

## Eminent Victorians

### Packet 6: The Stuck-Up, Half-Witted, Scruffy-Looking Nineteenth Century

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1. Modern art in Iran is said to have begun after the completion of a painting of a place named for these objects by an artist known as “Perfection on Land,” or Kamal-ol-Molk. After a visit to Shah Cheragh Mosque, 20th-century artist Monir Farmanfarmaian began using Qajar reverse glass painting and these objects in her artworks. These non-flower objects were often used to decorate entrances and reception halls such as at Golestan Palace in a technique called *aina-kari*. They’re not coins or buttons, but small bits of these objects are sewn onto clothing in (+) shisha embroidery to ward off the evil eye. Gustave Courbet painted the red-haired Joanna Hiffernan with one of these objects in *The Beautiful Irishwoman*. In another painting, a gentleman in a top hat appears at a seemingly impossible angle in one of these things placed behind a (\*) barmaid. For 10 points, what sort of object makes up the back wall in Manet’s *Bar at the Folies-Bergère*?

ANSWER: mirrors [prompt on glass]

2. A ritual in this movement is followed by a smaller ritual in which participants sit in a line and use synchronized hand movements to express the six aspects of providence. In this movement’s creation story, humans are born from 900,099,999 [“nine hundred million, ninety-nine thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine”] creatures drawn from a primordial muddy ocean. This movement teaches that the body is “a thing lent, a thing borrowed” from the creator, but that the mind expresses one’s individual “causality.” In this movement’s central Service, 10 mask-wearers drawn from church headquarters dance around a central pole that marks the (+) axis mundi. This non-Christian movement’s founder spent three days in a revelatory trance before dismantling her house and starting to perform miraculous healings. In this movement, spontaneous acts of contribution such as community service can help sweep away the Eight Mental Dusts and cultivate the gratitude of the Joyous Life. For 10 points, (\*) Nakayama Miki founded what Japanese new religious movement?

ANSWER: Tenrikyo [accept Tenriism]

3. Rioting forced this commander to abandon a diplomatic appointment in Vienna after this commander hoisted a tricolor flag at the embassy and refused to take it down. With Marshal Radetzky, this commander created a military strategy of targeting subordinate commanders called the Trachenberg Plan. The memory of the complimentary order of the day that this commander issued at Wagram led a division of five thousand Saxons to defect to this commander at the Battle of (+) Leipzig. This commander was criticized for obeying written orders to remain at Dornburg and not joining the forces of Davout [“dah-voo”] at Auerstadt. The obscure courtier Karl Otto Mörner was arrested for unilaterally offering this commander a vacant heirship in a move surprisingly confirmed by the (\*) Riksdag. For 10 points, name this Napoleonic Marshal unexpectedly elected as Crown Prince of Sweden.

ANSWER: Jean Baptiste Jules Bernadotte [or Charles XIV John or Karl XIV Johan or Charles III John of Norway]

4. *Note to players: description acceptable*

Friends claimed that they could exactly pinpoint the moment this period began within a novella that includes dialogue tags like “she passionately asseverated.” Philip Guedalla’s quip about a body of work’s “simple dynastic arrangement” calls this period “The Old Pretender.” The employment of stenographer William MacAlpine during this period may have caused a shift in sentence structure. This period begins with “The Treacherous Years” in a massive six-volume biography by (+) Leon Edel. The stylistic break marking this period followed the depressing failure of *Guy Domville* on stage and a move to rural Sussex; an author then churned out “impressionistic” novels including one about Lambert Strether’s visit to Paris. For 10 points, describe this temporal phase in the career of “the Master” during which he wrote increasingly byzantine novels like (\*) *The Wings of the Dove*, *The Golden Bowl*, and *The Ambassadors*.

ANSWER: Henry James’ late period [accept any answers indicating the later years of Henry James; accept the “third phase” of Henry James’ fiction; prompt on answers along the lines of the Henry James years where his prose got very complex with “in what temporal part of James’ career did his prose become more complex?”]

