

1. It gives its name to the title of Stalin's favorite film, a 1938 musical which he saw over 100 times. It has been known by cartographers since the time of Ptolemy. Starting in the Valdai hills, it runs south to the delta at Astrakhan. It provides hydroelectric power at reservoirs such as Rybinsk and Samara and carries over half of the inland freight of the nation. Fed by the Oka and Kama rivers, it runs 2193 miles, emptying in to the Caspian Sea. FTP name this longest river of Europe.

Answer: Volga (the film's name is Volga Volga)

2. He is called Etzel by the Germans and Ethele by the Hungarians. One notable result of his activities was that some of the conquered people, notably the Veneti, of northeastern Italy, took refuge among the islands, marshes, and lagoons at the head of the Adriatic Sea and there founded a state that afterward grew into the republic of Venice. In 451, this fearless leader, allied with the king of the Vandals, invaded Gaul with conquered Ostrogoths alongside his own men. Though defeated in the Battle of Chalons, he later advanced upon Rome, stopped only by the intervention of Pope Leo I. FTP, identify this notorious "Scourge of God."

Answer: Attila the Hun

3. Descended from aristocratic caravan merchants, this line of rulers had Muawiyah as its first. This caliphate was the first to use a hereditary succession rather than an election when Muawiyah appointed his son Yazid as his successor. Many rebellions took place among non-Arabs during their rule, and the line was accused of religious laxity and an indifference towards integrating the non-Arabics into the Muslim brotherhood. FTP name this caliphate which ruled from Riyadh from 661 to 750.

Answer: Umayyad Caliphate

4. He went to Leipzig in 1821 to study law, but turned his attentions to music and literature. He published articles under the pseudonyms Florestan and Eusebius, and he wrote musical criticisms of his contemporaries. His later work is primarily orchestral: three string quartets, a cello and a piano concerto, four symphonies, and even an opera, *Genoveva*. His more popular works tend to be the lieder, such as *Frauenliebe und leben*, and the solo piano works, including *Kreisleriana*, *Carnaval*, and *Kinderszenen*. FTP, name this severely depressed romantic composer and critic, husband of Clara.

Answer: Robert Schumann

5. Like every Spanish poet, it seems, his work was banned between 1936 and 1944. He studied law and business management until he fell ill in 1925. During his convalescence, he wrote his first poetry. In it, one can see the influence of surrealist composition and an element of the metaphysical, and he was considered a master of free verse. He also wrote a prose work, *Los encuentros*, a collection of sketches of his fellow writers. This member of the Generation of '27 won a Nobel in 1977. FTP, name this poet whose works include *La destrucción o El amor* and *Poemas de la Consumación*.

Answer: Vicente Aleixandre

6. Due to his wife's disinheritance and his failed attempt to defraud his neighbor, he decided to emigrate to America. There, he rose to power in the governor's council. His expansionist policies led to attacks on the Pamunkey, Susquehanna, and Occaneechi Indian tribes. When Sir William Berkley attacked his motives, he issued a Declaration of the People against Berkley and proceeded to storm and burn Jamestown. FTP name this man whose eponymous rebellion led to his control of almost all Virginia until his death in 1676.

Answer: Nathaniel Bacon

7. Born in Paris in 1699, he was the son of a cabinetmaker. His early work was in still life, such as "The Buffet," but he is best known for his scenes of domestic life among the Parisian middle class. His signature style used subdued lighting and earthy colors, brought to life by vibrant glazes. FTP, name this artist of "Lady Sealing a Letter", "Scouring Maid", and "Saying Greace".

