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1st and 3rd periods. In these periods, your team will choose a category and be read ten questions for you to complete in ninety seconds. After each response, the moderator will indicate whether or not it was correct.

Bonus Category: FORESTS

1. Name any one of the three states included in Yellowstone National Park.

answer: Wyoming, Montana, Idaho

2. The Hundred Acre Wood was the home of what ursine A.A. Milne character visited by Christopher Robin?

answer: Winnie-the-Pooh

3. In a Engelbert Humperdinck opera, what two children are sent into Ilsenstein forest by their mother to look for strawberries?

answer: Hansel & Gretel

4. What large lumberjack cut down forests with Babe the Blue Ox in American folklore?

answer: Paul Bunyan (accept either underlined name)

5. A Maryland forest was used for what 1999 film about Heather, Josh, and Mike getting lost while they make a documentary?

answer: The Blair Witch Project

6. A forest is named for this only man to be governor of two different states, the namesake of Texas' largest city.

answer: Sam Houston

7. Black Forest Cake is a dessert that originated in what country?

answer: Germany

8. In Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Oberon and Titania are king and queen of what forest dwellers?

answer: fairies

9. Found in forests are members of what kingdom that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms?

answer: fungi

10. The Katyn Forest massacre saw the Soviet Union murdering Polish prisoners as part of what conflict?

answer: World War II

These questions are about people named Michael.

1. Name either of the two NBA teams that Michael Jordan played for.

answer: Chicago Bulls, Washington Wizards (accept any underlined answer)

2. A member of Parliament from Cork and part of the Easter Rising, Michael Collins fought for what country's independence?

answer: Ireland

3. In Thessalonians, the biblical Michael is one of these beings that will be heard at the return of Christ.

answer: archangel

4. Scientist Michael Faraday invented an early version of what chemistry lab device named for a German that produces a gas flame?

answer: Bunsen burner

5. What last leader of the Soviet Union pursued the openness policy of Glasnost?

answer: Mikhail Gorbachev [Mikhail is the Russian equivalent of Michael]

6. What quarterback is currently serving time in Leavenworth for his role in a Virginia dog fighting felony?

answer: Michael Vick

7. Michael Bebe is the current governor of what state, whose previous governors include Michael Huckabee and Bill Clinton?

answer: Arkansas

8. What singer starred as the Scarecrow in *The Wiz* and tried to become Agent M in *Men In Black II*?

answer: Michael Jackson

9. Between 811 and 1320, nine Michaels ruled what empire centered at present-day Turkey with capital Constantinople?

answer: The Byzantine Empire or Eastern Roman Empire

10. Michael "Flea" Balzary is a singer for what group whose hits include "Dani California" and "By the Way"?

answer: Red Hot Chili Peppers

1. Atmospheric gases refract what color light more than any other, giving the sky its color?

answer: blue

2. The Montgolfier [mont-GOLF-fee-ay] brothers invented what devices sent up into the stratosphere to check weather conditions?

answer: weather or hot air balloons

3. The majority of our atmosphere is what gas, atomic number 7 and symbol N?

answer: nitrogen

4. What streaks of light in the mesosphere are space rocks burning up?

answer: meteors (accept: meteoroids or meteorites)

5. The atmosphere protects us from what harmful rays shorter than visible light also blocked by sunscreen?

answer: UV or ultraviolet

6. What layer of the atmosphere composed of charged particles lies just beyond the thermosphere?

answer: ionosphere

7. The atmosphere contains trace amount of what gas with a name meaning "new one" used in signs and lamps?

answer: neon

8. Also called the Northern and Southern Lights, these displays are charged particles seen in polar regions.

answer: Aurora Borealis or Australis

9. What device that measures atmospheric pressure may be a mercury glass tube of about 30 inches?

answer: barometer

10. The bacteria generating oxygen 3 billion years ago did so through what process of converting carbon dioxide?

answer: photosynthesis

1. This Mexican item is a flour tortilla wrapped or folded around a filling such as rice or beans.

answer: burrito or taco de harina

2. Name all three flavors combined into Neapolitan ice cream.

answer: chocolate, vanilla, and strawberry

3. What English pie has a mashed potato crust and lamb inside?

answer: Shepherd's pie (accept: Cottage Pie)

4. French for "lightning", what term means a long pastry filled with icing?

answer: éclair

5. Mrs. T's sells these Polish dumplings filled with cheese, potatoes, or fried onions.

answer: pirogies (of various spellings)