5. This composer’s belief about the mission of the artist was reflected in their motto “to new shores.” Act II of an opera by this composer ends with a tritone ostinato between A and E-flat, representing a character’s teetering sanity as he hallucinates the bloody body of a child. This composer only finished one act of an opera without key signatures where they organized accented syllables and note values to mimic conversational speech intonations. That “experiment in dramatic music in prose” by this composer was influenced by Alexander (+) Dargomyzhsky’s *The Stone Guest*. After it was rejected for having no female leads, this composer of *Marriage* reworked their most famous opera to include the “Polish Act” and expanded the roles of Xenia and Marina. In that opera by this composer, two alternating dominant seventh chords underscore ringing bells as the people sing a “Slava” chorus in its (\*) Coronation Scene. For 10 points, name this composer of *Boris Godunov*.

ANSWER: Modest Mussorgsky

6. In a poem from this country, Disgust, Hatred, and Neurosis fight over a golden ship that sinks “into the abyss of the dream.” The speaker says “I stow the sail, unship the mast/I wooed you long but my wooing’s past” in another poem from this country titled “The Song My Paddle Sings.” An author from this country was known for changing from an exoticized “princess” costume to European dress halfway through performances. A Symbolist poet from this country wrote his entire output before being institutionalized at age 19. Malcolm (+) Ross coined the name of a national pantheon of four poets from this country, whose early literature was analyzed as employing a “garrison mentality.” A poem from this country set on “the marge of Lake Lebarge” was published in *Songs of a* (\*) *Sourdough*. For 10 points, name this home country of Émile Nelligan, E. Pauline Johnson, and the author of “The Cremation of Sam McGee,” Robert Service.

ANSWER: Canada

7. A classic 1896 volume within this field featured dozens of full-color photographs taken by Albert Rignbach through a Nicol prism to increase contrast. Years after he mathematically predicted the orbit of Neptune, a scandal during the Crimean War led the French government to commission Urbain Le Verrier’s research in this field. As part of his application of statistics to this non-biological field, Francis Galton modified the pantograph to print pioneering (+) maps in newspapers. The Bergen school of this field was based on the work of Vilhelm Bjerknes, who introduced the “primitive equations” used for models within it. Beagle captain Robert Fitzroy developed a “glass” that allowed him to make predictions in this field in addition to producing the first (\*) synoptic charts. For 10 points, name this field that uses anemometers and a scale invented by Francis Beaufort to measure wind speed.

ANSWER: meteorology [prompt on atmospheric science]

8. In Scotland, these specific places were the ultimate destination of people mentioned in formal “letters of horning” accompanied by three blasts of a trumpet. Because it was supposedly outside of Church authority, one of these specific places became synonymous with the clandestine marriages often performed in it. Before going to these places, people were metaphorically “squeezed” at short-term sponging-houses. An 1869 act of parliament led to the steady decline of these (+) privately-run places, examples of which were named for Fleet Street and the King’s Bench. Charles Dickens crusaded against these places in novels like *Little Dorrit* because of a childhood experience with one of these places called the Marshalsea. For 10 points, half of all English (\*) prisoners at the start of the 19th century were housed in what institutions, used to confine people who couldn’t pay what they owed?

ANSWER: debtor’s prisons [accept debtor’s jails; prompt on prison; prompt on jails]

9. An essay by George Orwell lampoons a critic of this play for apparently thinking that some sort of “mass hypnosis” had “deluded the whole civilized world’ into liking it. Many 20th century productions of this play adapted William MacReady’s druidic stone set design. Konstanin Levin forgets his program and becomes irritated and confused while viewing a fantasia based on this play, which Tolstoy hated in particular. In *Call Me Ishmael*, Charles Olson claims that reading this play caused Melville to alter the character and voice of (+) Captain Ahab. Thanks to criticism from Charles Lamb and William Hazlitt, productions gradually moved away from Nahum Tate’s “happy ending” version of this play. Performing this supposedly unstageable play became taboo during the later years of (\*) George III. For 10 points, name this Shakespeare tragedy about a mad king who rages on the heath.