Answer: Jean-Baptiste-Simeone Chardin

8. He achieved early literary recognition in 1945 when his haunting short story "Miriam" was published and his first novel, 1948's "Other Voices, Other Rooms", was acclaimed as the work of a young writer with great promise. Although his early writing extended the Southern Gothic tradition, he later developed a more journalistic approach in the 1965 novel "In Cold Blood", which remains his most critically acclaimed work. For ten points name this author, best known for his 1958 work "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

Answer: Truman Capote

9. According to the Greeks and Romans, this goddess would rank among the most disappointed spouses of all time, as her husband withered and shriveled with old age and became completely helpless except for his ceaseless talking, an old man's shrill chirping, which led to his being changed into a cicada. The daughter of Thea and Hyperion, she is best known in classical literature for extending her golden robe or rosy fingers across the sky. FTP, give the Greek or Roman name for this female personification of the dawn, who also lends her name to atmospheric phenomena in the northern and southern skies.

Answer: Eos (Greek) or Aurora (Roman)

10. Aluminum oxide has this property, as do all oxides of metalloids. Anions found in acids salts also have it, as does water. Their name is derived from the Greek word meaning "in both ways", and the bicarbonate ion is particularly important in the human body as it uses this property to regulate pH. FTP, name this property that allows substances to act as both an acid and a base.

Answer: AMPHOTERIC or AMPHIPROTIC

11. In 1806 he married Anne Key, the sister of Francis Scott Key. A Federalist until 1812, he later joined the Cabinet of Democrat Andrew Jackson as attorney general in 1831. Two years later Jackson appointed him secretary of the Treasury, but the Senate rejected him due to his unpopular views on the Bank of the U.S., marking the first time Congress had refused to confirm a Cabinet nominee. FTP, name this man whose lasting fame probably comes from his majority opinion on the Dred Scott case, written while he was Chief Justice of the U.S.

ANSWER: Roger B[rooke] Taney

12. This movement in cognitive science hopes to explain human intellectual abilities using artificial neural networks. Its widely held view is that the mind is something akin to a digital computer processing a symbolic language, but the basic ideas of the theory are quite old, and can even be traced back to Aristotle and his ideas on mental associations. FTP, name this movement, which philosophers have become interested in because it promises to provide an alternative to the classical theory of the mind.

ANSWER: CONNECTIONISM

13. This woman was born into the Fujiwara family and was the daughter of a provincial governor. She read the Chinese classics, which were considered inappropriate for females at the time. In her early 20s she was married to a distant relative who gave her a daughter in AD 999 only to die 2 years later, after which she was brought to court for her intellect and writing skills. Her most famous work was loosely based on her years as lady-in-waiting to Empress Akiko. FTP name this author of *The Tale of Genji*.

Answer: Lady Murasaki Shikibu (accept either name)

14. Long before Titian gained fame for painting *The Rape of Europa*, this artist depicted that scene, as well as several others in which the foibles of the Olympians are made manifest. Yet the work, brilliantly executed as it was, brought the artist doom rather than success, as it would arouse the ire and envy of Athena. Ovid's description of the event includes a famous comparison of threads to rainbows. FTP, name this mythological woman, who bested Athena in a weaving contest but was transformed into a spider.

ANSWER: Arachne

15. He wrote and directed one film, 1951's *Die Verlorene*. His early Hollywood work included roles in *Mad Love*, *The Beast With Five Fingers*, and *Crime and Punishment*, and he played the Japanese detective Mr. Moto in eight movies. FTP, name this Hungarian actor, born Laszlo Lowenstein, best known for his appearances in *The Maltese Falcon*, *Casablanca*, and as a child-murderer in *M*.

Answer: Peter Lorre

16. It has been shown to increase the chance of a miscarriage by .5%, but has proven a vitally important procedure in the pre-natal diagnosis of spinal chord defects as well as genetic disorders like Down's Syndrome, Tay Sachs disease, and cystic fibrosis. Usually conducted about the sixteenth week of pregnancy, it can also be used to detect sex of the fetus, as well as to identify sex-linked diseases. FTP, name this process of amniotic fluid removal and analysis.

