

## Eminent Victorians

### Packet 10: The Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Nineteenth Century

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1. The early abstract works *The Sheltering Wing* and *The Flower and Fruit of Henry Lenny* were painted by Georgiana Houghton during these events. John King's daughter Katie was a popular attendee at these events, where she was often photographed by William Crookes. Robert Browning's poem parodying Daniel Dunglas Home ["hume"] as "Mr. Sludge" may have inspired Randolph Henry Ash's disparaging poem about these events in an A.S. Byatt novel. Over the course of several of these events, T. P. James completed *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. Eva (+) Carrière used hilarious cardboard cutouts during these events to represent people like King Ferdinand of Bulgaria. The Seybert Commission investigated these events, which used methods like "table turning." Nettie Colburn Maynard was hired to run these events in White House Red Room by (\*) Mary Todd Lincoln. For 10 points, name these events where apports, cabinets, and ouija boards were used by mediums to contact spirits.

ANSWER: séances [prompt on possessions]

2. An essay by this thinker responds "man preys on man; and you mourn for the idle tapestry that decorated a gothic pile" in a passage that ends with two lines of dashes signifying true emotion. That essay by this thinker redefines the sublime as "morals" and the beautiful as "simplicity." John Gregory is one of the thinkers this thinker attacks for trying to create a "spaniel-like affection." An essay by this author defends a sermon by Richard Price and criticizes (+) Burke's exalted description of Marie Antoinette for convincing women that "littleness and weakness are the very essence of beauty." In another book, this thinker attacks conduct books and Rousseau's (\*) *Emile* for aiming to create "silly women" who exist for their husbands' pleasure. For 10 points, name this author who vindicated the rights of both men and women.

ANSWER: Mary Wollstonecraft

3. In a novel by this author, a jealous husband pushes a moveable hut containing his wife and her lover off a cliff. That novel by this author follows the disappointing life of a baron's daughter from her teenage exit from a convent to her death. A novella by this author about the crowning of a "Rose King" was adapted by Benjamin Britten into the opera *Albert Herring*. One of this author's characters fights an incompetent duel with a gossip columnist from *La Plume*. In a novel by this author of (+) *Une Vie*, a character makes a fortune off insider trading in Morocco using information from a mistress desperate to win him back. In this author's most famous novel, Madeleine ghostwrites journal articles for a handsome ex-soldier named Georges Duroy ["zhorz doo-wah"]. For 10 points, name this author of (\*) *Bel-Ami*, as well as the short stories "The Piece of String" and "The Necklace."

ANSWER: Guy de Maupassant

4. Advances into this dynasty's language were confirmed by the Caylus vase, which is inscribed with the name of a ruler of this dynasty in Egyptian hieroglyphs. Two gold bracelets with ends formed as winged monsters are part of a "treasure" of this dynasty's metalwork found in a riverbank in the 1870s. By guessing that a recurring series of symbols was a formulaic epithet, Georg Friedrich Grotefend correctly deduced the names of three rulers from this dynasty in the Niebuhr inscriptions. An enigmatic "Cube" building and the (+) "DNA" inscription were found at a necropolis for four rulers of this dynasty cut high into a cliff face. The British Museum houses a seal from this non-Assyrian dynasty that shows its ruler hunting lions from a chariot. Henry Rowlandson broke open the decipherment of cuneiform by recording a trilingual inscription from this dynasty at (\*) Behistun. For 10 points, name this dynasty whose archeological sites include Persepolis.  
 ANSWER: Achaemenids [or the Achaemenid Empire; accept the First Persian Empire; prompt on Persian Empire]