6. Commonly said to be raw fish, what dish is made with vinegared rice and means "it's sour" in Japanese?

answer: sushi

7. What Greek dish of meat and potatoes can also be another name for a submarine sandwich?

answer: gyro (accept: hero)

8. One type of this is Butterbrezel ["butter"-bray-zel] in Germany. Covered in salt, they are sold as three-looped knots.

answer: pretzels

9. Derived from Hungarian for "cattle herdsman", what soup has beef, red onions, and paprika powder?

answer: goulash

10. French for "perfect" is what frozen cream custard, usually with a fruit puree?

answer: parfait

1. Castanets, snare drums, and cymbals are part of what orchestra section?

answer: percussion

2. What term describes a person who leads an orchestra or sells tickets on a train?

answer: conductor

3. What brass instrument with a slide and long S shape is related to the sackbut?

answer: trombone

4. Zoltán Kodaly, Franz Liszt, and Béla Bartók are composers from what country whose capital is Budapest?

answer: Hungary

5. The Stradivari and Guarneri families were known for making what bowed string instrument played by Itzhak [ITS-zak] Perlman?

answer: violin (accept: fiddle)

6. What Debussy piano suite has a French name meaning "moonlight"?

answer: Clair de Lune

7. The subject of the 1984 film *Amadeus*, what composer wrote *The Magic Flute* and *Don Giovanni*?

answer: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

8. What small flute similar to a fife is the name of an evil, green demon king in *Dragon Ball Z*?

answer: piccolo (accept: **Piccolo Daimao**)

9. *Songs of Joy and Peace* was a 2008 album by what Chinese American cellist?

answer: Yo-Yo Ma

10. What collective name is given to Vivaldi's concertos called Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter?

answer: The Four Seasons (do not accept "The Seasons")

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2nd period: This period contains twenty tossups worth 10 points each. When you think you know the answer, signal with your buzzer and your team will have five seconds to respond.

TOSSUPS:

1. Between 1096 and 1270 the Albigensian and Children's were part of what Christian efforts to remove Muslims from the Holy Land and stamp out heresy?

answer: The Crusades

2. In the logo programming language, this feature is a turtle, while text editors might use an underscore, a solid rectangle, an arrow, or a vertical line that may flash. What is this indicator of position on a monitor?

answer: cursor or caret (prompt on "pointer", as in "mouse pointer")

3. What year, one after the Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention and the year before a Compromise that admitted California as a state, saw prospectors emigrate to California, as noted in an NFL team name?

answer: 1849

4. In English, the present perfect tense is always formed by conjugating what verb?

answer: to have (accept has)

5. Who caused a scare in October 1938 by dramatizing *War of the Worlds* on the radio causing people to think Martians really were invading, and has a name that is a homonym of the author of *War of the Worlds*?

answer: Orson Welles [*War of the Worlds* was written by H. G. Wells]

6. In the Meissner effect, one can levitate above a superconductor. Lodestone is a natural one used to make compasses. What are these objects that attract or repel each other, and hold notes on refrigerator doors?

answer: magnet

7. Donna Jo Napoli set this story in Tasmania, and it is the basis of the musical *Honk!*, Name this Hans Christian Andersen character that almost freezes to death, is shunned by a cat and a hen, but ultimately is accepted by other swans.

answer: The Ugly Duckling

8. What term describes the arrangement of six carbon atoms in benzene, the "fire" pattern of earthquake and volcanic zones around the Pacific Ocean, or the circular marks found in tree stumps?

answer: ring(s) (accept: Benzene ring, Ring of Fire, tree rings)

9. A place in a perspective drawing where parallel lines appear to converge, what kind of artistic point is said to be the point beyond which something disappears or ceases to exist?

answer: vanishing point (accept word forms)

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10. Sunnyvale, Fremont, Berkeley and Oakland are near the shores of what body of water located south of San Pablo and spanned by the Golden Gate Bridge?

answer: San Francisco Bay

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11. Football players used to yell this word when tackled so that opponents would stop piling on. In the Canadian league, three is standard. What is this term that refers to the tries a team has to earn ten yards?

answer: down

12. People left what country during the Mariel Boatlift of 1980, the same country that Elian Gonzalez was returned to in 2000 as requested by the government of Fidel Castro?

answer: Cuba

13. Complete this quotation from St John's Church in Richmond, March 1775: "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me [what?]."

answer: Give me liberty, or give me death [the speaker is Patrick Henry]

14. With works about farm life such as *Sugaring-Off*, the painter Anna Mary Robertson Moses is better known by what nickname given to her because she began painting in her seventies?

