

1. On his deathbed, Thomas Sharp swore an oath that he had never fraudulently produced any relics connected to this man. The "sacrilegious priest" Francis Gastrell first chopped down a cherry tree and then burned down his own house because it was beset by tourists eager to see the "New Place," the final house where this man lived. This man's brief stay at the house of headdress maker Christopher Mountjoy is the subject of a monograph by Charles Nicholl. Thomas Arne's oratorio (+) "Judith" was staged for a jubilee celebrating this man; a play about that jubilee was the most popular staged in the 18th century. Visitors could take tea in front of a bust of this man by Louis-Francois Roubiliac at a temple devoted to him established by (*) David Garrick. In a recent book, scholar Claire Asquith has argued that this man was a staunch opponent of the Reformation, a view shared by his patron, the Earl of Southampton. A recent anti-Stratfordian book by Elizabeth Winkler argues that this author "Was a Woman," exploring the connections between Emilia Bassano and this author's "Dark Lady." For 10 points, some scholars have read revolutionary sentiments into what English author's play *Richard II*?

ANSWER: William Shakespeare <Other, 1>

2. One member of this band got a big payout when his MP3 streaming company Melodeo was bought by HP. According to an interview with *Bass Player Magazine*, this band's bassist and guitarist sought to create "one big instrument" by playing specially modified "guitbass" and "basitars" that had fewer strings than normal. Those instruments were not used on a novelty song about a vehicle "fueled / By the (+) Dark Side of the Force that makes it go" on this band's 2000 album *Freaked Out and Small*. This band's co-founder Chris Ballew also performs as Caspar Babypants. This band covered The Buggles' song "Video Killed the Radio Star" for the soundtrack to *The Wedding Singer*. This band's breakthrough album opens with a song where the title creature is "at my (*) foot and I wanna touch it." Another song by this band was parodied in a song whose chorus asks, "What's in his head? Is he inbred?" by Weird Al. For 10 points, name this band behind '90s alt-rock hits like "Lump" and "Peaches."

ANSWER: Presidents of the United States of America [accept The Presidents or PUSA or PotUSA or The Presidents of the USA] <Pop Culture, 2>

3. This student of William Merritt Chase had a falling out with his onetime mentor Alfred Stieglitz after criticizing Stieglitz for exhibiting photos on platinum paper. A visit to Hancock, Massachusetts inspired this artist to paint a work with diagonals of buildings superimposed on each other titled *On a Shaker Theme*. A backgammon board rests at the top of a highly angled table in *Americana*, one of seven paintings this artist made of furniture in his home of South Salem, New York. The sleek (+) propeller of a steel airplane is depicted in *Yankee Clipper*, one of six paintings this artist made for *Fortune* magazine on the theme of Power. He's not Diego Rivera, but an ad agency commissioned him to photograph a new factory outside of Detroit, which gave rise to his paintings of Ford's River Rouge plant. For 10 points, name this (*) Precisionist artist who shares a first name with a different Precisionist artist of *I Saw the Figure 5 in Gold*.

ANSWER: Charles Sheeler <Art, 3>

4. A tennis player-turned-clairvoyant named Edward Fisher was consulted by detectives in an unsuccessful attempt to find the culprits of this crime. Beverly Gage's tick-tock history of this event goes into detail on the flimsy "Warsaw confession" William Linde supposedly gave admitting to this crime. Historian Paul Avrich argued that the most likely perpetrator of this crime was (+) Mario Buda, a member of the Galleenists. A chocolate seller told the *Washington Post* that he had seen a wagon driver with "a Scotch accent" driving away from the scene of this crime. Noah Lerner, dubbed the (*) "Russian Red" by newspapers, was charged but not convicted of carrying out this crime. Eugene Debs told reporters covering his presidential campaign that he was glad that being in prison gave him an alibi for this event. In the aftermath of this event, 25 separate patrolmen were assigned watch duty outside the Morgan Building. For 10 points, name this 1920 terrorist attack in New York's financial district.