5. This composer was convinced that his set of Swedish-inspired works for violin and piano would be "quickly boiled, baked and roasted, and easily spread about" like Brahms' *Hungarian Dances*. Mily Balakirev's *Collection of Russian Folk Songs* inspired a suite by this composer that features a lively arrangement of "Song of the Volga Boatmen." A melody from a Good Friday procession this composer witnessed in Capri opens his *Concerto for Two Pianos and Orchestra*, written for the Sutro sisters. The *Allegro* (+) *guerriero* fourth movement of another work by this composer opens with a short violin and harp melody that is repeated by the orchestra. That work by this composer quotes folk songs like "The Dusty Miller" and "Hey Tuttie Tatie." One work for cello and orchestra by this composer quotes Isaac Nathan's arrangement for Lord Byron's poem "O Weep for Those" and the melody for a declaration made on (\*) Yom Kippur. For 10 points, name this composer of *Scottish Fantasy* and *Kol Nidrei*.  
 ANSWER: Max Bruch

6. James Maxwell poked fun at Peter Tait's book about the afterlife, *The Unseen Universe*, in a poem comparing his soul to one of these objects. In his lectures in Vienna, Wilhelm Wirtinger outlined a method of presentation for computing these objects. The Flying conjecture is one of three conjectures proposed by Tait during his study of these objects, all of which were helped proven by Morwen Thistlethwaite. Lord Kelvin's vortex theory of the (+) atom conjectured that chemical elements corresponded to these objects within vortices of the luminiferous aether. Johann Benedict Listing first suggested that a simple one of these objects is chiral. That statement was later proven by Max Dehn, and can be shown by the Jones polynomial invariant. Carl Friedrich Gauss assigned numbers to describe links made up of multiple of these objects. For 10 points, name these mathematical objects defined as an embedding of a (\*) circle in 3-dimensional space and include Solomon's seal, the trefoil, and the pretzel.  
 ANSWER: knots [accept knot group, prompt on links]

7. A contemporary cartoon showed this book's author barefoot with a Latin caption meaning "one man by running about is restoring us to our state." Keith Bosley's *Oxford World Classics* edition of this book uses irregular lines of 5 to 9 syllables, rather than the strict meter of W. F. Kirby. A suicidal character in this book questions his sword, who tells him that it will happily drink the blood of both the innocent and guilty. That episode from this book inspired a different author's (+) *Tale of the Children of Húrin*. Longfellow adapted the trochaic tetrameter of *The Song of Hiawatha* from a German translation of this book, which was stitched together over 15 years from thousands of folk songs collected in (\*) Karelia. For 10 points, name this book of mythic poetry by Elias Lonnrot.  
 ANSWER: *The* Kalevala

8. In 1854, a small dispute over the price of some rice in this city escalated into the racially charged Five Cattles of Rice Riots. After a carpenter in this city tried to kill its first “Protector” with an ax, an ordinance cracked down on so-called “Secret Societies.” Many of this city’s ethnic neighborhoods date to its gridded Jackson Plan, which also mandated uniform “five-foot way” shopfronts now used by many (+) hawkers. A shrine to Mazu in this city called Thian Hock Keng was built by Hokkien-speaking immigrants, who also established coffee shops called kopitiams. Tengku Hussein ceded the land that became this city in return for recognition as the Sultan of Johor. After 1867, this city was grouped with Penang and (\*) Malacca in the Straits Settlements. For 10 points, name this city built up by Stamford Raffles at the tip of the Malay Peninsula.

ANSWER: Singapore

9. In this year, “Padre Himalaya” demonstrated a series of concentric mirrors that produced a sunbeam hot enough to melt rocks, a device he called the pyreliophorus. Several locals donated their pet owls to help populate a gigantic aviary built in this year. Indigenous people from around the world competed in both European sports and so-called “savage-friendly” contests during this year’s infamous Anthropology Days. During an event held in this year, Felix Carvajal took a nap after eating some (+) rotten peaches, and eventual winner Thomas Hicks barely finished due to his steady intake of brandy and strychnine. The ostensible winner of that insane marathon held in this year turned out to have traveled 11 miles by car. In this year, Ota Benga and Geronimo were among the hundreds of people “displayed” at a notoriously imperialist event held in (\*) Forest Park. For 10 points, name this year in which both the World’s Fair and the Olympics were hosted in St. Louis to celebrate the centennial of the Louisiana Purchase.

