

# Halo Additional Lore Objective: Comprehensive Exam (HALO:CE)

A packet regarding halo lore. Most of these questions cannot be answered on game knowledge alone, nearly all will require reading books, watching video content and having a knowledge of some content that was cut/changed, or taking a deepdive into halopedia.

**T-1: This species, which arrived to the Milky Way galaxy billions of years ago, is credited with creating much of the life in the known universe.** This species also created the idea of The Mantle of Responsibility, in which the species often regarded as the most advanced or most fit would take stewardship over all other lesser species. Following a dispute over which species would hold the mantle, they were genocided by one of their child species starting in approximately 10,000,000 BCE. For 10 points, what species, of which the Primordial was a member, would eventually become the flood?

Answer: **The Precursors**

**B-1:** Your bonus questions for this round are centered around the mantle of responsibility and its effect on the trajectory of life in the galaxy. For 10 points each,

- Which race assumed they would inherit the Mantle and genocided the Precursors when they didn't?

Answer: **The Forerunners**

- Which race did the Precursors intend to actually inherit the Mantle?

Answer: **Humanity [the Humans][homo sapiens]**

- The Mantle has a symbol, or glyph, that refers to it and can be seen in many of the Halo games, what is this symbol called?

Answer: **the Eld Symbol**

**T-2: This individual, a member of the San'Shyuum species, is regarded as one of the Covenant's founding fathers and is credited with leading a coup against fellow Prophet Pervading Stone.** Born in

1018 BCE, this individual was a member of the Keepers of the Dawn during the War of Beginnings and became the defacto leader of the group after Pervading Stone's assassination. For 10 points, who made peace with the Sangheili, which was then formalized in the Writ of Union, the founding document of the Covenant?

Answer: **Breaking Shadow** [**Soperada'Makra**]

B-2: These bonuses will be centered around the species San'Shyuum, more colloquially known as the prophets. For 10 points each,

- Can you name the Keepers of Dawn member that Pervading Stone had secretly assassinated to prevent them from reaching an earlier truce with the Sangheili?

Answer: **Ushering Dusk**

- What is the name of the San'Shyuum homeworld?

Answer: **Janjur Qom** [If the answer "High Charity" is given, you may reply saying "while the Bestiarum says that High Charity is their homeworld, it mentions that there is an actual older homeworld they are from, name that actual homeworld"]

- What object discovered on the San'Shyuum homeworld became the centerpiece of High Charity, and which John-117 used to get back to earth at the end of Halo 2?

Answer: **Anodyne Spirit** [**Forerunner Dreadnought**]

T-3: **This war, which lasted around 1000 years, stemmed from a flood outbreak in one of the belligerent's territories and ended in the dismantling of their empire.** Beginning in 107,445 BCE, this war started as the flood began rapidly infecting one of the belligerent's empire, leading them to push into their enemy's territory to get away, as well as exterminating populaces belonging to the enemy that had been infected. For 10 points, which war led to one of the losing belligerents being biologically regressed and sent back to their homeworld, another belligerent being critically weakened, and the flood the best setup for revenge against the Forerunners?

Answer: **The Human-Forerunner Wars**

B-3: These bonus questions are about the Forerunners relation with humanity, for 10 points each,

- What species betrayed Humans, leading to a quicker end of the Human-Forerunner wars and lesser punishments for their role in the wars?

Answer: **the San'Shyuum** [**The Prophets**]

- The original planned end to Halo 2 would have revealed that the Forerunners were actually what species?

Answer: **Humanity [the Humans][homo sapiens]**

- What name did the Forerunners use to refer to Humanity, which more specifically refers to the inheritors of the Mantle?

Answer: **The Reclaimers**

T-4: **This caste-like group of Forerunners, a member of which being Faber-of-Will-and-Might, were the highest ranking group in their hierarchy with their primary role being the design and creation of new technology.** This group became powerful very early in Forerunner history and played a key role in suppressing the truth about the relationship between forerunners and their creators, the precursors. Often regarded as corrupt, they routinely strip other castes, known as rates, of their ancient rituals, and in an extreme case, completely absorbed and destroyed a rate known as the theoreticals. Differing in ideology in how to deal with the flood with the Didact and the Prometheans, for 10 points, which group created the Halo array as the ultimate weapon against the flood.

Answer: **The Builders**

B-4: These bonuses pertain to knowledge about the Forerunner themselves. For 10 points each,

- This individual was transformed into a “copy” of the Ur-Didact to serve as his replacement.

Answer: **IsoDidact [Bornstellar Makes Eternal Lasting]**

- One of the opposers to the use of the Halo array to control the flood, the Ur-Didact wanted to use this device to turn living species into a digital form the flood could not infect as a different solution, though it did not work as intended.

Answer: **The Composer**

- The librarian was a member of which rate in the Forerunner caste-system?