ANSWER: Wall Street bombing [accept J. P. Morgan building bombing before mentioned; prompt on New York or Manhattan bombing] <History, 2>

5. In a memoir titled for one of these creatures, the protagonist gets a job in a "tool crib" at a location called Syncrude Aurora, where she's constantly harassed by leering men. In another book titled for these creatures, the narrator repeatedly uses the phrase "the fact that," such as in the passage, "the fact that maybe all parents like to see their children sleeping, partly because it means the parents can take a break, a coffee break, recess, recuse, breakdance, beatboxer, gravity benders." The protagonist moves from (+) Cape Breton to get a job in the Alberta oil sands in a graphic novel titled for these creatures by the creator of *Hark! A Vagrant*, Kate Beaton. An Ohio mother worried about "the fact that the whole country's gone crazee almost" narrates most of a 1,000-page novel titled for these creatures in just a (*)

single sentence. That novel titled for these creatures contains a digression about a mountain lioness and was written by Lucy Ellmann. A fictional one of these animals titles a book that claims the title company “colonizes the everyday world, at hand of ordinary man and his common problems, with the analgesic of a child's imagination” published in Allende's Chile. For 10 points, name these creatures, one of which is referenced in the title of a Marxist critique by Armand Mattelart and Ariel Dorfman of Disney comics.

ANSWER: **ducks** [accept *How to Read Donald Duck* or *Ducks, Newburyport*] <Literature, 1>

6. In the 1840s, Edward Lear followed the Roman Via Egnatia while travelling through this modern-day country, facing danger from peasants who feared being "written down." A sanctuary on the Shtyllas Hill in this country marks the northern-most example of a Greek temple made in the Doric peripteral style. A Roman-era town called (+) Byllis, the so-called "Machu Picchu" of this country, was not seriously studied by archaeologists until the 1980s. A young Octavian was studying in this modern-day country's city of Apollonia when he learned of Julius Caesar's assassination. The first state of this country's namesake ethnic group emerged in the 1190s with the Principality of Arbanon. This modern-day country is home to the northern regions of the Roman province created after the end of the (*) Antigonid dynasty, Epirus. A king whose base of power was in this country's eastern region of Lake Ohrid named Bardylis established the first dynasty of Illyrians. For 10 points, name this country whose ancient tribes often spanned across its modern eastern border with North Macedonia.

ANSWER: **Albania** [or Republic of **Albania**; or **Shqipëri**] <History, 1>

7. One character in this novel gets a job discreetly discouraging customers to enter Starbucks in favor of independent cafes that pays a "Minimum FrankenWage." In one scene in this novel, the protagonist, a former rail-thin farmstead girl, is embarrassed to learn that she's been given counterfeit currency when she attempts to pay for the dinner for a man who translated the works of Emile Zola. The textbooks of a mysterious country in this novel celebrate the Czech Republic, the only other country to recognize its existence. While in the second of three houses that conclude this novel, the protagonist accuses her daughter of being a (+) changeling she met in her home country. This novel takes its title from an object that has "no nostalgia ... no harkening back to innocent indulgences and jolly times at nursery." In this novel, the protagonist's daughter, Perdita, is hospitalized after attempting to reach her mother's home country of Druhástrana after (*) consuming some of the title food. For 10 points, name this novel by Helen Oyeyemi, partially based on the tale of Hansel and Gretel.

ANSWER: **Gingerbread** <Literature, 3>

8. Description acceptable. The producers of *Monk* were questioned about this event following the 2007 episode "Mr. Monk Makes a Friend." Anthony Amore tried to use the modest fame he gained from investigating this event to run for State Auditor in 2022. On a wiretap, Carmello Merlino claimed he knew what happened in the aftermath of this event. The fact that this event took place on (+) Saint Patrick's Day and that the people involved used the word "mate" lead Charley Hill to conclude it was carried out by a foreign crew. In 1997, the *Herald* ran the infamous headline "We've Seen It!" in an article claiming they had found a new lead on this crime. The first season of (*) WBUR's podcast Last Seen focused on this event. Randy Hestand, a student at the New England Conservatory, was one of the witnesses to this event. Due to the terms of a will, this event left a lot of blank spots on walls that could not be replaced with other items lest the whole collection be donated to Harvard. For 10 points, name this infamous art heist at a Boston museum.

ANSWER: Isabella Stewart **Gardner** Museum art heist [accept anything involving stealing the art from the **Gardner** Museum; prompt on **Boston art heist** before mentioned] <Other, 1>

9. Gunpei Yokoi designed a toy form of one of these devices called the Ultra Machine that was featured in several *WarioWare* games. The mathematician and "British bigamist" Charles Howard Hinton designed an early one of these devices that alarmingly relied on gunpowder to work; accidents involving Hinton's machine of this type may have gotten him fired from Princeton. Players who successfully interact with one of these devices in a Yoshida center in (+) *Yakuza 0* can move to a Super Gold Rush mode in *Cage 6*. A startup called Trajekt is working on a T1 Robot, which it bills as a next-generation one of these devices that replicates data from people like Marcus Stroman. The latest generation of these devices attempt to simulate (*) seam-shifted wake rather than fully relying on the Magnus effect and incorporate Statcast data. A spring-loaded device of this type intended for kids is manufactured by the Louisville Slugger company. For 10 points, name this device that makes batting practice easier.