answer: Grandma Moses

15. Name either of the official languages of the country of Chad in central Africa.

answer: French or Arabic

16. Poker player Phil Laak ["LOCK"] is known by what nickname for pulling up his hooded sweatshirt, also the nickname of the man apprehended in Montana in 1998 after authorities suspected Theodore Kaczynski of sending explosives to universities and airlines?

answer: The Unabomber

17. In medieval times, Stephen Friar said one of its feathers could restore sight to the blind. What are these creatures known to guard treasure with the wings and head of an eagle and body of a lion?

answer: griffin (do not accept "Gryffindor")

18. Druze, Fatimid, Wahabhi [wah-HAB-bee], Sunni, and Shiite are denominations in what religion?

answer: Islam or the Muslim faith

19. Whose military division blocked Lee's escape at Appomattox Court House, but is better known for being blocked from escape by Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse at Little Bighorn, known as his "last stand"?

answer: George Armstrong Custer

20. Pencil and paper ready. What is the square root of 225? That is to say, what number times itself equals 225?

answer: 15 (accept: -15)

4th period: This period contains twenty tossups worth 15 points each. When you think you know the answer, signal with your buzzer and your team will have five seconds to respond.

TOSSUPS:

1. An Edmund Randolph plan at the constitutional convention to allocate Congressional seats by population was named for this state, and the New Jersey plan was introduced to oppose it. Nathaniel Bacon led a rebellion in this state, and its Southampton County saw a large slave revolt led by Nat Turner. This state's House of Burgesses first met in 1619 in Jamestown. For 15 points--name this state whose capital is Richmond.

answer: Virginia (accept: Virginia Plan, The Virginia Rebellion, et cetera)

2. This film's characters ride a dinosaur skull through a vineyard. Teenager Sean Anderson's father went missing ten years ago, and when new seismic activity begins in Iceland, Sean and Trevor go to investigate. Sean's father left clues in a copy of his favorite Jules Verne book. For 15 points--name this 2008 Brendan Fraser film in which the characters find an ocean deep inside our planet.

answer: Journey to the Center of the Earth

3. Erosion has caused these to move so now Goat Island now separates them. Ships use the Welland Canal to avoid this landmark. Its sections include American, Horseshoe, and Bridal, and the Rainbow bridge connects cities by this name in both New York and Ontario. The Horseshoe section is 173 feet high and is a source of hydroelectric power. For 15 points--name this waterfall.

answer: Niagara Falls

4. All concert harp strings are tuned this way. The French word *bemolle* [beh-MOLE] indicates one in music, and a double one is created by writing the symbol twice. There is one of these accidentals in the key signature of F major. For 15 points--name this symbol shown as a stylized lowercase "b" indicating the lowering of a note's pitch by one half step, which is the opposite of a sharp.

answer: flat

5. When Wilt Chamberlin scored his record one hundred basketball points, he was playing in this city's arena, now home to the AHL Bears. This city was originally called Derry Church, but was renamed for a local businessman. Located fourteen miles east of Harrisburg, its former soccer team was called the Wildcats after a roller coaster. For 15 points--name this Pennsylvania location of a theme park, a place known as "Chocolatetown, USA".

answer: Hershey, Pennsylvania

6. It is said Christianity came to the Germanic peoples when this man's Oak tree fell. Goats pull his chariot and he has a hammer Mjolnir [MOLL-nir] that always comes back to him. His wife's name is Sif and his parents were Odin and the giantess Jörd. For 15 points--name this red-haired Norse God of Thunder who lent his name to the fourth day of the school week.

answer: Thor (do not accept "Thur")

7. The Exmouth and Taitao are Chilean ones and these are often also spits, promontories, or headlands. Greece and Croatia are part of the Balkan one while the Sinai one is Egyptian. Italy and Florida are also examples. For 15 points--name this type of land surrounded on most of its sides by water.