Answer: **The Lifeworkers**

T-5: **This name refers in real life to a member of Sufi religious order who has taken vows of poverty and austerity, which began in the 12<sup>th</sup> century.** This word has a near identical meaning to the Arabic

word faqīr, and people who practice this try to approach God by virtues and individual experience, rather than through religious scholarship. While ultimately cut from Halo canon just before release, requiring many voice lines to be rerecorded last minute, for 10 points, what was the original name for the Arbiter that was changed to avoid potential legal trouble or backlash from the Islamic community?

Answer: **The Dervish**

B-5: Your bonuses for this question will be about the development of Halo. For 10 points each,

- What system was Halo originally intended to be made for before Bungie was acquired by Microsoft?

Answer: **Apple Mac OS X**

- Halo: CE was initially conceived as an indirect successor to what previous Bungie games, of which multiple references exist in the Halo games?

Answer: **Marathon [Marathon 2: Durandal]**

- Before it was an FPS, Halo was originally being designed as what style game, but was switched due to how fun it was to drive the warthogs themselves?

Answer: **Real Time Strategy [RTS]**

**T-6: This process, of which gear to do this successfully was first put upon the colony ship *Odyssey* in 2362, was used by the humans to repair colony worlds destroyed by the covenant during the human-covenant war.** The ability to carry out this process signals a civilization is at least Tier 3 technologically, and as they advance technologically, this process tends to become more expansive and capable of larger and more difficult operations. The ability to manipulate gravity, genetic modification, and to synthesize massive amount of life-dependent compounds make this process complete much more quickly and effectively, and in some cases, are a requirement. For 10 points, this process, which many advanced civilizations require the use of to continue expansion, is used to alter a planet's terrain, climate, and atmosphere in order to fit a civilization's needs.

Answer: **Terraforming**

B-6: The bonus questions for this round will have to do with the technological advancement tiers. For 10 points each,

- What tier were the Precursors, which is also considered a theoretical ceiling?

Answer: **Tier 0 [Transsentient]**

- This tier is where every race indexed for the Conservation Measure was placed at following reseeded

Answer: **Tier 7 [Pre-industrial]**

- Humanity reentered this tier in 1945, the San'Shyuum Stoics reentered it in 852 BCE.

Answer: **Tier 5 [Atomic Age]**

T-7: **This event, happening in 2462, started the 39<sup>th</sup> Age of Conflict and led to a radical restructuring of the Covenant military.** The end of this event ushered in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Age of Doubt and led to the dismissal of the Minister of Concert. Despite some of the San'Shyuum being skeptical at the Sangheili response to this event, they complied with their decision as the Writ of Union gave the Sangheili responsibility over all security matters. Stemming from their grievances regarding treatment from the Kig Yar and them being unsatisfied with their forced incorporation into the covenant, for 10 points, name the event that led to the Unggoy being given greater standing within the covenant, including access to use covenant weapons and the integration into formerly Sangheili-only units.

Answer: **The Unggoy Rebellion [The Grunt Rebellion]**

B-7: These bonuses are about the Unggoy species. For 10 points each,

- Unggoy are the only Covenant species that do not breathe oxygen, what do they breathe instead?

Answer: **Methane**

- What is the name of the Unggoy home planet?

Answer: **Balaho**

- "Unggoy" is not a word from their language, instead, the name was given to them by what other species?

Answer: **Sangheili [Elites]**

**T-8: This individual, known for their incredible speed, is a SPARTAN-II Petty Officer, First Class who has participated in over 200 operations.** This individual was conscripted into the SPARTAN-II program at age 6, and during their abduction managed to evade the retrieval team for 6 hours, thinking the abduction was a game for their birthday. This individual became good friends with SPARTANs John-117 and Samuel-034 as they trained together and the 3 became the original members of Blue Team. For 10 points, name the individual with the callsign S-087 who became a playable character in Halo 5: Guardians and is a name option for customized loadouts in Halo: Reach.

Answer: **Kelly-087 [Kelly Shaddock]**

B-8: The following bonus questions will be related to SPARTANS and the SPARTAN program

- This individual, seen throughout the Halo series, is immune to flood infection. This is attributed to him having Boren's Syndrome, however this disease is a coverup created by ONI and the real reason is due to their augmentations done during the ORION project, which would later be known as the SPARTAN-I project.

Answer: **Sergeant Major Avery Junior Johnson**

- This cloning process was used to abduct children for the SPARTAN-II program and not raise alarm. It is an imperfect process and clones created from this process would typically die quickly from compounded biological defects associated with abnormal development rate.

Answer: **Flash Cloning**

- Who was the only SPARTAN-II on NOBLE Team during the Fall of Reach?