ANSWER: baseball **pitching** machine [accept answers line baseball **pitching** robot] <Pop Culture, 1>

10. After Hugh Trevor-Roper claimed he was "too busy," this government hired Kenneth Young to write a sympathetic history of the country it ruled that later sparked a libel case. Journalist Richard Clogg was leaked documents that indicated that this government had several British MPs on its payroll. Many of the 10,000 people placed on a "blacklist" after this government came to power were imprisoned on (+) Yaros Island. Shortly after this government collapsed, a politician in exile returned on a plane belonging to

French president Valery Giscard d'Estaing and was greeted by supporters holding white candles at the airport. One member of this government was purged by a hardliner following the brutal suppression of students at the National Technical University. After this government's fall, the Communist (*) KKE party was allowed to run for office in 1974. After this government tried to prop up Archbishop Makarios III, a Turkish invasion led to its collapse. An aborted countercoup against this government sent King Constantine into exile. For 10 points, name this regime led by military men such as Georgios Papadopoulos.

ANSWER: Regime of the Colonels [or Greek Junta or Greek Dictatorship] <History, 2>

11. A long-running series of novels set in this city begins with a book about an evil math teacher named Gary Soneji and were written by an author who came up with the slogan "I'm a Toys R Us kid." A play titled for a station in this city contains the wily character of Stephen Bellamy and was written by Beau Willmon. Another play set in the suburbs of this city takes place at the Farrelly estate and sees the (+) Romanian Teck de Brancovis demand hush money from the anti-Nazi Kurt Muller, who eventually kills Teck. In addition to being the setting for Lillian Hellman's *Watch on the Rhine*, a character who flees to this city still finds a "thick streak of" the title place in it. The protagonist briefly escapes (*) Gopher Prairie for this city in *Main Street*. A detective in this city solves murders in novels such as *Mary, Mary* and *Along Came a Spider* in the Alex Cross series by James Patterson. For 10 points, name this city, the setting of the play *Farragut North*, the closest metro station to K Street, the traditional location of lobbyists in this city.

ANSWER: Washington, D.C. [or District of Columbia; accept any underlined answer] (the author in the leadin is James Patterson) <Literature, 1>

12. This artist's penchant for using his forearm to mix paint landed him with turpentine poisoning. In a takedown of this artist for a major 1972 exhibition at the Grand Palais in Paris, John Berger wrote, "It is not with Goya ... that [this artist] should be compared, but with Walt Disney." According to the film *Love is the Devil*, this artist first encountered a longtime muse when that man tried to break into his studio at Reece Mews. A man's arm, lapel and legs are the only parts visible in a painting by this artist based on a (+) photograph of his patron Eric Hall seated in Hyde Park titled *Figure in a Landscape*. This artist's frequent use of a "space frame" to surround his subjects can be seen in paintings such as *Businessman I*. A black umbrella is positioned below an outstretched carcass in this artist's masterpiece, (*) *Painting 1946*. This artist's childhood nanny Jessie Lightfoot bears a striking similarity to a film still of a nurse that he based several paintings on. For 10 points, name this artist, a lover of George Dyer who in 2013 set an auction record for his painting *Three Studies of Lucian Freud*.

ANSWER: Francis Bacon <Art, 1>

13. This food is one of the six "everyday products" that former US Export-Import Bank chief Fred P. Hochberg argues "make the case for trade" in his book *Trade Is Not a Four-Letter Word*. This specific food was the most popular creation at a Disneyland restaurant run by C. Elmer Doolin, building on a patent from Gustavo Olguin; Olguin originally named this food for a portmanteau of (+) "cup" and went on to invent Fritos. A chorus declares, "I don't see no lettuce" in a Bud Light Real Men of Genius commercial saluting the inventor of this "12,000 (*) calorie" food. A May 5th, 2016 tweet declared that the best version of this American-invented food is "made in Trump Tower Grill. I love Hispanics!" For 10 points, name this Tex-Mex dish that is served in a hemispherical fried flour tortilla shell.

