

Guerrilla History

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1. In the *Kephalaia*, Mani declared the four great kingdoms of the world to be Persia, Rome, China, and this one. To protect Christians who were being persecuted, a king of this realm invaded a neighboring kingdom ruled by the Jewish prince Yusuf Dhu Nuwas. This kingdom was home to a man credited with creating *zema* church music, St. Yared, and (*) Nine Saints apocryphally proselytized here from Syria. Another king of this realm ruled alongside his twin brother Saizana, and received the missionaries Aedissius and Frumentius. Kaleb and Ezana ruled, for 10 points, what first Christian kingdom to be based in Ethiopia?

ANSWER: Axum

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2. In an open letter that this woman wrote to Dr. Thomas Harding, she exhorted Protestants “Return, return unto Christ’s war.” Tradition holds that after this woman’s beheading, the executioner held up her head and proclaimed “So perish all the queen’s enemies! Behold, the head of a traitor!” The first Duke of Northumberland arranged for this woman to marry his son, Guildford Dudley. Though her death sentence was initially suspended, the participation of her father Henry, the Duke of Suffolk, in (*) Wyatt’s Rebellion prompted this woman’s execution. This successor of Edward VI was deposed by Mary I. For 10 points, name this “Nine Days’ Queen” of England.

ANSWER: Lady Jane Grey [accept Jane Dudley before “Dudley”]

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3. Women called *maquis* accompanied the armies of this empire to provide for their sexual needs. Women who died in childbirth in this empire were likened to the warriors fallen in battle who pulled the sun across the sky. Though not the origin of the process, this empire’s language is the origin of the word (*) nixtamalization (“NISH-tuh-muhl-uh-zay-shun”), which was typically carried out by the women of this empire. One woman’s knowledge of the language of this empire allowed her to communicate with Gerónimo de Aguilar, who then translated for the conqueror of this empire. La Malinche’s knowledge of Nahuatl helped facilitate, for 10 points, the conquest of which empire?

ANSWER: Aztec Empire [accept Triple Alliance]

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4. The *Jixiào xīnshū* describes a multi-tipped spear called a “wolf brush”, created for use in a “mandarin duck formation” during this dynasty. The Tǔnbǎo ethnic group arose from this dynasty’s invasion of Yúnnán. This dynasty’s disinterest in its navy allowed for a surge in activity among the (*) *wōkòu*. In perhaps the largest naval battle in history, the founder of this dynasty defeated Chén Yǒuliàng at the Battle of Lake Póyáng, gaining control of the Yangtze River. For 10 points, identify this dynasty whose founding Hóngwǔ Emperor came to power after conquering the Yuan Dynasty.

ANSWER: Míng Dynasty

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5. A study by Jansen et al. concluded that modern domesticated populations of this animal descend from a minimum of 77 females, but only a few males. Three of these animals speak with a sheep in Schleicher's Fable. Osteological evidence suggests that these animals were used when hunting these animals at the site of Botai. The (*) domestication of these animals was contended to have facilitated the replacement of the elites of "Old Europe" by Marija ("Maria") Gimbutas. In a book partially titled for these animals, David Anthony argues that their use in herding and trade allowed for the spread of Indo-European languages. For 10 points, what are these large animals first domesticated on the Eurasian steppes?

ANSWER: **horses**

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6. James Howard-Johnston argued in a 2010 book that one of these events did not take place, and the general Shahrbaraz defected during one of these events after a letter ordering his murder was intercepted. The Akathist hymn was written after the failure of one of these events. Forces of the Bulgarian Khan (*) Tervel harassed the losing side during one of these events, which legendarily ended after the attacking commander was tricked into burning his grain supplies by Leo III despite later receiving reinforcements from Umar II. For ten points, name these military actions, one of these preceded the installation of Alexius IV as Byzantine Emperor.

ANSWER: **Sieges** of **Constantinople** (prompt on "siege" with "of what city?")

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7. To keep this event a secret, its leader ordered the stoning of his son-in-law, Nicolás Bua. That leader of this event sent word to his *trusted* followers that it would take place on August 11, and sent word to his *less-trusted* followers that it would take place on August 13. Twelve years after this event, the region where it took place was re-occupied by Pedro de Vargas. Governor Antonio de Otermin was besieged during this event, which was led by the medicine man (*) Popé. For 10 points, name this 1680 uprising against Spanish rule by a New Mexico tribe.

