

Eminent Victorians

Packet 7: The Curved, Yellow Nineteenth Century

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1. Gillen D'Arcy Wood and Wolfgang Behringer theorized that events during this year weakened the Bengal population enough to begin the world's first major cholera outbreak. Inconvenience in horse travel during this year may have inspired Karl Drais to invent and patent the velocipede. Vermont's population dropped by as much as 15,000 during this year, as New Englanders migrated en masse to New York's burned-over district and the new state of Indiana. This year is the likely reference of a poem that begins "I had a (+) dream, which was not all a dream. While holed up in the Villa Diodati on Lake Geneva in this year, John Polidori, Byron, and the Shelleys swapped the stories that would become "The Vampyre" and *Frankenstein*. During this year, the "last great subsistence crisis of the Western world" followed a one (*) degree decrease in global temperature. For 10 points, give the number or common name of the exceptionally cold year that followed the eruption of Mount Tambora.

ANSWER: **1816** [or The **Year Without a Summer**; accept **The Poverty Year**; accept **Eighteen Hundred and Froze to Death**; prompt on descriptions like the year after the eruption of Mount Tambora before "common name"]

2. An author with this surname claimed to have taken only 10 days to write a conservative novella in response to the "free marriage" novel *Stones in the Sea*. A poet with this surname wrote the short drama *The Fake Image* and was claimed as lesbian by Kenneth Rexroth and Chung Ling based on her many erotic poems addressing courtesans. A pioneering vernacular novel by an author with this surname includes an unusually virtuous man, who is kind to his wife and rebuilds his family temple, named Du Shaoqing. An author with this surname wrote the late Qing novels *A Strange Case of Nine Murders* and *The Sea of Regret*. *Dream of the Red Chamber* and a 1750 novel by an author with this surname are the two Qing-era inclusions in the (+) Six Classic Chinese Novels. For 10 points, give this surname of the author who satirized Confucian intellectuals in (*) *The Scholars*.

ANSWER: **Wú** [accept **Wú** Jingzǐ; accept **Wú** Jiǎnrén; accept **Wú** Zǎo]

3. A late lecture by this thinker argues that "a load of facts retained in the memory, a mass of reasonings got up merely for examination... they do not give culture." Derek Parfit adapted a paradox introduced by this thinker in which total happiness is maximized by infinite population growth. A commitment to the immortality of the soul led this thinker to run parapsychology experiments that often ended up exposing frauds. This thinker controversially argued that some esoteric (+) moral theory should not be publicized, so as to avoid misuse by the "vulgar." A book by this thinker posits that impulses to act in the general interest and in one's own interest create a fundamental contradiction in "commonsense morality." This thinker's magnum opus uses a comparative method to examine the compatibility of rational egoism, intuitionism, and (*) utilitarianism. For 10 points, name this English philosopher known for *The Methods of Ethics*.

ANSWER: Henry **Sidgwick**

4. A member of these people became known as Gouyen when she seduced her husband's murderer during a Victory Dance and stabbed him. Eve Ball's oral history of these people is titled for their endonym *Indeh*. A warrior-prophet of these people, Lozen, was the one of escapees of a massacre that ended a war led by her brother Victorio. C. S. Fly photographed negotiations between General George Crook and a leader of these people, who was later shot in dramatic lighting by Edward Curtis on the eve of a presidential inauguration. George Nicholas (+) Bascom's reprisal executions against a group of these people began decades of warfare between leaders like Mangas Coloradas and the US Army. Many prisoners of war from the Chiricahua band of these people were taken to Fort Sill, Oklahoma after their surrender to Nelson Miles at (*) Skeleton Canyon. For 10 points, name these Southwest Native American people led by Geronimo.

