space shuttles - one was a prototype, while the others have all been used on space missions. For five points each, name these six spacecraft.

Answer:        \_Enterprise\_, \_Columbia\_, \_Atlantis\_, \_Discovery\_, \_Challenger\_,  
\_Endeavor\_

### 30 POINT BONUS



9. For the stated number of points, answer the following questions about the novel "All the King's Men."

1. First, for five points, who wrote it?

Answer: Robert Penn \_Warren\_

2. For another five points, Robert Penn Warren based his novel on the story of what real-life political figure?

Answer: Huey \_Long\_

3. For ten: Name the novel's central character, a fictional governor of Louisiana who closely resembles Huey Long.

Answer: Willie \_Stark\_

4. For a final ten points, name the character in the novel who assassinates Willie Stark.

Answer: Adam \_Stanton\_

### 30 POINT BONUS

10. Nothing dates a bad question like a "Carmen Sandiego" lead-in. Anyway: Carmen Sandiego is running amok in Africa, and it is up to you to stop her. Prove yourself worthy of the Acme Detective Agency and answer the following questions about her whereabouts, each of which are worth ten points.

1. Carmen went to the city of Yamoussoukro and stole the world's largest cathedral. In what country did this dastardly crime take place?

Answer: \_Cote d'Ivoire\_

2. As she was fleeing the Cote D'Ivoire, Carmen was seen glancing through an Amharic-English phrasebook. Towards what country was she most likely heading?

Answer: \_Ethiopia\_ or \_Eritrea\_

3. When you arrive in Ethiopia, Carmen is gone, but before she left she was overheard remarking that she would next go to "that country with the blue flag with a white star in the middle?" Which country is this?

Answer: \_Somalia\_

### 30 POINT BONUS

11. One of the nastiest and most bizarre controversies in literary history occurred in Russia in 1869, when the author of "Oblomov" accused the author of "Fathers and Sons" of stealing one of his ideas for a new novel, and then selling it to a French writer, who used it as the basis for his "The Sentimental Education." For ten points each, identify the three literary giants involved in this dispute.

Answer: Ivan \_Goncharov\_, Ivan \_Turgenev\_, Gustave \_Flaubert\_

30 POINT BONUS

12. For the stated number of points, given a member of the 103rd Congress, identify the state he represented.

1. 5 pts: David Bonior

Answer:      \_Michigan\_

2. 10 pts: Jamie Whitten

Answer:      \_Mississippi\_

3. 15 pts: Gary Franks

Answer:      \_Connecticut\_

30 POINT BONUS

13. Identify the chemical element, 30-20-10.

1. Discovered in 1789 by Martin Klaproth, this yellowish metal is found in group IV-B of the periodic table.

2. Its name comes from the Arabic for "gold color," and it is the only element whose name comes from a non-Indo-European language.

3. Its atomic weight is 40 and its symbol is Zr.

Answer:      \_Zirconium\_

30 POINT BONUS

14. For ten points each, put the following music-related events in chronological order. Ten points for each group of three placed in correct order.

1. The deaths of Mendelssohn, Rossini, and Schubert

Answer:      \_Schubert\_, \_Mendelssohn\_, \_Rossini\_

2. The premieres of the following operas: Prokofiev's \_Love of Three Oranges\_, Puccini's \_Turandot\_, Strauss's \_Der Rosenkavalier\_

Answer:      \_Rosenkavalier, Oranges, Turandot\_

3. The premieres of the following orchestral works: Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," Holst's "The Planets," Orff's "Carmina Burana."

Answer:      \_Planets, Rhapsody, Carmina\_

30 POINT BONUS

15. Identify the year, 30-20-10.



1. Ty Cobb made his major league debut, and if you didn't like baseball, you finally could move to Norway, which gained its independence in this year.

2. Einstein published three very important papers, including one on the special theory of relativity, which will earn him a Nobel Prize twenty-two years later.

3. The Russo-Japanese war ends, causing a dress rehearsal of the Russian Revolution to break out in Moscow and St. Petersburg.

Answer:        \_1905\_

#### 25 POINT BONUS

16. Given a famous operatic character, identify which vocal register (Soprano, Mezzo-Soprano, Contralto, Tenor, Baritone, or Bass) the part was written for. Five points each.

1. Figaro (from Mozart's \_Marriage of Figaro\_)

Answer:        \_Baritone\_

2. Figaro (from Rossini's \_Barber of Seville\_)

Answer:        \_Baritone\_

3. Aida

Answer:        \_Soprano\_

4. Siegfried

Answer:        \_Tenor\_

5. Carmen

Answer:        \_Soprano\_

#### 30 POINT BONUS

17. For the stated number of points, answer these questions about Russia's Time of Troubles.

1. 5 pts: name the boyar whose seizure of the throne in 1598 is sometimes considered the starting-point of the Time of Troubles.

Answer:        \_Boris Godunov\_

2. 10 pts: in 1604, a royal pretender named Grigori Otropiev led a successful revolution against Godunov. Name the long-deceased son of Ivan the Terrible whose identity was assumed by Otropiev.

Answer:        \_Dmitri\_

3. 5 pts: when the False Dmitri was overthrown and killed, his body was stuffed into a cannon and shot towards what country, whose armed intervention had put him on the throne in the first place?

Answer:       \_Poland\_

4. 10 pts: the Time of Troubles finally came to an end in 1618 with the crowning of what Tsar, the first ruler of the Romanov dynasty?

Answer:       \_Michael\_ I

### 30 POINT BONUS

18. Gold, Silver, Iron, and Lead all have chemical symbols that do not start with the same letter as the English name of the element. Six other elements also share this distinction; for five points each, name them.

Answer:       \_Antimony\_ (Sb), \_Mercury\_ (Hg), \_Potassium\_ (K), \_Tin\_ (Sn),  
\_Sodium\_ (Na), \_Tungsten\_ (W)

### 30 POINT BONUS

19. Identify the large object, 30-20-10.

1. It is named for sir Benjamin Hall, the Commissioner of Works who ordered it built in the 1850s.

2. A symbol of British corporate life, its characteristic sound is used to preface the BBC radio news.

3. It is the name of the largest bell in the clock tower of London's Parliament building, and this name is often used interchangeably with the tower itself.

Answer:       \_Big Ben\_

### 25 POINT BONUS

20. Pencil and paper may be useful here. Imagine that you are in an insane asylum and meet four inmates, one (and only one) of whom is a pathological liar who always lies. The other three always tell the truth. The names of the inmates are Chichikov, Manilov, Nozdrev, and Sobakievich. They greet you with the following statements: Chichikov: I am not the pathological liar. Manilov: What Chichikov says is true. Nozdrev: Chichikov and Manilov are not both telling the truth. Sobakievich: Manilov is lying if and only if Chichikov is lying. For 25 points, who is the pathological liar? [MODERATOR: Allow 15 seconds for an answer.]

Answer:       \_Nozdrev\_

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