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8. Gwendolyn Brooks, Wallace Stevens, and Ezra Pound were known for creating these. The Jintishi is a Chinese form of this, and other forms include the Sestina, Villanelle, and Ruba'i. A "slam" is a competition in which people recite original ones, or they might read an ode, haiku, or sonnet. For 15 points--name this literary form that often rhymes.

answer: poem or poetry

9. Prevarication and equivocation mean to do this, an act Saint Augustine divided into eight different kinds, some of which were more severe than others. Christians are prohibited by God from doing this in the ninth commandment, and perjury is doing this while under oath. For 15 points--"bearing false witness" means to commit what act that a polygraph is a "detector" for and which can make Pinocchio's nose grow?

answer: telling a lie or mislead or equivalent

10. Pencil and paper ready. Harry Potter is holding a Galleon, money equal to 17 Sickles. Each Sickle is worth 29 Knuts. If Harry were to exchange his Galleon completely into Knuts, then for 15 points--how many Knuts would Harry have? You get 10 seconds.

answer: 493 Knuts

11. The Quetzalcoatlus [KWET-zal-coh-AT-lus] is one of these discovered in Texas that had an elongated fourth finger. Fossils found in 2004 in China suggest that they evolved from tree-dwelling creatures that ate insects. They were the first vertebrates to evolve powered flight. For 15 points--name these creatures that used to be called Ornithosauria, or "bird lizards", flying reptiles of the Cretaceous period.

answer: Pterosaurs or pterodactyls [tear-oh-DACK-till] (do not prompt on "dinosaur", as pterodactyls are in a different order altogether)

12. In 2005 this player was Tyler Paklo's backup at Pittsburgh. The 2007 ECAC Player of the Year, he has become part of a Suggs package with Troy Smith. This quarterback lost to Appalachian State when he led the University of Delaware to the 2007 I-AA Championship game. For 15 points--name this Baltimore Raven.

answer: Joe Flacco

13. This astronomical body experiences Transient Phenomena, light flashes around its Aristarchus plateau. It is receding two inches per year and would escape its orbit in about fifty billion years. If this object didn't exist, the Earth would have a six hour day because Earth would spin faster. For 15 points--name this satellite with a month-long orbit, very prominent in the nighttime sky.

answer: Earth's Moon or Luna

14. Items not in accordance with this are called treif. Not all who follow this observe the rule against new grain before the 16th of the month Nisan. Fish must have fins and scales to have this property, meat and milk may not be mixed, and leavened bread may not be consumed for Passover. For 15 points--name this set of Jewish dietary laws.

answer: kosher or kashrut

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15. At one point in this film, Cady tricks Regina into eating weight gain bars, which are not a diet like Regina thinks. Based on Rosalind Wiseman's book, *Queen Bees and Wannabes*, this film follows the Plastics. A riot at school occurs when the Burn Book of rumors and gossip is shown to everyone, and at the end a new clique of freshman girls is shown forming. For 15 points--name this 2003 film starring Tina Fey and Lindsay Lohan about some very not-nice females.

answer: Mean Girls

16. His Seville Cathedral tomb is flanked by statues representing Castile, Leon, Aragon, and Navarre Kingdoms. This man founded the La Navidad colony near the Lucayan, Taíno and Arawak peoples. On August 3, he departed from Palos de la Frontera and on October 12 his crew member Rodrigo de Triana sighted what he called San Salvador. For 15 points--the Pinta, Nina, and Santa Maria were used by what man in 1492 to cross the Atlantic Ocean, whose day is now celebrated in October?

answer: Christopher Columbus or Cristoforo Colombo

17. The use of this symbol with commas is appropriate in the sentence "Alex scored 70 points; Joe, 40; and Sid, 10". You might also use it between closely related clauses such as "I went to school; I was told it was closed because of needed repairs". For 15 points--name this symbol on a computer keyboard home row where you should place your right pinky finger, made up of a comma with a dot above it.

answer: semicolon

18. They originally were consumer goods developed by the Quintessons. In *Beast Wars* the Maximals were the descendants of this side of the original war. In the 1980's cartoon, this group's computer Teletraan existed inside a volcano. Members of this group include Dai Atlas, Ironhide, Red Alert, Climpjumper, and Bumblebee. For 15 points--name this group of Transformers led by Optimus Prime that battles the Decepticons.

answer: Autobots (prompt on "Transformers")

19. In science, its reciprocal is a period, and it is measured in hertz. This physical quantity can be expressed in revolutions per minute such as thirty-three and one third on musical records. In statistics, this can mean the number of items in a given category. For 15 points--give this term, the "F" in FM radio.

answer: frequency [FM stands for frequency modulation]

20. Ohio Senator Robert Taft was known as the "Mister" of this group. It was created in opposition to the 1854 Kansas-Nebraska Act and many Whigs joined this group. John C. Fremont was its first Presidential candidate and recent leaders of this group have included Newt Gingrich and Ronald Reagan. For 15 points--name this political party that in 2008 nominated John McCain as its candidate.

answer: Republican Party