ANSWER: taco salad [accept taco bowl; reject "taco"] <Pop Culture, 1>

14. In the later years of this man's rule, his subjects frequently referred to the country as running on "low batt." This man's government was controlled by officials known as Grosses Legumes or Big Vegetables. This man's ambassador to Japan, Cleophas Kamitatu, sold the country's embassy in Tokyo to profit from Japan's bubble economy. A group of dandies under this man's government known as La (+) Sape rejected his requirements that everyone abandon Western dress in favor of the abacost. An authenticity campaign led by this ruler in the 1970s led to the replacement of titles like "Madame" with "Citoyen." A section of *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver describes prisoners being tortured in the basement of this ruler's (*) 20 May Stadium as an event this man paid \$5 million to Don King to host went on above. This onetime major in the Force Publique built an elaborate palace for himself in his hometown of Gbadolite. For 10 points, name this dictator of Zaire.

ANSWER: Mobutu Sese Seko [or Joseph-Désiré Mobutu; or Mobutu Sese Seko Koko Ngbendu Wa Za Banga] <History, 1>

15. Mme. Brillon was stuck in her tub for hours because Ben Franklin was too focused on this activity in her adjacent bathing room. The Newnes Cup was awarded to the winner of the first international competition in this activity. William Lewis's treatise on this activity was already out of date by the time of its 1844 publication. Howard Staunton served as a (+) columnist for this activity for the *Illustrated London News* and designed a Neoclassical set of parts for it that's since become a standard. In 1897, the British House of Commons competed against the American House of Representatives in this activity,

ending in a draw. When trying to win their first telegraph contract from the government, Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail emphasized the device's accuracy by using it to relay (*) moves from this activity between two clubs in Washington and Baltimore. A 1970 doctoral thesis by Thomas Ströhlein examined KQK, KRK, and other endgames from this activity. For 10 points, name this activity played by "engines" such as Rybka, Ivanhoe, and Stockfish, as well as by humans such as Garry Kasparov.

ANSWER: chess [or chess by mail or chess by telegraph or distance chess] <Other, 1>

16. This portrait was displayed in the "Golden Sun" home of Alfonso Lopez in between Lopez's purchase of it for Cardinal Richelieu and it ending up in the Louvre. The subject of this portrait was used as the model for Strabo the Geographer in another work by the same artist. That subject of this painting wrote a letter of introduction for the artist to Pope Leo X. An 1825 self-portrait by Hortense Haudebourt-Lescot borrows the (+) folded hand motif from this painting. It's not by Titian, but this painting was auctioned off in Amsterdam in 1639 by Pieter Haringh, where it was seen by an artist who incorporated the beret of the figure in the original into a portrait he made of himself at Age 34. This painting inspired the pose and costume of Rembrandt's *Portrait of a Man with a Magnifying Glass*. The subject of this painting may be the model for (*) Zoroaster in a different work by the artist who painted it, *The School of Athens*. Several scholars have argued how this portrait demonstrates the concept of *sprezzatura* coined by its subject. For 10 points, name this Raphael portrait of the author of *The Book of the Courtier*.

ANSWER: *Portrait of Baldassare* Castiglione [or *Portrait of* Castiglione] <Art, 2>

17. In the 1940s, Benjamin Green invented a version of this product called "red pet vet" that had the unfortunate side effect of being bright red until he had the idea to add coconut oil to it. A company called DSM has pushed to get US approval for a type of this product that it sells in foreign markets under brand names such as Escalol S that uses BEMT as the active ingredient. The official way of testing these products in the US involves cutting out two stencil (+) squares and then applying exactly 2.0 milligrams of this product per square centimeter. European versions of this product which use bisoctrizole as an active ingredient last longer than the ones approved by the FDA. The Environmental Working Group has pushed to ban products that combine these products with (*) bug repellent. "Mineral" examples of this product use compounds such as zinc oxide as a physical barrier for deflection. For 10 points, name this product measured in SPF that prevents skin cancer.

ANSWER: sunscreen [or sun block; or sun cream] <Tech, 1>

18. Description acceptable. In 1938, LA kindergarten teacher Helen Hulick was thrice barred from giving testimony in a burglary trial for this reason. Until the 1940s, police in Florence could seize a person's bicycle for this reason. Until 1989, the Frick Collection contained an emergency object in the cloakroom to help researchers not commit this offense, which originated from a mandate from Helen Clay Frick's wife. Evelyn Bross was charged with this offense in Chicago in 1943 despite her (+) job working as a machinist for the war effort. An idiom about performing this action dates back at least to a 1612 John Harrington epigram. One of a dozen or so people granted special permission to take this action in France in the 1850s was an *animalier* who needed to be able to take this action to head to the (*) slaughterhouses and horse-fairs needed when preparing to paint works such as *Ploughing in the Nivernias*. In 2016, British Airways relaxed restrictions in its "ambassador" uniform policy forbidding this practice. For 10 points, name this fashion statement that also idiomatically denotes the person who has the power in a relationship.

