

University of Arkansas - Toss-Ups

1. Born in Boeotia, like many later writers he lamented the moral degeneration of his own age, calling it the age of bronze, as opposed to the original golden age. His *Theogony* systematized the gods, some of which were unknown in Homer. FTP Identify the author of *Works and Days*.
Ans: **Hesiod**
2. Late 1995 has been called a bad season for Canada, as they kept Quebec and lost this man, who had just published *The Cunnning Man*. After a short attempt as an actor in London's Old Vic theater, he became a professor at the University of Toronto, publishing plays such as *Question Time* and *At My Heart's Core*. FTP name the author most famous for the *Salterton*, *Deptford*, and *Cornish* trilogies.
Ans: Robertson **Davies**
3. He fought in five twentieth century wars in two different armies, three if you count the White army in his country's Civil War. Though often considered a great General, he only won one of those wars. He was also Regent of his country in 1918 and President from 1944-1947. FTP Identify this Marshal of Finland, namesake of a famous line on the Karelian Isthmus.
Ans: Gustaf **Mannerheim**
4. He was born in Laclede, Missouri and graduated from West Point in 1886. He eventually had a new rank, General of the Armies, created for him. FTP identify the author of the Pulitzer-winning, *My Experience in the World War*; commander of the American Expedition in France.
Ans: John J. **Pershing**
5. This element was known by the ancients and used by the Egyptians in a mixture to protect the eyes from flies. Atomic number 51, today it is used in photosensitive substances for photography and medicine. FTP identify this element whose chief ore is Stibnite.
Ans: **Antimony**
6. She was born an Austrian countess and disgraced her family first by becoming a governess and then by running away to the Caucasus with the brother of the girls she tutored. She later became "Commander-in-Chief" of the European peace movement and wrote the novel *Lay Down Your Arms*. FTP name the woman who convinced Alfred Nobel to create the Peace Prize and then won it in 1906.
Ans: Baroness Bertha von **Suttner**
7. His nuggets of advice included "Give every man thy ear and few thy voice" and "Beware of entrance to a quarrel, but being in bear't that the opposed may beware of thee." He also advised Ophelia to dump Hamlet. FTP name the father of Laertes more famous for "Neither a borrower nor a lender be" and "to thine own self be true."
Ans: **Polonius**
8. Born into a farming family in Massachusetts, as a young man he studied eclipses and perpetual motion, becoming teacher to a wealthy family and then a major at the age of 19. After fleeing during the revolution, he eventually landed in Bavaria and performed many experiments on gunpowder, also becoming a well-known nutritionist. FTP Name the man more famous for discovering that heat came from molecular motion, thus dispelling the caloric theory.
Ans: Benjamin **Thompson** or Count **Rumford**
9. Before moving into the utopian community of the Northampton Association of Education and Industry in 1843, she was a traveling preacher in Long Island and Connecticut. After leaving, this former slave from New York narrated her "Narrative of a Northern Slave" to Olive Gilbert. FTP Identify the suffragette abolitionist most famous for her "Ain't I a Woman" speech.
Ans: Sojourner **Truth**
10. First discovered in 1902, its most surprising effect is the presence of Penguins in the Galapagos Islands. Especially during the so-called garua season from June to December, it brings extremely rich

nutrients to the Galapagos area which attract sea lions, whales and other predators. FTP name this current which flows northward off the west coast of South America and is named for its German discoverer.

Ans: **Humboldt Current**

11. He was dedicated to fighting fascisms, even the “petty ones that constitute the tyrannical bitterness of our everyday lives” The Professor of the History of Systems of Thought of the College de France from 1970, he attempted to show that society’s basic truths have changed drastically throughout history. FTP name the philosopher who challenged our ideas about mental illness, prison systems and human sexuality in *Madness and Civilization*, *Discipline and Punish*, and *A History of Sexuality*.

Ans: Michel **Foucault**

12. This film is the story of southern engineer Johnny Gray, who, though a perfect specimen, is rejected by the confederate army because he is needed to stay and run his train, The Texas. His beloved Annabelle Lee, played by Marion Mack, believes he has shirked his manly duty until she is kidnapped by Union soldiers and he becomes the hero. FTP, Identify this silent now-classic, a box-office flop in 1927, which was the Magnum Opus of Buster Keaton, written by, directed by, and starring the Great Stone Face.

Ans: **The General**

13. A fourth century priest from Cappadocia, he became bishop of Caesarea in 370 A.D., and left numerous theological writings. His rules are still being used in some Eastern Orthodox monasteries, and his *Adversus Eunomium* and *De Spiritu Sanctu* serve to clarify church teachings on the Trinity and the Holy Spirit. FTP Identify this famous saint who most certainly never saw Moscow.

Ans: St. **Basil**

14. Her works are dedicated to Henry II of England and his son William of Salisbury, and though her full identity is unknown, she gives her first name and country in one of her verses. She is famous for a romance known as the *Purgatory of Saint Patrick*, the *Ysopet*, a collection of fables, and her lais, narrative poems based on Breton folktales, which include “Bisclavret” or “the Werewolf”. FTP Identify this medieval French Poetess.