ANSWER: 1904 [prompt on 04]

10. After calling this location “blind as the fool’s heart,” the speaker of a poem rhetorically asks “not see? because of night perhaps?” and “not hear? when noise was everywhere!” This location’s creator cautioned against giving it an allegorical interpretation, writing that “it came upon me as a kind of dream” and “I do not know what I meant beyond that.” This location supposedly sits between “a tall scalped mountain” and hills “crouched like two bulls locked horn in horn in fight.” A group called “the (+) Band” failed to find this location, which is situated beyond grass “scant as hair/ in leprosy” and a river apparently full of dead bodies. The speaker remembers “lost peers” like Giles and Cuthbert and blows a “slug-horn” when he seems to have located this “round squat (\*) turret” in a blighted land. For 10 points, name this title location of a Robert Browning poem, which is quested for by Childe Roland.

ANSWER: The Dark Tower

11. A 160-foot corridor in this building is topped by three large painted skylights, four large mirrors *enfilade* and mirrored double doors at the end to create an effect of infinite expanse. Despite not being in the Gothic revival style, two round turrets and several flying buttresses sit behind this building’s main dome. A silver dragon perches on top of the central chandelier in this building’s Banqueting Room, which hangs underneath a dome painted with plantain leaves. This building’s “Long Gallery” features red silk hexagonal lanterns and cast-iron staircase balustrades shaped into bamboo as part of its eccentric (+) chinoiserie interior. Gothick elements on this building’s exterior clash with its 10 minarets and 10 onion domes. The Prince Regent commissioned this Indo-Saracenic Revival building after being told that seawater might help his gout. For 10 points, name this (\*) orientalist royal residence designed by John Nash in an oceanside resort town.

ANSWER: Royal Pavilion [or Brighton Pavilion]

12. Ludwig Rehn blamed the discovery of occupational bladder cancer on workers' inhalation of this compound, though modern research attributes the cause to other industrial compounds. An acetyl derivative of this compound, Antifebrin, was marketed as an analgesic until it was discovered that it had a toxic side effect of cyanosis caused by methemoglobinemia. It's not soda, but the current largest chemical producer in the world, (+) BASF, was founded to extract this compound from the coal tar byproduct of Mannheim's gasworks. While oxidizing this compound in an attempt to synthesize quinine, William Henry Perkin discovered a purple residue he called mauveine that became the first commercial synthetic dye. The Bechamp reduction uses iron and hydrochloric acid to reduce (\*) nitrobenzene to produce this compound. For 10 points, name this organic compound consisting of a benzene ring with an amine group attached.

ANSWER: aniline

13. In a story by this author, Life and Love journey inland from a beach with their child, who one night changes from Joy into Sympathy. In a novel by this author, a mysterious stranger interprets a child's carving as the story of a hunter who spends his whole life climbing a mountain in pursuit of the bird of Truth. Allegorical vision stories like "The Artist's Secret" and "The Lost Joy" appear in this author's collection *Dreams*. This author used the pseudonym Ralph Iron to publish a novel in which Gregory Rose dresses as a female nurse in order to care for a dying feminist. In that novel by this author, Bonaparte (+) Blenkins scams his way into being the schoolmaster of Em, Lyndall, and Waldo by flattering their Boer matriarch. For 10 points, name this socially conscious Cape Colonist, the author of (\*) *The Story of an African Farm*.