ANSWER: King Lear

10. The first American ship to circumnavigate the globe was a merchantman dubbed [this name] *Rediviva*. An unofficial national anthem partly titled for this name composed for George Washington’s inauguration is now only used as the entrance march for the Vice President. Edward D. Easton founded a company with this name that introduced the “Grafonola” to compete with Edison and the Victor Talking Machine Company. Samuel Johnson served as the first president of a university that now has this name, whose neoclassical (+) Low Library houses the Daniel Chester French sculpture *Alma Mater*. After the American Revolution, King’s College was rebranded under this name. A woman of this name floats above pioneers in John Gast’s painting *American Progress*. Like Marianne and Lady Liberty, that figure with this name is often depicted in a red-white-and-blue Phrygian cap. For 10 points, the United States is sometimes (\*) personified using what female name that also names the capital district?

ANSWER: Columbia [accept “Hail, Columbia”; accept Columbia Records; accept Columbia University; accept the District of Columbia]

11. One book dramatically invokes this specific process twice before exclaiming “that is Moses and the prophets!” Yevgeni Preobrazhensky proposed a controversial “socialist” form of this specific process as the theoretical underpinning of the New Economic Policy. This process is called the “original sin of Political Economy” in a chapter that argues it intensified with the new property regime of the Glorious Revolution. A book by Joan Robinson pays homage to (+) Rosa Luxemburg’s only long work on economics, which is titled for this process. The origins of this process in the expropriation of agricultural land make up Chapter 27 of *Das Kapital*, where Marx attacks Adam Smith’s story of this process’s origins in some original laborers who worked harder than others, thereby obtaining (\*) surplus-value. For 10 points, name this process by which capital grows through investment or profit.

ANSWER: the accumulation of capital [or primitive accumulation; or previous accumulation; or original accumulation; prompt on enclosure with “enclosure is being described as part of what more abstract process?”]

12. Interest in this artist surged after *Candid Camera* host Allen Funt went broke and sold his extensive collection of this artist's paintings. This artist first gained recognition for a painting of three children learning to hurl axes in front of their watching mother. Early success painting Merovingian scenes like *The Education of the Children of Clovis* led Victoria to grant this artist the last example of British denizenship. Both Allen Funt and John Ruskin called this artist "the worst painter of the 19th century." This painter was known as "the (+) marvellous" for using precise architectural detail. This artist painted a reclining nude holding an ostrich feather and a stigmata in *In the Tepidarium*. Another painting by this artist re-creates an apocryphal anecdote about an emperor who smothered his guests in (\*) flower petals. For 10 points, name this Dutch-born painter who specialized in decadent Roman scenes like *The Roses of Heliogabalus*.

ANSWER: Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema [or Lourens Alma Tadema]

13. A letter from this author to Claude Hochet posits the maxim that life is "a choice between boredom or suffering." A study of national literature by this author contains a phrase often attributed to Nietzsche: "those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music." Both *Aurora Leigh* and a Felicia Hemans poem reference a scene from one of this author's novels in which a poet is crowned with laurels at the Capitol. That novel by this author about Lord Oswald Nevil's tragic romance with a poet was used by many travelers as a guidebook to (+) Italy. This author's survey *De l'Allemagne* introduced French readers to German Romanticism. This author of *Corinne* ran a salon at Coppet Castle after being exiled with her longtime partner, Benjamin Constant, and her father, Jacques (\*) Necker. For 10 points, name this influential woman of letters, a literary opponent of Napoleon.