Ans: **Marie de France** (prompt on Marie, accept Marie of France)

15. T. E. Lawrence called it “the best preserved and most honourable castle in the world” and it was built as the easternmost in a chain of five castles meant to secure the Homs gap. The site originally held an Islamic fortress, but in 1142, Raymon of Tripoli charged the Knights Hospitalers with creating a new castle there. FTP Identify this Syrian landmark, the largest of the Crusader Castles.

Ans: **Krak des Chevaliers** (prompt if partial answer)

16. This American poet’s work reflects the ideas of a devout Christian, and includes an elegy for the pastor Samuel Cooper. It also shows a love of nature and general contentment with her life. Her *Poems on Various Subjects*, published in London in 1783, was the first book published by an African American. FTP Identify this New York slave and famous early American poet.

Ans: Phyllis **Wheatley**

17. This instrument first appeared in the historical record in the late 13th century in Padua, but the most elaborate and famous ones were built by the Hass family in Hamburg. Often having three or more sets of strings, at least one of which was played using foot pedals, pieces specifically for it were written by Francois de Couperin, G. F. Handel, and, most famously J. S. Bach. FTP Name this instrument played by Wanda Landowska as well as by the Beatles in Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds.

Ans: **Harpsichord**

18. Though born in the Deep South, he became a strong Republican and staunch opponent of slavery. One of the profiles in Matthew Brady’s 1851 “Gallery of Illustrious Americans” as a wealthy estate owner and one of California’s first senators. FTP Name Lincoln’s commander of the western division of the Army and first Republican candidate for President.

Ans: John C. **Fremont**

19. Their name comes from a direct translation of the local Native American words Paha Sapa. Though the range is only 125 miles long and 65 miles wide it contains the highest point in the United States east of the Rockies, Mt. Harney at 7242 feet above sea level. FTP Identify these ironically-named mountains in western South Dakota and northeastern Wyoming.

Ans: **Black Hills**

20. This novel of the Lost Generation graphically depicts the speakeasy scene as well as the violence present in New York. Its title character receives numerous depressing letters, including one from a woman without a nose and is constantly hounded by the editor, Shrike. FTP, Identify this novel about a male newspaper advice columnist by Nathanael West.

Ans: **Miss Lonelyhearts**

21. She was originally known as Kybele and was the most sacred Goddess in Anatolia. Very early statues of her have been found at Catalhoyuk and Hacilar. This Greek goddess of, among other things, other gods and goddesses, had a major temple at Ephesus and FTP, was known to the Arabs as Lat and to the Romans as Diana.

Ans: **Artemis** (accept Diana, [or Lat I suppose] before "Greek")

22. It is useful in solving such problems as the limit as x approaches 2 of the equation $x^2 - 4$ divided by $8 - x^3$. Named for its French developer, it stipulates that if the limit of an equation is an indeterminate form such as zero over zero or infinity over infinity, one can take the derivative of both the top and the bottom and then solve the equation. FTP, name this "healthy" mathematical rule.

Ans: **L'hospital's Rule**

23. He died in 1873 before reaching the age of 40 and would probably be long forgotten if not for an influential friend. Much of his work consists of architectural drawings, but his most famous pieces, such as Gnomus, The Sandomierz Jews, The Old Castle, and, most famously, The Great Gate of Kiev, were the inspiration for Modeste Mussorgski's "Pictures at an Exhibition." FTP Name the artist.

Ans: Viktor **Hartmann**

24. It lies on the ancient Silk Road and Swedish explorer Sven Hedin described it in great detail. It lies between the Tien Shan and Kunlun Mountains and occupies most of the Tarim Basin. Home of numerous Uygur in cities such as Turfan, Lou-lan, and Hami, in ancient times it was a much more fertile area. FTP, Identify this desert in Xinjiang province known for its mummies.

Ans: **Takla Makan** desert

25. In 1952, he played professional baseball for the Pittsburgh Pirates' minor league franchise in Brunswick, GA, but retired after being injured by a beanball. In 1994, he was mentioned as a possible candidate for baseball's commissioner. Now a radio talk show host and the author of *Reason to Believe*, name this three-time governor of New York finally unseated by George Pataki.

Ans: Mario **Cuomo**

26. Like Confucius, he focused on political theory and attempted to find a ruler who would follow his teachings. During his life in the 300's B.C., he added to Confucius' concepts of loyalty and duty a primitive form of the social contract, as he postulated that a ruler could theoretically forfeit the loyalty of his subjects. FTP Identify the man known to the Chinese as the "second sage."

Ans: **Mencius** or **Meng-Tzu**

27. It was slightly modified by Fresnel to explain why no back wave is formed, and Kirchhoff demonstrated that it could be derived from the wave equation. It stipulates that every point on a primary wavefront is the source of secondary wavelets which are eventually swallowed up by the primary front. FTP

identify this principle named for a famous Dutch optical physicist.

Ans: **Huygens Principle**

28. This is a stack of five to eight flattened, smooth membranes. Transport vesicles bring proteins and other macromolecules to this organelle for modification and completion, as well as transport throughout the rest of the cell and through the cell membrane. FTP, Identify this cellular sac, body, or apparatus.