ANSWER: Apaches [accept Mescalero; accept Mimbrenño; accept Tchihende; accept Chiricahua before mention]

5. An artist in this group painted many weird-looking cats, including a small canvas of a white one with absurdly long legs and a neckless head. This group's many works of garden scenes include one member's golden tapestry of women picking flowers. A painting of a man proffering an oyster accompanies a large oval interior that an artist in this group painted for the Grand Teddy tea rooms. A member of this group painted dining room scenes that often included bright (+) checkered cloth and single pets. Members of this group each had a distinctive nickname such as "the very Japonard" and "more Japonard than the very Japonard." This group met weekly in an ironic "temple" decorated with a cigar box lid painted by one of its members in Pont-Aven. Members of this group gather around a still life in the painting *Homage to Cézanne*. For 10 points, the art of (*) Paul Gauguin inspired what 1890s group of young French artists, who included Paul Sérusier and Maurice Denis?

ANSWER: les Nabis

6. Henri-Adolphe Archereau invented a solenoid-based regulator that produced this phenomenon. A paper on the mechanism of this phenomenon was read by John Perry on behalf of its female author to the Royal Society. This phenomenon was central to a device made by and named for Pavel Yablochov that used stationary rather than constantly shifting parts. Hertha Ayrton found that the hissing sound associated with this phenomenon was due to oxygen coming in contact with carbon rods. The (+) voltage necessary for the formation of this prolonged phenomenon is given as a function of pressure and gap length by Paschen's law. This phenomenon was widely used for public lighting like moonlight towers before the incandescent light bulb, and for metallurgical (*) furnaces. For 10 points, name this phenomenon where a current passing through a gas causes it to break down and produce plasma.

ANSWER: electric arcing [or arc discharge or voltaic arc, prompt on electric discharge, prompt on electric spark, prompt on electric breakdown]

7. A local ruler revolted against this state after dissatisfied aristocrats sent him a pair of butcher's knives, implying he was a slave. One ruler of this state spent his last years in despondent retirement, holding Thursday seminars in which he would criticize the ruling administration for failing to abolish the *sarauta* bureaucracy. Hugh Clapperton was twice detained and eventually died in this state on an expedition to a nearby river. This state's *rinji* and *tungazi* plantations made use of what was thought to be the largest (+) slave population in the Old World. This state settled much of its population around defensive villages called *ribat* under its second ruler, Muhammed Bello. This state, which approved flag-bearer Seku Amadu's creation of the Massina Empire to its west, formed after an exiled scholar from Gobir conquered the (*) Hausa kingdoms. For 10 points, Usman dan Fodio led a Fulani jihad that created what West African caliphate?

ANSWER: The Sokoto Caliphate [or the Sokoto Empire]

8. A bread-making process originally developed in this city relies on high-milled grain and envelops the dough in steam during baking. A boulangerie named after this city was August Zang's first entrepreneurial success and introduced the steam-oven to France. A hotel in this city offers a dessert made in 34 individual steps with three specially-made imported chocolates for the icing. That item from this city is a chocolate cake with an (+) apricot jam filling. This city exhibited a sweet tasting roll at the 1867 Paris Exposition that used beer press-yeast instead of a sourdough starter. French brioche and croissants belong to a class of rich breads named after this city. According to legend, an iconic dish named after this city was brought back from Milan by a victorious Marshal. For 10 points, name this city home to the Sachertorte, the (*) Kaiser roll and a certain breaded veal schnitzel.

ANSWER: Vienna [or Wien]

9. *Note to players: author and type of work required*

In one of these specific works, a blind girl makes dresses for dolls while her father lies to her that their cottage and employer are both quite charming. For later entries, the creator of these works wrote only the frame narratives and outsourced most of the plot to staff writers like Elizabeth Gaskell. A scheming landlord in one of these works convinces a man that his wife is unfaithful before a talking insect reveals otherwise. Instead of chapters, these works use themed divisions like "quarters," "chirps," and (+) "staves." In one of these works, a character opens his robe to reveal two emaciated children and sarcastically replies "are there no prisons? Are there no workhouses?" These works include *The Chimes* and *The Cricket on the Hearth*, as well as a novella about a man who overworks Bob (*) Cratchit. For 10 points, Tiny Tim and Ebenezer Scrooge appear in what sort of seasonal story?