Answer: amniocentesis (pronounced: am-nee-o-cent-ee-sus)

17. She was born near Pepin, Wisconsin, and after marriage moved to Missouri in 1894 and settled on Rocky Ridge Farm near Mansfield. When she was in her sixties, her daughter urged her to write down her vivid childhood memories of growing up on the American frontier. Some of the works that this suggestion spawned include *On the Banks of Plum Creek*, *By the Shores of Silver Lake*, and *These Happy Golden Years*. FTP, identify this American writer, whose works inspired a popular television series of the 1970s and 1980s, the author of *Little House on the Prairie*.

Answer: Laura Ingalls Wilder

18. It took place near what is now Brno in the Czech Republic. Allied troops occupied the Pratzen Plateau, which the French had deliberately evacuated to set a trap. The French managed to turn away the Allied offensives and then retake the plateau by smashing the weak center of Allied forces, which were left scattered by the attack. FTP, name this 1805 battle, also known as the Battle of the Three Emperors, which temporarily kept Prussia out of the anti-French alliance and forced Austria to make peace with France.

Answer: Battle of Austerlitz

19. Its Mohs hardness is either about 2 or about 9, depending on which direction you approach its unique structure. Industry uses it for its strength, lubricating properties and resistance to heat and corrosion. It is used in nuclear reactors to slow neutrons to keep control of the reactor core. No matter what Apple says, however, it is not a fruit. For 10 points, what is this mineral used in tennis racquets and golf clubs, one of the many forms of good old pure carbon?

Answer: Graphite

20. This structure is the vantage point of the speaker in the fourth Canto of Lord Byron's "Childe Harold's Pilgrimage", and it was Byron who helped to popularize the current connotations of its name. Built around 1600 by Antonio Contino, it overlooks the Rio di Palazzo. FTP, name this structure that connects the prisons and the Doge's palace in Venice, which according to Byron is named for the exclamations of the condemned prisoners traversing it.

Answer: BRIDGE OF SIGHS

21. Two sons of his were born as a result ^{of} ~~was~~ sexual relations ^{with} ~~with~~ his daughters while drunk: Moab and Ben-ammi, the ancestors of the Moabites and Ammonites in what is now the East Bank of the River Jordan. The son of Haram, in the Book of Genesis he settled in Sodom and then received warning of its destruction. FTP, identify this nephew of Abraham whose wife was turned into a pillar of salt.

Answer: LOT

22. It is believed to cause lesions or sores, respiratory ailments, short-term memory loss, and nausea symptoms. It's been identified in the Pamlico and the Neuse River Systems, the Manokin, Indian, and Nanticoke Rivers, but it is probably most infamous for being in the Pocomoke River and Chesapeake Bay. FTP, name this fish-killing dinoflagellate.

ANSWER: pfisteria piscicida (fee-STEER-ee-uh pis-kuh-SEED-uh)

23. Born in Kenya in 1903 of English missionary parents, some of his writings were about the Kikuyu people among whom he lived. Instrumental in persuading Jane Goodall and Dian Fossey to pursue their work with the great apes, he himself is better known for his work seeking out man's fossil ancestors, primarily at Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania. FTP, name this anthropologist, the discoverer of *Homo habilis*

Answer: Louis Leakey

24. Following his death in what is now Zambia, his body was embalmed with sand and his heart was buried under a nearby tree. His body was then wrapped in cloth and covered with tar to waterproof it. Loyal servants carried his body for nine months, all the way to the eastern coast of Africa, where his body was returned to Britain aboard the HMS Vulture. On April 18, 1874, his body was buried in Westminster Abbey. FTP, name this legendary explorer and unofficial ambassador, beloved by his servants and fellow explorers, I presume?

Answer: Dr. David Livingstone

25. It can explain why a sound wave bends around the edges of a doorway, by describing how a wave front that exists at one instant gives rise to the wave front that exists later on. More specifically, it states that all the points of a wave front originate secondary waves, the aggregate effect of which is to reconstitute the primary disturbance at the subsequent stages of its advance, thus accomplishing its propagation. FTP, name this principle of wave theory proposed by a Dutch scientist in 1690.