ANSWER: the **Pueblo** Revolt [accept **Popé's** Revolt until mentioned]

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8. A gypsum "signboard" found at one of this culture's cities is both the physically largest and one of the longest tokens of its writing. The relative abundance of objects containing this culture's script in (*) Mesopotamia, and lack of the reverse, suggests it was primarily this culture's merchants that transported goods. Unicorns are the most commonly depicted animals on the objects best known for displaying this culture's writing, seals. Asko Parpola has used the homophony of "fish" and "star" in Dravidian languages to suggest that one was represented by this culture's script. For 10 points, identify this Bronze Age culture from South Asia whose writing remains undeciphered.

ANSWER: **Indus Valley** Civilization [or **Harappan** Civilization]

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9. A photo in *LIFE* magazine of this woman aiming a pistol was captioned with a quote by her: “I don’t like these awful toys, but if it is necessary to use them for our country I am ready to.” Members of her women’s paramilitary were paid twice as much as conscripted men. After this woman introduced Morality Laws that banned vices such as dancing -- most notably the Twist -- citizens of her country started going to clubs called “Twisteasies.” This (*) “Dragon Lady” declared “I would clap hands at seeing another monk barbecue show” after Buddhist monks self-immolated. For 10 points, name this *de facto* first lady of South Vietnam, the sister-in-law of Ngo Dinh Diem (“No Din Dyem”).

ANSWER: Madame Ngo Dinh Nhu (“No Din Nyew”) [or Tran Le Xuan (“Tran Lay Swehn”); prompt on Ngo Dinh Diem’s sister-in-law before the end; prompt on Dragon Lady before “Dragon”; prompt on First Lady of South Vietnam or similar answers before “Vietnam”]

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10. When a ruler of this realm hit on a beautiful woman by saying “Through a woman trickled forth the baser things,” she replied “But through a woman came the better things.” That woman from this realm later founded a convent and wrote the poem “Lord, she who fell into many sins.” Another woman who lived in this empire wrote -- among other things -- a commentary on Apollonius of Perga’s *Conics* before being murdered by a Christian (*) mob soon after Cyril became Archbishop of Alexandria. After being banished to a monastery, the daughter of one of its emperors wrote a biography of her father called the *Alexiad*. For 10 points, name this realm of the empress Theodora.

ANSWER: Byzantine Empire [or Byzantium; or Eastern Roman Empire]

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11. This leader obtained French diplomatic recognition of his country by paying an indemnity of 150 million francs. He required peasants to contract themselves to an estate owner or else be considered “vagabonds” as part of his Code Rural. Overthrowing this man was the initial goal of a secret society co-founded by Ramón Matías Mella, (*) La Trinitaria. This man became president after the death of Alexandre Sabès Pétion, and conquered the eastern part of Hispaniola after the suicide of Henry Christophe made him president of a united country. For 10 points, name this man who served as president of Haiti from 1818 to 1843.

ANSWER: Jean-Pierre Boyer

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12. A speech given at this place cited “Indians who...commit their bodies to the fire” and the fact that during sleep, the soul “holds converse with God” as proof that “life, not death, is man’s misfortune.” During the siege of this place, the besiegers constructed earthworks on a ridge called Leuce, and were commanded by Flavius Silva. Ostraca inscribed with the name (*) “ben Yair” were discovered here during an archaeological expedition by Yigael Yadin at this location, the summit of which is reachable by a “snake path.” For 10 points, name this Judean fortress where, according to Josephus, the defenders killed themselves rather than surrender to Rome.