ANSWER: Charles Dickens' Christmas stories [accept any answer indicating Christmas stories by Charles Dickens; prompt on novels, novellas, books, stories, works, or writings by Charles Dickens with "on what subject?"; prompt on Christmas books with "by what author?"]

10. The third movement is marked *Stretto* in Franz Berwald's symphony of this number titled "Sérieuse." One composer borrowed from his own symphonic poem *The Storm* for the oboe melody in the second movement of his symphony of this number. The finale of that symphony is based on the folk tune "I'm sowing some flowers, little one." A soft G–E-flat ostinato in the harp and violin along with an English horn solo open the *Andante commodamente* second movement of a symphony of this number by Vasily (+) Kalinnikov. Carl Nielsen played second violin for the première of his own symphony of this number, which begins in G minor but ends in the key of C major. The second movement of Tchaikovsky's symphony of this number is named "Land of Desolation, Land of Mists." For 10 points, give this number for Tchaikovsky's symphony in G minor, titled (*) "Winter Daydreams."

ANSWER: 1

11. One essayist wrote that these things were "necessitated by the crinoline" and elsewhere notes that contemporaries referred to them as "strategic beautification." These things name a style of commercial farce popular in the Belle Époque, a reference to a defunct one ironically nicknamed for its crime melodramas. A group of these things named for the imperial marshals can be found at the former location of the Thiers ["tyair"] (+) Wall. A daguerreotype taken to capture one of these things was the first ever photograph of a human. The second phase of a certain project simplified these things in order to keep unruly neighborhoods like the Faubourg St-Antoine under the control of local barracks. *Grand* examples of these things were built during Baron (*) Hausman's renovation in a period during which they were frequented by flâneurs. For 10 points, what sort of infrastructure was widened in Paris to stop blockage with barricades?

ANSWER: Parisian boulevards [or the streets of Paris; or les grands boulevards; accept the Boulevard du Temple; accept the Boulevard du Crime; accept Parisian roads, avenues] (The first clues are from Walter Benjamin's *Arcades* and "Paris: Capital of the Nineteenth Century")

12. This author drew a table comparing the size of quadrupeds in Europe and North America to refute Buffon's theory that New World fauna were degenerate. In a novel, this person's daughter makes her way across the South disguised as "Mr. Johnson." A book by this author is divided into 23 "Queries," including "Climate," "Aborigenes," and "Laws." This author wrote that Black Americans had "misery enough, God knows, but no poetry" in an infamous criticism of (+) Phyllis Wheatley. A dialogue between the Head and the Heart makes up a love letter this author wrote to Maria Cosway. This subject of Jon Meacham's biography *The Art of Power* is the title character's father in William Wells Brown's novel *Clotel*. This author produced an edition of the New Testament that excised every (*) miracle. For 10 points, name this deist author of *Notes on the State of Virginia* who also drafted the Declaration of Independence.

ANSWER: Thomas Jefferson

13. To introduce a Brentano vignette about this painting, Heinrich von Kleist wrote that upon viewing it he found only "the painting's rejection of [him]" and that it was "as if one's eyelids had been cut off." Robert Rosenblum compared the feelings produced by J.M.W. Turner's *Evening Star* and this painting to Mark Rothko's *Light Earth over Blue* in his article "The Abstract Sublime." This painting provoked comparatively upbeat responses by Whistler and Courbet in *Harmony in Blue and Silver* (+) and *The Seaside at Palavas*. A 2016 restoration revealed that three ships in the background of this painting had been painted over, leaving no repoussoir to guide the viewer's gaze into the blank landscape that overwhelms the canvas. A tiny figure in this painting who stands on a spare dune acts as a similar *Rückenfigur*, or internal spectator, to its artist's (*) *Wanderer above a Sea of Fog*. For 10 points, name this Caspar David Friedrich painting of a solitary figure looking over a vast expanse of water.