ANSWER: HUYGENS' Principle

26. While serving in the Army during World War II, he becomes "unstuck in time," and from that point on lives concurrently on Earth and on the distant planet Tralfamadore. On Earth, he preaches the fatalistic philosophy of the Tralfamadorians, who know the future of all things, including the inevitable demise of the universe and shrug off their fate with their catchphrase "So it goes." He survives the 1945 firebombing of Dresden, then lives simultaneously in his past as a young American POW, in the future as a well-cared-for resident of a Tralfamadorian zoo, and in the present as a middle-aged optometrist in Ilium, N.Y. FTP name this central character of Kurt Vonnegut's *Slaughterhouse-Five*.

Answer: Billy Pilgrim (accept either name)

27. The fifth son of Hildegard the Swabian, he ruled Aquitaine from age 3 until age 15; then he became co-emperor and then emperor when his father died a year later. He twice lost his kingdom to his sons, but gained it back each time. Unfortunately, he was unsuccessful in his efforts to divvy up his kingdom at his death, leading to three years of turmoil and the Treaty of Verdun in 843. FTP, name this son of Charlemagne, whose name was so popular that 15 other French kings also took it.

ANSWER: Louis I or Louis the Pious or Louis the Debonair (prompt on Louis)

28. In it, the youngest daughter of the del Valle family remains silent for 9 years, only to announce that she will marry her sister's fiancée. She does, and they move to Tres Marias and have three children. Its other characters include Jaime, a reclusive doctor, Nicolas, a socialite with a girlfriend, and Blanca who is married off to a French nobleman against her will by her father, Eteban, a conservative politician in a time of revolution. FTP identify this novel by Isabel Allende.

Answer: The House of the Spirits

29. This work of art, completed in 1922, is the inspiration and title subject of the 3rd movement of an orchestral work for young performers by Peter Maxwell Davies in which the 5 movements refer to different pictures by the same artist. One common interpretation of the picture is that the individual figures represent the four temperaments of the medieval and Renaissance periods. Others suggest that the four figures inextricably linked to the machine create an ironic vision of existence in the modern age. Hanging in the Museum of Modern Art, New York, FTP, identify this watercolor and pen-and-ink picture mounted on cardboard, an avian creation by the German-Swiss artist Paul Klee.

Answer: Twittering Machine or Die Zwitschermaschine

30. Its name was given to it by the anatomist Vesalius because he thought it produced a lubricating mucus. It sits protected within a saddle in the sphenoid bone called the sella turcica. The function of its intermediate lobe is not yet completely understood, but it is known to control the production of skin pigment in some of the lower vertebrates. FTP, name this gland, connected to the hypothalamus by a short stalk and responsible for the regulation of the other glands of the endocrine system as well as growth.

ANSWER: PITUITARY gland

31. Events in this novel include a retelling of an Aesop fable about an "Ondt" and a "Gracehoper", while Burrus and Caseous plot to overthrow a Caesar salad. It opens in the middle of a sentence, and the ending is the start of the same sentence, which is just one example of the work's circular structure. FTP, name this experimental novel which tries to recreate the feeling of a dream, the last novel by James Joyce.

Answer: FINNEGAN'S WAKE

32. It will be preceded by three years of winter known as the Fimbul winter, and it is fully described in the poem Voluspa and it was known by the Germans as Gotterdammerung. Fought on the battlefield of Vigrid, Surtur will lead the giants against the Aesir, and at their coming, Gjallarhorn will be sounded by Heimdall, who will be slain by Loki. FTP, name this event where Odin and Thor are also killed, the "twilight of the gods" in Norse mythology.

Answer: RAGNAROK

33. Its Chinese name translates to "greenish-blue duck" and its Korean name, the Amnok, is rarely used when naming it. This river starts in the Ch'ang-pai Mountains and flows to the Yellow Sea to the southwest. It did not become a political boundary until the fourteenth century when the Koryo dynasty established it as such, and ever since the Yojin were driven into Manchuria, the northwestern banks have been inhabited by only Chinese and Manchurians and the southeastern banks have only been inhabited by Koreans. FTP, name this river that separates China from North Korea.