ANSWER: Masada [or Metzada]

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13. **This ruler executed Samuel Zborowski for trying to push his country into war with the Ottoman Empire, and he recruited peasants into a unit known as the “chosen infantry”. This leader’s military reforms led to the adoption of the kopia by his country’s cavalry and he curtailed the rights of the city of Danzig when it rebelled against him after his victory in an election over Maximilian II. Polotsk and (*) Livonia were ceded by Russia to this ruler’s country in the Treaty of Jan Zapolski to end the Livonian War following his unsuccessful siege of Pskov. For ten points, name this militaristic Hungarian Voivode of Transylvania and the last pre-Vasa elected King of Poland-Lithuania.**

ANSWER: **Stephen Báthory** [or **Stefan Batory**]

<Doug Simons>

14. **A letter said of one of these figures, “Her flight from the Soviet Union to the United States was not as dramatic as the flight of her mother”; that letter also acknowledged a gift of a model whaling ship. Another of these figures was the subject of a speech refuting rumors that that he had been rescued by a (*) destroyer after being left behind in the Aleutian Islands. Yet another of these figures is the usual namesake of a speech that a candidate gave about an \$18,000 contribution, in which he said of that figure “We did get...a gift...and regardless of what they say about it, we are going to keep it.” For 10 points, what political figures have included Pushinka, Fala, and Checkers?**

ANSWER: presidents’ **dogs** (The letter in the first clue was written by JFK to Khrushchev, thanking the latter for sending Pushinka. Pushinka’s flight was “not as dramatic” as her mom’s because her mom had gone into space.)

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15. **One side in this war was able to capture an enemy city when a storm drained a lagoon, allowing the attackers access to an undefended section of wall. Though initially supporting it, the brothers Indibilis and Mandonius withdrew support for a mutiny of one side’s troops at Sucro. After losing their Celtic allies to a bribe, the brothers Publius and Gnaeus (*) Scipio were defeated at the Battles of the Upper Baetis during this war. A “reverse” deployment of troops compared to an earlier battle in this war helped one side win the Battle of Ilipa, which was begun by the siege of Saguntum. For 10 points, name this war, where the Iberian Peninsula was the origin of Hannibal’s march to Italy.**

ANSWER: **Second Punic** War [prompt on partial answer]

<Alex Fregeau>

16. **According to one account, this woman replied to a letter demanding her surrender with a letter of her own stating “Cleopatra preferred to die rather than to live in any other save her station.” This queen’s first conquest began with an invasion launched on the pretext of putting down the rebellion of Timagenes. She and her general Zabdas were defeated at Immae and Emesa. After her defeat, she was (*) paraded wearing golden chains so heavy that attendants had to help carry them. After the assassination of her husband Odaenathus, this woman ruled as regent for her son Wahballat until her defeat and capture by Aurelian. For 10 points, name this queen of Palmyra.**

ANSWER: Septimia **Zenobia** [or **Znwbyā** Bat Zabbai]

<Saul Hankin>

17. **The Public Works Act was passed to deal with the unemployment of workers involved with manufacturing with this good, caused by a shortage that factory owners tried to fill with the lower quality Surat variety of this good. Richard Arkwright was the first in Britain to utilize this good for manufacturing in a factory in (*) Manchester, which became known as this good's namesake "-opolis."** A crisis named for a shortage of this good led to a shipment of American food to mill workers in Lancaster and led to the Stalybridge Riots. For ten points, name this good which suffered a "famine" in Britain during the American Civil War.

ANSWER: cotton

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18. **Leucon I of this kingdom gained honorary Athenian citizenship for ensuring grain deliveries after the Peloponnesian War, and its ruler Cotys I was deposed by Nero to allow this kingdom to be annexed into Rome for seven years. Its conquest by Mithridates VI allowed his son Pharnaces II to use it to attack Julius Caesar. Scythian influences on this kingdom led its kings to be buried in royal kurgans, and many artifacts from this kingdom's city of (*) Panticapaeum are now on display in the Hermitage.** For ten points, name this last surviving Hellenistic kingdom, located on the Crimean Peninsula and its namesake waterway, what is the now the Strait of Kerch.

ANSWER: The Bosporan Kingdom [or the Kingdom of the Cimmerian Bosporus]

<Doug Simons>

19. **The Puning temple was built to commemorate one victory over these people. Another leader of these people was killed after losing the Battle of Jao Modo to the Kangxi Emperor after trying to conquer the Khalkha Mongols. That leader was Galdan Khan. One leader of these people, Amursana, led a rebellion against Qing forces that was crushed in the (*) second of the Ten Great Campaigns. An extermination order by the Qianlong Emperor against these people said to "show no mercy to these rebels and to "save only the old and the weak"** For ten points, name this Oirat Mongol people who were subject to a genocide that decreased the population of Xinjiang by 80%.