ANSWER: *The Monk by the Sea* [or *Der Mönch am Meer*]

14. The surgeon Thomas Greenhow published a detailed account of this thinker's health as a response to a book this thinker wrote advocating mesmerism. Two Scottish fisherwomen discuss how one has a social duty to stay widowed and keep population levels down in this thinker's controversial story "Weal and Woe in Garvelock." This thinker outsold Dickens with a series of "fictional tutorials" explaining the ideas of Malthus and Adam Smith. This thinker advocated detaching moral (+) judgment from descriptions of local customs in the early methodological work *How to Observe Morals and Manners*. This author of *Life in the Sickroom* and *Illustrations of Political Economy* helped popularize positivism in the English-speaking world through a condensed translation of Auguste Comte. For 10 points, name this English social theorist sometimes described as the (*) "mother of sociology."

ANSWER: Harriet Martineau

15. The basement of the Art Gallery of Ontario contains Ken Thomson's extensive collection of these objects. Venetian Giovanni Bando first built one type of these objects in 1784, which experienced a boom when *Popular Mechanics* began hosting crafting contests in the 1920s. They're not candles, but "votive" versions of these objects commonly hang from the ceiling in the churches of Northern France and Scandinavia. Anachronistic African patterns were used by Yinka Shonibare for a gigantic one of these objects that stood on the fourth plinth in (+) Trafalgar square. The popularity of these objects meant increasing access to ivory for the prisoners in hulks who mostly fashioned them with beef bones. During the Napoleonic Wars, captured French and British (*) sailors would often craft these objects to pass the time. For 10 points, name these nautical ornaments sometimes displayed in glass bottles.

ANSWER: ship models [or model ships; or ship in a bottle; accept model boats; accept miniature ships or other answers indicating tiny little ships; accept votive ships; accept toy ships or toy boats]

16. An Oak Tree named for a member of this family at Holwood House is where Pitt the Younger convinced him to give an epoch-making speech before Parliament. A member of this family gained a nickname from Disraeli's comment that he was "unctuous, oleaginous, saponaceous." William Cobbett wrote an open letter to a member of this family accusing him of double standards for supporting the Combination Act. At a lecture delivered by John William (+) Draper, a member of this family asked his interlocutor whether it was through his grandfather or grandmother that he claimed descent from a monkey. That bishop in this family who debated Thomas Huxley over evolution at the Oxford University Museum was known as "Soapy (*) Sam." For 10 points, name this English family whose patriarch led the Clapham Sect and agitated against slavery.

ANSWER: Wilberforce [accept William Wilberforce; accept Samuel Wilberforce]

17. *Note to players: this question is asking for the common formula of the clued works. For instance, the book The Woman Who Shot Mussolini and the movie The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance both share the formula "The X Who Shot Y". Give your answer with two blanks—in terms of X and Y—or give the title of any clued work.*

In a story titled with this formula, the narrator meets a hapless country gentleman who experimented on the eyes of peasants and eventually lost an eye operating on himself. In that story titled with this formula, an insomniac who brags about reading Hegel tells the narrator that he is "an unoriginal person" and doesn't "deserve an individual name." In another story titled with this formula, an old man vomits to death before he can punish the estate clerk, since his mushroom supper was laced with (+) rat poison. The narrator spends the night listening to the life story of an unusually introspective aristocrat in a story with this formula from *A Sportsman's Sketches*. In a story titled with this formula, Katerina murders her husband and drowns herself with her rival in a Siberian chain gang. For 10 points, give the title formula of the Nikolai (*) Leskov novella that inspired an opera deemed "muddle instead of music" by Stalin.

ANSWER: X of the Y District [accept Lady Macbeth of the Mtsensk District; accept Hamlet of the Shchigrovsky District; accept Ledi Makbet Mtsenskovo uyezda; accept Gamlet Shchigrovskogo uyezda; accept correct substitutions from the titles for either X or Y]

18. Late 19th century Damascus became the center of a movement named for these people under the leadership of scholars like Jamal al-Din Qasimi. A scholar dedicated to the ideas of these people resurrected the 13th century scholar Ibn Taymiyya's use of the term *jahiliyya*, or "age of ignorance." The discipline of "the doctrines of" these people was developed by Rashid Rida, who supported Athari theology over "speculative" theology. The treatise *The Book of Tawhid* opposed conformity, or (+) *taqlid*, in favor of the practices of these people. Rejecting *bid'ah* and returning to the traditions of these people were the key tenets of the Indian Ahl-i Hadith movement and the reformist followers of Muhammad ibn Abd (*) al-Wahhab. For 10 points, a branch of conservative Sunni movements takes its name from what Arabic term for the first three generations of Muslims?