Answer: Yalu River

34. His goal in all of his writings was to be a prophet. Born in 1795 in Scotland, his literary circle included John Stuart Mill and Leigh Hunt. Mill accidentally burned a partial manuscript of his Sartor Resartus, which later inspired Ralph Waldo Emerson to travel across the Atlantic to meet him. FTP, name this Victorian author of On Heroes, Hero-Worship, and the Heroic in History.

ANSWER: Thomas CARLYLE

35. Born in Columbus, Ohio, by 1917, he was one of America's top three racing drivers. After the war, he returned to work in the automobile industry, first with his own company and later with the Cadillac Motor Car Company. He was also involved in aviation, becoming president of Eastern Air Lines in 1938. However, he was best known for his exploits in World War I, where he shot down 22 enemy planes and 4 balloons. FTP, identify this pilot, the most celebrated U.S. air ace of World War I.

Answer: Edward RICKENBACKER

36. His father's wife, Plectrude, tried to imprison him after the father died, and she tried to rule in the name of her grandchildren. However, he escaped and gathered an army. After he defeated the Neustrians at Ambleve and Vincy, Plectrude and the Austrasians submitted to his rule as mayor. In 724, he gained control of Neustria and turned westward. He was helped by an appeal from Eudes of Aquitaine, whom he helped by turning back the Muslim invasion of Frankish lands near Tours. FTP name this illegitimate son of Pepin of Herstal.

Answer: Charles Martel or Charles the Hammer

37. The term originated with George Groddeck, who wrote that man is "animated by some wondrous force which directs both what he himself does, and what happens to him." In the second topography of the psyche, it appears as an entity which operates according to the primary process, taking over the role of the Unconscious system.

FTP, identify this agency, the primary source of mental energy which is in conflict with the super-ego and ego.

Answer: the id

38. MAXIM magazine only gave this gadget a 4 out of 5 on the babe quotient, probably due to its funky, unmanly colors. With the optional AirPort T feature, it boasts the most advanced form of wireless communication for a laptop computer. FTP, name this gadget, introduced in flavors of blueberry and tangerine and developed by Apple as the mobile version of the iMacT.

ANSWER: the iBook

39. Born in Angoulême, France, in 1736, he served as a military engineer in the West Indies, but retired to his estate at the outbreak of the French Revolution to devote himself to scientific research. During an attempt to investigate Joseph Priestley's laws of electrical repulsion, he formulated his namesake law, which states that the force between two electrical charges is proportional to the product of the charges and inversely proportional to the square of the distance between them. FTP, name this French physicist, for whom the SI unit of electrical charge is named.

Answer: Charles-Augustin de Coulomb

40. Ethylene oxide is the simplest example of these. Though often formed with a chlorohydrin intermediate, they are directly formed when a peroxic acid, such as MMPP, reacts with an alkene. Because of ring strain, they are highly reactive under both basic and acidic conditions, and their common products include carboxylic acids and diols in a trans confirmation. FTP name these structures, three membered rings of two carbons and one oxygen.

Answer: epoxides

41. A defense of this work, in the form of a letter from the author to Martin Dorp, now accompanies almost all editions. The title character of the work claims to be the daughter of Plutus, god of wealth, and argues that she should be exalted above all other gods because she makes humans happiest and bestows her favors on all, not just the powerful or heroic. FTP, name this satiric treatise, dedicated to Sir Thomas More, written in 1509 by the Dutch humanist Desiderius Erasmus.