Answer: **Chief Warrant Officer Jorge-052**

**T-9: This species, which was created by the Forerunners with nano-cellular technology and are technically mechanical structures rather than organic life forms, were one of the original species in The Covenant.** This species utilizes gas bladders around its body that it relies on for locomotion and respiration, which appear a translucent pink or purple. They were tamed by the pre-covenant reformist group of San'Shyuum and as a result, will only communicate with the San'Shyuum except for very a few named exceptions. For 10 points, name the species which first makes a game appearance in Halo Wars, is often seen providing Covenant forces with extra shields, and are referred to as the Covenant's Engineers.

Answer: **The Huragok** [If the answer "Engineer" is provided before the question is done being asked, you may inform the team/person that you need the species name, not their role and let them try again]

B-9: These bonus questions regard the different species in the Covenant. For 10 points each,

- What species is known as “Drones” to humans and were initially engineers before seeing more use as airborne infantry?

Answer: **Yanme'e**

- What is the name of the species referred to as “jackals” or “skirmishers” by the humans?

Answer: **Kig-Yar**

- The great schism started with the San'Shyuum replacing the Sangheili with this species to be the primary guards of the prophets, and the subsequent genocide of Sangheili at the order of the prophets by this species.

Answer: **Jiralhanae**

T-10: **This individual, a Sangheili who tries and fails several times throughout the Battle of Installation 04 to kill SPARTAN John-117, was a Special Operations Officer who is the only known Sangheili to be threatened and subjugated by an Unggoy.** This individual set a trap at the center of the silent cartographer utilizing a pair of Mgalekgolo and several Unggoy, which ultimately failed when one of Unggoy had a negligent discharge with an overcharged plasma pistol, killing one of the Mgalekgolo, and letting John-117 easily overwhelm the team. This individual is actually encountered in Halo: CE once despite his many assassination attempts, albeit his death differs from what is described in Halo: The Flood. For 10 points, name the individual that John-117 encounters in the elevator after destroying the fusion reactors in The Maw.

Answer: **Zuka 'Zamamee**

B-10: These bonuses refer to famous Sangheili individuals. For 10 points each,

- Name the heretic leader encountered and killed on the Forerunner gas mine by the Arbiter in the Halo 2 level The Oracle.

Answer: **Sesa 'Refumee**

- Name the Shipmaster of Shadow of Intent, nicknamed “Half-Jaw”.

Answer: **Rtas 'Vadum [Rtas 'Vadumee]**

- Name the leader of the splinter faction of the covenant encountered in the beginning of Halo 4, identified as cultists and terrorists by the UNSC instead of an empire like the original Covenant.

Answer: **Jul 'Mdama**



Sources: (first or most complete mentioned if mentioned multiple times, 2 sources provided for “completeness”)

**T1: Halo: Silentium**

B1-1: Halo: Silentium

B1-2: Halo: Primordium

B1-3: Halo: Silentium

**T2: Halo Encyclopedia/Halo Mythos**

B2-1: Halo Encyclopedia

B2-2: Halo: Cryptum

B2-3: Halo Warfleet

**T3: Halo: Cryptum**

B3-1: Halo: Mythos

B3-2: Hard to find a single source that confirms everything, C3 Sabretooth’s video “HALO 2’S LOST ENDING: The Reveal” neatly puts it all together. Their video “HALO: We WERE Forerunner!” goes into much more detail (and is much, much longer) and includes sources

B3-3: Halo: CE (term used), Halo: Last Night (explained)

**T4: Halo: Cryptum**

B4-1: Halo 3: Terminals

B4-2: Halo 4

B4-3: Halo: Cryptum

**T5: Confirmed by developers, mentioned on Arbiter wikipedia page**

B5-1: Confirmed by developers, mentioned on Halo wikipedia page

B5-2: Confirmed by developers, mentioned on Marathon Trilogy wikipedia page

B5-3: Confirmed by developers, mentioned on Halo wikipedia page

**T6: Halo Encyclopedia/Halo Mythos**

B6-1: The Bestiarum

B6-2: The Bestiarum

B6-3: The Bestiarum

**T7: Halo: 2 (referenced), Halo Encyclopedia**

B7-1: Halo: The Fall of Reach

B7-2: The Bestiarum

B7-3: Halo: Ghosts of Onyx

**T8: Halo: The Fall of Reach**

B8-1: Halo: Contact Harvest

B8-2: referenced in Halo: The Fall of Reach, named in Halo: The Flood

B8-3: Halo: Reach (by service number pattern), “Dr. Halsey’s personal journal” booklet (confirming)

**T9: The Bestiarum**

**B9-1: The Bestiarum**

**B9-2: The Bestiarum**

**B9-3: The Bestiarum (species name), Halo: 2 (events to connect “brutes” with the question)**

**T10: Halo: CE (seen), Halo: The Flood (named)**

**B10-1: Halo: CE Anniversary Terminals, Halo Encyclopedia**

**B10-2: Halo: Shadow of Intent**

**B10-3: Halo: Glasslands**