ANSWER: Dzungars [prompt on Oirats or Mongols until mentioned]

<Doug Simons>

20. **These people may have committed the Punta Lobos massacre, and their conquest was resisted by their last emperor Minchancaman. This culture's capital was dominated by ten large complexes known as ciudadelas. It's not the Moche, but, the Spondylus shell was often used in the art of this culture, whose capital contains a building known as the Nik An which depicts fish and a potential representation of the Humboldt current. These people succeeded the (*) Moche, and they ruled from their capital at Chan Chan.** For ten points, name this culture who controlled the Peruvian coast prior to their conquest by the Inca.

ANSWER: Chimu [or Chimor]

<Doug Simons>

21. **A law code created by a ruler of a polity in this territory includes protection against hunting for birds of prey. Two invasions of this region by the taifa of Dénia were repulsed with aid from Genoa and Pisa. The *Carta de Logu* was a law code created by Eleanor of Arborea, the ruler of one of the medieval *giudicati* ruling this territory. This territory's occupation by (*) Aragon is likely why four "Moor's heads" appear on its flag. The settlement of the War of the Spanish Succession led to this territory being politically joined with Piedmont.** For 10 points, name this second largest Mediterranean island.

ANSWER: Sardinia

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22. **Thomas Welcome Roys developed a specialized gun for use in this industry. Most of the Stone Fleet consisted of ships formerly used in this industry. A center for this industry was the namesake of a “sleighride” describing a potential result of engaging in this industry. In 1871, 33 ships used in this industry were lost after being trapped in (*) ice off the northern coast of Alaska. The most important product derived from this industry was harvested via flensing and rendered into an oil until largely replaced by petroleum products. For 10 points, New Bedford was a center of what industry that hunts the world’s largest animals?**

ANSWER: **whaling**

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23. **A *qay* (“kai”) form of this commodity from southwest Ethiopia was particularly valuable in the Arab world. Restrictions on the trade in this commodity were set by the 1822 Moresby Treaty. The Siddi ethnic group of South Asia arose due to trade in this commodity. The Kingdom of Makuria was obligated to send Arab Egypt 360 units of this commodity annually per the *Baqt* treaty. It’s not ivory, but this commodity was supplied by (*) Tippu Tip. The exploitation of this namesake commodity in southern Iraq led to the Zanj Rebellion. For 10 points, what is this commodity, the most literal form of “human capital”?**

ANSWER: **slaves**

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24. **The Wonoboyo hoard features two golden bowls depicted scenes from a story from this religion and was found near this religion’s Prambanan Temple. A giant swing in Bangkok was used in a ceremony reenacting a myth from this religion until being deemed too dangerous in 1935. Many temples devoted to this religion were built at M̄y Son (“mee sun”) by several rulers of (*) Champa. The Chakri Dynasty is named after a discus wielded by a deity in this religion. The birthplace of a hero in this religion was the namesake of the kingdom of Ayutthaya. For 10 points, Angkor Wat was originally a temple to which religion’s god Vishnu?**

ANSWER: **Hinduism**

<Alex Fregeau>

25. **It’s not the UK, but an engineer from this country proposed connecting the Qattara Depression to the Mediterranean by nuking the land in between. An architect from this country proposed damming the Straits of Gibraltar and Sicily to create the habitable “Atlantropa” region. A regime in this country planned to level (*) Warsaw and rebuild it as a city of only 150,000 people. That regime intended to completely redesign its capital, at the center of which would be a massive stadium, the *Volkshalle*. For 10 points, identify this country, which produced a variety of crazy engineering plans under Nazi rule.**

ANSWER: **Germany**

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26. **The sport of water skiing was invented on Lake Pepin, a wide section of this river. Many people were saved by Tom Lee after the sinking of the *M.E. Norman* on this river. An effort to protect a city from a flood of this river by destroying barriers at Caernarvon was made useless when the river overflowed farther north than anticipated. It’s not in California, but a Congressional act authorized the construction of extensive levees along this river after a devastating flood in (*) 1927. Tecumseh gained support after three earthquakes occurred near the town of New Madrid, supposedly causing this river to flow backwards. For 10 points, identify this largest river in the US.**