ANSWER: The Praise of Folly or Moriae encomium (accept: In Praise of Folly)

42. His newest endeavor is about architect Addison Mizner, who designed Florida resorts, and is entitled "Wise Guys". It will follow the recent New York staging of his early unproduced musical "Saturday Night", as well as revivals of two revues featuring his work, "Marry Me a Little" and "Putting It Together", the latter of which starred Carol Burnett. For 10 points, whose 70th birthday is being honored by performances of "Sunday in the Park with George" and "Sweeney Todd"?

Answer: Stephen Sondheim

43. Born in El Paso in 1930, her grandparents had been Western pioneers who fought off Apache Indian attacks. Unable to secure herself a position in a law firm, she became a deputy of a California district attorney in the 1950s. She later won a seat as a county trial judge, and Governor Bruce Babbitt appointed her to the Arizona Court of Appeals. FTP, name this jurist who in 1981 was appointed by Ronald Reagan as the first female member of the Supreme Court.

ANSWER: Sandra Day O'Connor

44. His theater bankrupted, and he was angry over his country's aloofness in the Danish-German struggles so he exiled himself to Rome, Dresden and Munich between 1864 and 1892. He regarded his historical drama, *Emperor and Galilean*, as his masterpiece. He is also known for Symbolic plays such as *The Wild Duck* and the *Master-BUILDER*. For 10 points, who is this playwright, a product of the Bergen theater, best known for his social realist plays such as *Ghosts*, *Hedda Gabler*, and *A Doll's House*?

Answer: Henrik Ibsen

45. Samples of this work available on amazon.com include crossing the ice, moving carefully and anxiously, flies and bluebottles, the sleeping drunkards, dance and song of country folk, the sleeping goatherd, Rustling of foliage and plants and spring's awakening. For 10 points, what is this work, a set of four concerti, titled L'Estate, L'Inverno, L'Autunno and La Primavera, written by Antonio Vivaldi?

Answer: The Four Seasons

46. Among its less publicized successes were agreements ensuring the future safety of nature reserves and so-called "Green Areas", as well as ensuring that the rights of such minority groups as the Bedouins are maintained when their residences change jurisdiction. But the primary success of, FTP, what interim agreement, signed October 23, 1998 regard the peaceful transfer of authority as Israel and the PLO attempt to settle their land disputes?

Answer: Wye River memorandum/peace accord/treaty

47. This religion had its beginnings in the 7th century BCE when its founder experienced a revelation from Ahura Mazda and chose to follow him in the battle against the forces of evil. This revelation enabled the founder and his followers to comprehend the difference between Truth and The Lie and to know the one true God. For ten points, name this religion known as Parsiism in India, once the national religion of the Persian Empire.

Answer: Zoroastrianism

48. His earliest works, including his *Legends of New England in Prose and Verse*, were pastoral evocations of the rugged farm life of New England. With the end of the American Civil War, he returned to his pastoral themes. Often considered his masterpiece and certainly his most popular work is the narrative poem *Snow-Bound* (1866). His most popular poem is based on his childhood memories, and is representative of his sincere, moralistic, yet emotional style. FTP, identify this Quaker poet most famous for *Snow-Bound*.

Answer: John Greenleaf Whittier

49. It was repeatedly attacked by the rulers of the neighboring country of Lydia but managed to withstand all assaults. The inhabitants were finally subjugated, however, by Croesus, king of Lydia. Following the conquest of Lydia by Cyrus the Great, this city fell under the sway of Persia. From 499 to 494 BC the city took part in the so-called Ionian Revolt against Persian rule but was stormed and utterly demolished by Darius the Great. Rebuilt in the Hellenistic and Roman periods, it never regained its former importance. FTP, name this Ionian Greek city, most famous as the home of the philosophers Anaximenes, Anaximander, and Thales.

Answer: Miletus

50. Appearing in the fossil record in the Lower Cambrian Period, these Deuterostomes are characterized by radial symmetry and a hard spiny covering. Living examples include sea daisies, sea lilies, sea cucumbers, sea urchins, and starfishes. FTP, name this animal phylum, whose name means "spiny skin"

Answer: Echinodermata (accept: echinoderms)