ANSWER: Madame Germaine de Staël [or Anne Louise Germaine de Staël-Holstein; or Anne-Louise Germaine Necker]

14. Tyler Dennett uncovered documents proving that the US never intended to honor mutual defense provisions it made with this dynasty in the Shufeldt Treaty. A member of this dynasty spent a year governing from within the local Russian legation after anti-foreign violence killed half of his cabinet. European powers snubbed three delegates from this dynasty at the Hague Convention because they did not recognize its claims to statehood. A much-resisted "short hair act" was one of the (+) Gabo Reforms implemented after the death of a member of this dynasty. A queen consort from this dynasty posthumously gained the title of Great Empress years after she was assassinated by a foreign hit squad. Pro-Chinese conservatives squashed the Gapsin Coup before it could abolish this dynasty's ruling (\*) *yangban* class. For 10 points, Japanese annexation toppled what last ruling dynasty of Korea?

ANSWER: Joseon [or Choson; accept House of Yi]

15. August Weismann's idea of linked particulate "determinants" limited this idea to individual organs. An early version of this idea proposed by Lorenz Oken was built on his ordering of the four classical elements and their relation to physiological processes. According to its most famous proponent, this theory depends on three assumptions: the law of correspondence, the law of terminal addition, and the law of truncation. Karl Ernst von Baer criticized this theory by imagining a textbook written by a bird, and proposed his (+) four namesake laws as an alternative. One iteration of this concept derived from a belief in unity of nature and the *scala naturae*. A drawing in Ernst Haeckel's *Anthropogenie* arranged 24 embryos from different animals into a grid to illustrate his version of this theory. For 10 points, name this theory that an animal's (\*) embryonic development chronologically resembles the evolutionary stages of its ancient ancestors.

ANSWER: recapitulation theory [or the biogenetic law, or embryological parallelism, or Meckel-Serres law, accept ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny, prompt on evolution]

16. A popular but disputed theory suggests that this ethnicity's practice of "precenting the line" was a main influence for "lining out" in African American church music. The Bungee dialect was spoken by Métis descendents of this European ethnicity living in the Red River Colony. The Cape Fear River was home to large populations of this ethnicity, which made up much of both sides at the Battle of King's Mountain. A politician of this ethnicity who led rebels opposing the Family Compact was targeted in a cross border raid that (+) burned a boat on the Niagara River. People of this ethnicity who settled the Carolinas and Appalachia were given the name "hillbillies." The disproportionately large amount of these people involved in the British Empire included the Black Watch and Canada's (\*) first prime minister. For 10 points, many people of what ethnicity migrated to North America during the Highland Clearances?

ANSWER: Scottish people [or Scots; or Scottish-Americans; or Scottish-Canadians; accept Scotch people; accept Ulster Scots; accept Scots-Irish; prompt on British; do not accept or prompt on "English"]

17. A reputed Gullah conjurer with this first name was said to use charms to keep other enslaved people silent about Denmark Vesey's conspiracy. In an Irish story, a person with this name sticks Satan with the bill at a pub and tricks him into turning into a coin. A teenager named Jane Alsop claimed that a person with this name vomited blue flame at her and tore her clothes with metal claws. Chimney sweeps would parade on Mayday with a character of this name dressed in a conical costume of (+) foliage. A highwayman with this name was known as "Sixteen String" for his colorful breeches. Panicked sightings of a diabolical man with this name gave him the epithet "Spring-Heeled." George Lusk received the "From Hell" letter from a person with this name along with half a (\*) kidney. For 10 points, give this idiomatic Victorian first name bestowed on an anonymous London serial killer.

ANSWER: Jack [accept Jack the Ripper; accept Spring-Heeled Jack; accept Jack in the Green; accept Stingy Jack; accept Gullah Jack]

18. A thinker calls this concept their "basic conception" in a passage that recounts writing it down with the inscription "6000 feet beyond man and time." Georg Simmel dismissed this concept by imagining three wheels sharing an axis, rotating at speeds  $x$ ,  $2x$ , and  $x$  over  $\pi$ . Alexander Nehamas' influential reading of this concept argues that it is a thought experiment for considering whether one's life is well-lived and not a literal hypothesis. The creator of this concept gave it an incomplete (+) thermodynamic proof with the axiom that there exist a finite number of energy states in the universe. It's not Maxwell's, but a demon proposes turning an hourglass upside down again and again "and you with it, a speck of dust" in a passage demonstrating this concept in (\*) *The Gay Science*. For 10 points, name this Nietzschean idea of the ultimate repetition of all things.