ANSWER: **Mississippi** River

<Alex Fregeau>

27. A book challenging traditional histories of this period was criticized for focusing too much attention on the Burgundian court, and is the best known work by Johan Huizinga. Charles H. Haskins wrote a book about a period of this name “in the Twelfth Century,” and the “continuity thesis” opposes its traditional historiography. Jules (*) Michelet gave this period its name in his *Histoire de France*, and the idea of the state as a “work of art” is found in a book on “The Civilization of [this period] in Italy” written by Jakob Burckhardt. For ten points, give this French name given to a period characterized by the rise of humanism and the “rediscovery” of classical art and knowledge.

ANSWER: The Renaissance

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28. The testimony of a Swedish captain was among the evidence that a man killed for causing this event was not actually to blame. In the Netherlands, this event was seen as divine retribution for a raid carried out by Robert Holme. Nicholas If-Christ-had-not-died-for-thee-thou-hadst-been-damned¹ Barbon wrote the *Apology for the Builder* defending his land speculation and illegal construction projects after this event. A survivor of this event recorded (*) burying his wine and Parmesan cheese to protect it from damage. For 10 points, what was this event that destroyed most of the English capital, famously chronicled by Samuel Pepys (“PEEPS”)?

ANSWER: Great Fire of London [accept alternatives including a fire in London in 1666]

¹Yes, this was his actual middle name.

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29. The wife of a ruler from this dynasty commissioned a religious complex that included her own mausoleum and additions to the shrine of Imam Reza from the architect Qavam al-Din Shirazi; that woman who married into this dynasty was Gawhar Shad. The skeleton of this dynasty’s founder was discovered in 1941 under a broken slab of jade in his mausoleum. That mausoleum, whose chapel has a ribbed, blue-tiled dome, is the (*) Gur-e Amir. Another member of this dynasty commissioned an astronomical observatory in their capital, Samarkand. Ulugh Beg and Shah Rukh were members of, for 10 points, what dynasty named for a “lame” Central Asian conqueror?

ANSWER: Timurids [accept any answers describing Timur/Tamerlane’s family/descendants]

<Saul Hankin>

30. This group’s leader declared Abu'l-Fadl al-Isfahani “God incarnate,” though he was soon killed for promoting Zoroastrianism. One group of these people were known as “the Greengrocers” for their vegetarianism, and they broke with related groups by refusing to accept the authority of the Fatimids. This group’s namesake state was founded by Abu Sa'id al-Jannabi, and they were replaced by the Uyunid dynasty. In this group’s most infamous act, (*) dead bodies were thrown down the Zamzam Well and the Black Stone was stolen from the Kaaba. For ten points, name this extremist Isma'ili Shia sect that tried to create a utopian republic in what is now Bahrain.

ANSWER: The Qarmatians

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Tie-Breakers

Among the witnesses during a trial in this country was a woman who claimed that every night since their honeymoon, her husband had placed a pot of water between them when they went to bed. This country's Scientific-Humanitarian Committee sought to overturn Paragraph 175 of its criminal code. A newspaper in this country ran a series of parodic columns whose targets were referred to as "the Harpist" and "Sweetie." In 1907, two men in the inner circle of its ruler were (*) accused of having a homosexual relationship by the journalist Maximilian Harden. For 10 points, name this empire that endured the Eulenburg Affair while ruled by Kaiser Wilhelm II.

ANSWER: **Germany**

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Twelve saints from this island are known as its "apostles", including one whose biography contains the first reference to the Loch Ness monster. A monastery on Iona was founded by people from this island and according to Daniel McCarthy, monks on this island practiced a triangle-shaped tonsure. The monastery at (*) Lindisfarne was founded by followers of this island's Saint Columba. Dal Riata was founded by people from this island, and the mythical Papar were from this island. Invaders of this island were beaten at the Battle of Clontarf by Brian Boru. For ten points, name this island where the Book of Kells was produced and where Vikings founded the city of Dublin.

ANSWER: **Ireland**

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