Ans: **Golgi Apparatus**

29. After an engineering project in China, he and his wife Lou spoke fluent Mandarin and used that language for terms of endearment and secret conversations. The subject of the book *The Forgotten Progressive* this engineer fed the Belgians but had much less luck with the Americans. FTP Identify this despised president of the 1930's.

Ans: Herbert **Hoover**

Bonus

1. Identify the following 20th Century plays from characters:

A. Vladimir and Estragon

Ans: **Waiting for Godot**

B. Thomasina Coverley and Septimus Hodge

Ans: **Arcadia**

C. Meg, Stanley, and Goldberg

Ans: **The Birthday Party**

2. Identify the following third-party vice-presidential candidates.

A. This retired navy man and "perot-nista" is famous for saying "Who am I, why am I here?"

Ans: Adm. James **Stockdale**

B. What air force general ran with George Wallace in 1968?

Ans: F. Curtis **LeMay**

C. What progressive republican senator from California ran on Teddy Roosevelt's "Bull Moose" ticket.

Ans: Hiram **Johnson**

3. Answer the following questions about everyone's favorite pea plants.

A. When Mendel crossed a plant homozygous for yellow seed pods with one homozygous for green seed pods, which color were all of the offspring.

Ans: **Green** (do not reveal answer)

B. When he crossed two of the resulting heterozygous plants, how many in four of the offspring were green?

Ans: **3**

C. If a resulting heterozygous plant were crossed with a yellow plant, how many offspring in 4 would be yellow?

Ans: **2**

4. Identify the order of the following famous animals.

A. Flicka, from *My Friend Flicka*

Ans: **Perissodactyla**

B. Flipper, from *Flipper*

Ans: **Cetacea**

C. Aslan, from *The Chronicles of Narnia*

Ans: **Carnivora**

5. Identify the Opera from arias F15PE

A. "Bella figlia dell'amore" or "Madalena I adore you" and "La Donna e Mobile"

Ans: **Rigoletto**

B. "Il Vecchioto cerca moglie" or "The Old Man Wants a Wife" and "Largo al Factotum"

Ans: **The Barber of Seville** (the latter is the Figarro, figarro, figarro, song)

6. Identify the American psychologist from famous quotes, 30-20-10
 - A. "Genius is the art of non-habitual thought"
 - B. "Organization and method mean much, but contagious human characters mean more at a University, where a few undisciplinables may be infinitely more precious than a faculty full of orderly routinists."
 - C. "A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices."

Ans: **William James**
7. Identify the authors of the following African works.
 - A. The Conservationist and July's People Ans: Nadine **Gordimer**
 - B. A Lesson from Aloes and Master Harold ... and the Boys Ans: Athol **Fugard**
 - C. Song of Lawino Ans: Okot **p'Bitek**
8. Answer the following questions about the Boer War, which occurred in South Africa 1899-1902
 - A. F5PE, What two "Boer Republics" both named for rivers, fought against the British in this war?
Ans: **Transvaal** and the **Orange Free State**
 - B. FTP, What leader of the Transvaal was known as Oom Paul, or Uncle Paul and is remembered for his correspondences with the German Kaiser during the war?
Ans: Paul **Kruger**
 - C. FTP, The Boers fought in groups designated by what word, thus adding it to the English language?
Ans: **Commando**
9. Identify the following lakes, FTPE
 - A. The largest lake in Europe and source of the Neva river.
Ans: Lake **Ladoga**
 - B. The saltwater lake in Uzbekistan fed by the Syr Darya and Amu Darya rivers.
Ans: **Aral** Sea
 - C. The Hungarian lake, a popular resort area, which is the largest in central Europe.
Ans: Lake **Balaton**
10. March is my favorite time of year, baaay-beee. FTPE given the team who received an NCAA bid this year, you name the conference from which it came.
 - A. Gonzaga Ans: **West Coast** Conference
 - B. College of Charleston Ans: **Southern** Conference (they switched from the Trans-America Athletic Conference after last year)
 - C. Arkansas State University (GO TRIBE) Ans: **Sun-Belt** Conference
11. Identify the authors of the following American short stories.
 - A. Barn Burning Ans: William **Faulkner**
 - B. Shiloh Ans: Bobbie Ann **Mason**
 - C. The Storm Ans: Kate **Chopin**
12. Given the country, identify the current ruling party, (the one controlling Parliament in a split system) FTPE
 - A. Israel Ans: **Likud**
 - B. Germany Ans: **Social-Democratic** Party
 - C. India Ans: **BJP** (Bharatiya Janata Party)
13. Fill in the blanks in the following physical formulas. Do not give the letter, give the quantity it represents. (moderator: read "Blank" where it says it)
 - A. KE equals one-half (BLANK) V squared Ans: **Mass**
 - B. Boyle's Law states that (BLANK) times Volume equals a constant
Ans: **Pressure**
 - C. The Dulong-Petit law states that Atomic Weight times (BLANK) equals a constant
Ans: **Specific Heat**