ANSWER: eternal return [or eternal recurrence; or Ewige Wiederkunft; prompt on descriptive answers similar to the infinite repetition of the universe]

19. During a thunderstorm, a character in this novel nicknamed either the Lunatic or the Sage debates the philosophy of purgatory. The 25th chapter of this novel was omitted from the original edition and is commonly referred to as Chapter X ["ex"]. In this novel, a gravedigger explains throwing the disinterred corpse of a character's father into a lake by claiming that "it is better to drown than to be with the Chinese." A 1950s law made this novel and its sequel required reading in schools, though (+) Church opposition meant most students only ever read a heavily redacted version. A young boy in this novel is told to "forget not those who have fallen during the night" by the realist Elías. In this novel, María Clara gives up a farewell letter used to convict Crisostomo Ibarra for a failed rebellion. For 10 points, (\*) *El Filibusterismo* is the sequel to what Filipino protest novel by José Rizal?

ANSWER: Noli Me Tángere [accept Touch Me Not]

20. Prussian bandleader Henri Berger recorded much of the music of this region while serving there as kapellmeister. Puerto Rican immigrants to this region created its cachi cachi style of dance music. An instrument from this region is often tuned with the mnemonic “my dog has fleas.” A style of music that originated in this region involves detuning every string to form a single chord, usually G major. A song from this region that bears similarity to “The Lone Rock by the Sea” includes the brief English phrases (+) “one fond embrace” and “until we meet again.” The steel guitar and slack-key guitar were invented in this region, where musicians often played guitars placed horizontally on their laps. The Portuguese *braguinha* was the model for an instrument from this region composed of a small figure (\*) 8 body and four nylon strings. For 10 points, name this kingdom home to a queen who composed the standard “Aloha ‘Oe.”  
ANSWER: **Hawaii** [prompt on **Polynesia**]

21. American boycotts of this crop began after the publication of Henry Nevinson’s book *A Modern Slavery*, which outlined the exploitation used in planting its *forastero* variety. Krio businessman William Vivour got filthy rich by using his palm oil profits to invest in this crop. One country celebrates Tetteh Quarshie for smuggling this crop’s seeds out of one of its major producers, the island of Fernando Po. It’s not coffee, but the *servicaes* system allowed (+) Sao Tome and Principe to import labor from Angola to work on plantations for this crop. Outcry over Portuguese exploitation caused Quaker-led companies to source this crop from Ghana instead, where it is now the main agricultural export. This crop is used to make the food that Forty-Niners bought from the Italian immigrant Domingo (\*) Ghirardelli. For 10 points, name this crop whose beans are fermented to make chocolate.  
ANSWER: **cocoa** bean [or **cocoa** seed; or **cacao**]

22. After leaving this company, William Dickson co-developed a device that became known as the Latham Loop. This company operated out of a revolving building with a retractable roof called The Black Maria. This company pursued aggressive patent lawsuits against its domestic competitors, culminating in the acquisition of Biograph and the formation of its namesake “trust” in 1908. A 5 second publicity film by this company shows the producer’s assistant taking a pinch of (+) snuff and sneezing. This company used the first ever stop trick to recreate the beheading of Mary, Queen of Scots. A film produced by this company features a plotless coda in which a bandit fires his gun directly at the camera. This company distributed the earliest American films in small peep-hole viewers called kinetoscopes. For 10 points, name this production company behind *The Great Train Robbery* and (\*) *Electrocuting an Elephant*, named for its founder.  
ANSWER: **Edison** Studios [or the **Edison** Manufacturing Company]