ANSWER: Olive Schreiner

14. After running out of cannonballs, a ship on this river began firing wheels of stale cheese until it dismantled its pursuer and escaped. The Palmerston government ended support for a five-year Anglo-French blockade of this river when defenders repelled an armed trade mission heading inland. Alexandre Dumas was inspired to write *The New Troy* after the "Defence Government" of a city on this river successfully resisted a nine year siege. The Irish sailor William Brown was known as this river's "Nelson" for constructing a navy on it. The Thirty-Three (+) Easterners swore an oath to unite the eastern bank of this river with the United Provinces across from it. Giuseppe Garibaldi commanded an amphibious guerilla force based on this river, leading his Redshirts against Manuel Oribe's National Party. For 10 points, name this river, by which the (\*) Colorados and Blancos fought for control of Montevideo.

ANSWER: Río de la Plata [or the Plate River; prompt on the Paraná River, the Uruguay River, or the Río Negro with "that river is part of what river's basin?"]

15. In one variation from this ballet, the *danseur* travels diagonally repeating a *sissonne-failli* [sees-UHN fye-YEE], *assemblé volée* [ah-som-BLAY vol-AY] sequence four times to represent flying. That variation ends with seven *entrechats six* [awn-truh-shah sees] followed by a double tour to the knee. Rudolf Nureyev modified an Act III variation in this ballet into a difficult piece featuring four consecutive *double tours* and a *bravura manège* of barrel turns, *coupés jetés*, and rapid-fire *chaînés* [shen-AY]. (+) Florine, the Bluebird, and Puss-in-Boots have featured dances in the third act of this ballet. The ballerina brings her arms into fifth between each *danseur* as she completes a set of attitude balances en pointe supported by her four suitors in this ballet's Rose Adagio. The Lilac Fairy entices the prince to end a (\*) curse in this ballet's "Vision: pas d'action." For 10 points, name this Tchaikovsky ballet where Prince Désiré awakens Princess Aurora after 100 years.

ANSWER: *The* *Sleeping Beauty* [or *Spyashaya krasavitsa*]

16. Late in life, the former leader of a group centered around this figure instead promoted a controversial “New Dispensation” that claimed to have harmonized all religions. A group named for this figure broke apart when that leader, who had campaigned against child marriages, married off his 13 year old daughter to a local prince. Anusthanic and ananusthanic worshippers of this figure disagreed over the immortal nature of the soul. A movement centered around this figure schismmed over Keshab Chunder Sen’s acceptance of women and promotion of Christian theology. Vedic authority and the (+) caste system were repudiated in a movement centered on this figure begun by Ram Mohan Roy, which rejected “idol-worship” in favor of montheistic worship of this figure. After Mughal rule, one of the few temples to this figure was rebuilt in Pushkar. For 10 points, an influential samaj based in Calcutta is named for what (\*) creator in the Trimurti?

ANSWER: **Brahma** [accept **Brahmo**; accept **Brahmo** Samaj; accept **Brahmo** Sabha; accept **Brahmoism**]

17. Tanyus Shahin led peasant communities of these people in a revolt in Kisrawan against their noble Khazen family. These people spread increasingly southward as some of their families dominated the regional silk industry at factories like Hamada, necessitating a partition called the Double Qaimaqamate. The *Règlement Organique* agreements ended an ethnic war in which these people were supported by Napoleon III against their British-backed neighbors. After this group was defeated at their stronghold of Zahlé, the Muslim population of (+) Damascus massacred residents of the Bab Sharqi quarter. An allied grain blockade and deliberate starvation policies by Jamal Pasha killed about half of this ethnoreligious group’s population during WWI. Mass emigration of this group from the Ottoman Empire began after a brutal civil war with the (\*) Druze. For 10 points, name these Christian people of Mount Lebanon.

ANSWER: **Maronites** [accept **Lebanese Christians** before “Lebanon”; prompt on **Christians**, prompt on **Lebanese**]

18. A company making this product became the center of a bitter legal battle when the Hoagland family ousted co-founder William Ziegler and increased their own salaries significantly. A scandal erupted in Missouri after Ziegler bribed Lieutenant Governor Lee to pass laws banning the cheaper alum versions of this product, which did not require importing a part from France. This was the original product sold by (+) Dr. Oetker. Eben Norton Horsford developed the first double-acting type of this product using calcium biphosphate, which he named after Count Rumford. Prior to the invention of this product, pearlash or a soured, unpasteurized milk called clabber were used to achieve the same effect. For 10 points, name this mixture of (\*) cornstarch, cream of tartar, and sodium bicarbonate that is used to leaven baked goods.

