

On Cinema at the Buzzer

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Tiebreakers

1. **This object is in the name of a microgenre of Japanese films about nihilistic postwar youth, including *Crazed Fruit*. A Yuzo Kawashima film about this object “in the last days of the shogunate” was voted the fifth best Japanese movie of all time in the 1999 *Kinema Junpo* (“kee-nay-mah joom-poh”) poll. A Nagisa Oshima film about a youth gang in Osaka is titled for this object’s “burial.” In a film titled for this object, Sergeant (*) Nagata is convinced not to destroy an infirmary by a boy who befriends a kamikaze pilot-in-training through a barbed wire fence. That film titled for this object was written by Tom Stoppard based on a novel about Jim Graham by J. G. Ballard. For 10 points, a Spielberg film starring Christian Bale as a young POW in Japan is titled for the “empire of” what object?**

ANSWER: the Sun [or taiyō; accept Sun Tribe films or taiyōzoku; accept Sun in the *Last Days of the Shogunate* or *A Sun-Tribe Myth of the Bakumatsu Era* or *Bakumatsu taiyōden*; accept *The Sun’s Burial* or *Taiyō no Hakaba*; accept *Empire of the Sun*]

2. **The British Board of Film Classification reported that a film from this country about a priest who lusts after a general’s wife was “so cryptic as to be almost meaningless,” but “if there is a meaning, it is doubtless objectionable.” A mirror with a word meaning “beautiful” on it shatters at the end of a short film from this country in which a man buys a starfish in a jar. *The* (*) *Seashell and the Clergyman* is an early surrealist film from this country. A hearse is pulled by a camel and a dancer is filmed from beneath a pane of glass in a short film from this country that originally accompanied a 1924 ballet performance, and which was co-written by Francis Picabia (“fran-SEECE pee-KAHB-yah”). For 10 points, name this country that produced the Dadaist film *Entr’acte* (“on-TRACT”).**

ANSWER: France [or French Republic or République française] (The second film is Man Ray’s *The Starfish*.)

3. **The protagonist of this film rants that the dopamine rush from an email notification is “like we’re being chemically rewarded for allowing ourselves to be brainwashed.” Controversially, this film’s only Latino character, Ernesto, ends up as a restaurant manager after the protagonist’s mother tells him that he’s smart and he should be in school. This film’s last scene takes place at Big (*) Bend Ranch State Park, where Nicole says that “the moment seizes us” and the protagonist responds “it’s like always right now, you know.” The director’s daughter Lorelei, as well as Ethan Hawke and Patricia Arquette, play the family members of this film’s protagonist, a child from Texas named Mason. For 10 points, name this coming-of-age film by Richard Linklater that was shot over 12 years.**

ANSWER: Boyhood

4. **This film’s first scene includes a series of images of a man and his wife smiling at each other during a Thanksgiving dinner, before a cut to the man’s now-empty chair and a pan down the table to show the wife now dressed in somber clothing. During a therapy session, this film’s protagonist says “for an hour, I’m the best actress in the world” and asks “Why do I still walk by a phone and want to pick up the phone and call?” In this film, the businessman Tom (*) Gruneman is framed by his colleague Peter Cable, who is the real author of a series of obscene letters investigated by the title character with the help of Bree Daniels. For 10 points, name this psychological thriller in which the title Donald Sutherland-played detective is assisted by a sex worker played by Jane Fonda.**

ANSWER: Klute

5. A film with this title, in which crashing waves are intercut with a dance performance by Diotima, is about Karl, who mistakenly thinks Diotima is betraying him with his friend Vigo. That film with this title is by Arnold Fanck. John Lennon convinced the former Beatles manager Allen Klein to finance a film of this title in which a cosmetics manufacturer and a weapons manufacturer are part of a group of seven (*) personifications of planets. In that film of this title, a thief who represents the Fool tarot card has his excrement transformed into gold. For 10 points, give this title of a 1973 Alejandro Jodorowsky film in which an alchemist hopes to learn the secret of immortality at the title location.

ANSWER: *The Holy Mountain* [accept *Der heilige Berg*; accept *La montaña sagrada*]