ANSWER: salaf [accept al-salaf al-ṣāliḥ; accept Salafi; accept Salafiyva; prompt on the pious predecessors; prompt on the first three generations of Muslims; antiprompt on sahabah or the companions of Muhammad; prompt on wali or saints]

19. Dr. John Henry Bell forced a police inquest into the spread of this disease by marking employer negligence as the cause of death on his patient's death certificate. The Seymour-Jones, Schattenfroh, and steaming methods were examined by Friederich Wilhelm Eurich and the city of Bradford's Investigation Board against this disease to find a commercially viable method of disinfecting wool from it. One scientist developed the hanging (+) drop technique to observe the life cycle of this disease's causative agent. Robert Koch discovered that small granules produced by a certain bacterium could cause this disease by themselves. An uncredited scientist's potassium dichromate method was used to create a vaccine against this disease for a demonstration at Pouilly-le-Fort by (*) Louis Pasteur. For 10 points, name this disease whose microscopic, durable spores and high inhalation fatality rate have seen it used as a bioweapon.

ANSWER: anthrax

20. This poet used Dido's words *veteris vestigia flammae* for the epigraph of a collection that includes the lines "clouds spout upon her/ their waters amain/in ruthless disdain." This author remembers "summer gave us sweets, but autumn wrought division" in a poem that tells the addressee "yes: I have re-entered your olden haunts at last." This author burnt his first wife's accusatory diary *What I Think About My Husband*. This author begins "hereto I come to view a voiceless ghost" in a poem that describes retracing a romantic trip along the cliffs of (+) Cornwall. This author's poems "Rain on a Grave" and "After a Journey" appear in an elegiac sequence that this author wrote for his dead wife, Emma Gifford. A poem by this author includes the image of "tangled bine-stems" that "scored the sky/ like strings of broken lyres." For 10 points, name this poet who wrote about seeing (*) "the century's corpse outleant" while leaning upon a "coppice gate" in "The Darkling Thrush."

ANSWER: Thomas **Hardy**

21. A Canadian with this surname gave wildly popular magic lantern talks exhibiting photographs she took on an arctic expedition. A photographer with this surname depicted herself in a pith helmet sitting with a coyote in her lap, one of her many pictures documenting settler life in Eastern Montana. In an atypical photograph by an artist with this surname, Julia Jackson stares directly at the camera with undone hair falling over her shoulders. Uneven collodion emulsion distinguishes many "fancy subjects for (+) pictorial effect" by a photographer with this surname, who often depicted nude children as angels or cupids with fake wings. A photographer with this surname shot young women in dreamy set-pieces but used dramatic lighting for close-up portraits of eminent men like Charles Darwin and Thomas Carlyle. For 10 points, give this surname of an English (*) soft-focus portrait photographer, which kind of sounds like "camera."

ANSWER: **Cameron** [accept Julia Margaret **Cameron**; accept Evelyn **Cameron**; accept Agnes Deans **Cameron**]

22. William Gibbs became the richest commoner in Britain primarily by importing this resource. Domingo Elías imported laborers from Fujian to work this resource in hellish conditions by telling them they were heading for California gold fields. According to an explanation cited in Charles Mann's *1493*, importation of this resource likely brought the potato blight that wiped out Irish crops in the 1840s. The nationalization of this resource gave (+) Ramon Castilla the economic capital to abolish a head tax on Indians and end slavery in his country. De facto slaves working this resource revolted on Navassa, which was annexed after an 1856 act of Congress allowed the US to claim around 200 islands rich in this resource. Peru exported this resource for decades from the Cincha islands before it was replaced by Chilean (*) saltpeter. For 10 points, name this fertilizer formed from seabird droppings.

ANSWER: **guano**