ANSWER: **baking powder** [reject “baking soda”]

19. In *Of Human Bondage*, Lawson agrees to spare this author from a hypothetical bonfire of Victorian writers. In one preface, this author tells readers to know an object as it really is by considering “what is this song or picture, this engaging personality presented in life or in a book, to ME?” A chapter by this author describes a woman who “is older than the rocks among which she sits” and who “like the vampire... has been dead many times, and learned the secrets of the grave; and has been a diver in deep seas.” Lord Henry Wotton repeatedly misquotes this author in (+) *The Picture of Dorian Gray*. This author’s infamous “Conclusion” includes the injunction to “burn always with this hard, gemlike flame,” which became a motto for the Aesthetic Movement. This author wrote that all art aspires to the condition of music in a book that includes essays like (\*) “Pico della Mirandola” and “The School of Giorgione.” For 10 points, name this English critic who wrote *The Renaissance*.

ANSWER: Walter **Pater**

20. A book titled for this kind of location tracks environmental changes like land use and commercial hunting in the early modern period and is by John F. Richards. Owen Lattimore used these locations to model Chinese history as a permanent conflict between farming and pastoral cultures. The administrative region of British India bordered by the Durand Line was named for being this kind of location, as was the region around the Biobío River in Chile. Mining, (+) trading, and farming dimensions of this location are put forward in an essay that claims its availability to a “fit people” formed a more egalitarian society. A theorist of this location declared it “closed” based on the population density reported in the 1890 census. For 10 points, (\*) Frederick Jackson Turner argued that American democracy formed in what imperial boundary between so-called “wilderness” and settlement?

ANSWER: the frontier [accept the Frontier Thesis; accept the North-West Frontier; accept *Inner Asian Frontiers of China*; accept the *Unending Frontier*]

21. The composition of this painting may have been inspired by a realist Verhas painting of schoolgirls celebrating a royal wedding. A figure in a tall conical red hat at the left of this painting is similar to the artist’s painting of Pierrot, and has been identified as a self-portrait. Stefan Jonsson connected this painting to Bosch’s *Ship of Fools*, arguing that they share a “red thread of madness.” A bishop with a baton throwing his head back at the front of this painting caricatures (+) Émile Littré. This painting contains two incongruous vanishing points, one guided by a green platform to the right and one guided by a central group that contains a marching band. This painting nearly caused its artist to be expelled from Les XX [lay VEN], who refused to exhibit it. In this painting, a mask-wearing parade marches toward the viewer under a banner reading (\*) “Vive la Sociale.” For 10 points, name this large painting depicting Jesus riding into a European capital by James Ensor.

ANSWER: Christ’s Entry into Brussels in 1889

22. *Note to moderator: please emphasize the words “first” and “last” when used to describe “name” as the indicator*

The Jewel Fund bookplate depicts a person with this last name, who sold her jewels for an endowment to purchase books. David Starr Jordan helped cover up the still-unsolved murder of a person with this last name by announcing that she died of heart failure when she was actually poisoned with strychnine in Hawaii. The 20th century’s first “Trial of the Century” revolved around the murder of a person with this first name, who had abused the fashion model (+) Evelyn Nesbit. Harry Thaw shot a man with this first name to death at Madison Square Garden, which that man with this first name co-designed. A philanthropist with this last name commissioned Eadweard Muybridge to photograph his horses in motion to analyze their gait. For 10 points, give this last name of a (\*) railroad tycoon who founded a university in memory of his son in Palo Alto.

ANSWER: Stanford [accept Leland Stanford; accept Stanford White; accept Jane Stanford]