ANSWER: wearing pants [accept wearing the breeches or wearing trousers; prompt on wearing men's clothes or crossdressing or violating sumptuary laws] <Other, 1>

19. In a 1636 text, Henry Blount observed how these buildings were the first ones constructed when a certain people invaded a new town. An object called a peshtemal was primarily used at these locations. Perhaps the most famous account of one of these places wishes that the painter Charles Jervas could be smuggled into one since "I fancy it would have very much improv'd his art" and describes these things as "the Women's (+) coffee house" where patrons "stay there at least 4 hours." Philip II banned these establishments in Spain in 1576, and even before that Moors were prohibited from visiting them. A figure originally depicted in one of these title locations is isolated and shown with their back to the viewer in a painting named for Paul (*) Valpinçon. An account of one of these places by Lady Montagu inspired an 1863 painting titled for one of these places by Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres where a woman with her naked back to the viewer plays an instrument. For 10 points, name these places whose Turkish examples were an evolution of the Roman *thermae* type and were commonly used to perform ritual ablutions.

ANSWER: Turkish baths [or hammam or Ottoman baths or public baths; reject "harem"] <History, 1>

20. One program with this purpose authored by David Aubrey-Jones and David Looker began as a way to improve the load time from computer games distributed via cassette. One system with this purpose, known by the acronym TMSS, was ruled to be illegal in a case brought by Accolade. Another system with this purpose required the user to spend a lot of time calibrating their TV before using a device that had a

bunch of (+) prisms in a plastic holder; that device was most prominently used with *Elite* for the ZX Spectrum. A specialized piece of hardware for this purpose known as the CIC was copied in the Rabbit Chip. The 10NES system was developed for this purpose for the Nintendo Entertainment System. A 2017 post on Steinberg.net affirmed that the latest version of music editing software (*) Cubase still required a dongle that served in this capacity. A system of this type was infamously installed via a Rootkit on CDs sold by Sony. Circumventing software of this type is generally a violation of the DMCA. For 10 points, name this type of feature that attempts to prevent unauthorized use of hardware or software.

ANSWER: **copy protection** [or **anti-piracy**; accept any answer along the lines of **preventing** you from making unauthorized **copies** or **duplicates**; accept **DRM** or **digital rights** management] <Tech, 1>

21. Reasonably specific answer required. These people believed in a figure known as the Patriarch of the Correct Way and the Master of Laws. One practice among these people led to them being called the Sect Which Plucks the Sinews. Members of this group typically prayed on their knees in bare feet while also wearing a blue cap on their head. During one holiday, it was common for these people to consume sweet mutton soup for their ritualistic (+) bitter food. The existence of these people led to confusion in a conversation between Abishai and Matteo Ricci. Like a similar sect in India, these people had a patrilinear system of descent. Similar to those who worshipped at Dura-Europos in Syria, the chief (*) rabbi of these people used the Chair of Moses to read from the Torah. Following a 1642 rebellion and flood, many of these people were killed, although in the aftermath one of them named Zhao was appointed Nehemiah of the city they're typically named for. For 10 points, name this community of believers in an Abrahamic religion who lived in Henan province.

ANSWER: **Kaifeng Jews** [or **Kāifēng Yóutàizú**; or **Yahādūt Qā' yfeng**; accept answers like **Jewish** people of **Kaifeng**; prompt on **Chinese Jews** or **Jews**] <Other, 3>

22. This company's breakthrough product was codenamed for Splinter from the Ninja Turtles; an improved version of that device, named after Jagwar, another TMNT character, was secretly released following the passage of the "deeming rule" that should have blocked its release. Circa 2017, a common Reddit scam was to get endless free refunds from this company because they didn't require a distinct (+) serial number. The founders of this company, after finishing a Stanford thesis, created the first prototype called Ploom when the company was then known as Pax Labs. In 2018, Scott Gottlieb launched an undercover blitz operation to crack down on unauthorized sales of this brand. In Canada, this company offers a product called C1 that uses Bluetooth pairing to do (*) age verification. In 2018, this company was bought for over \$12 billion by Altria Group. In 2015, consumers of its products started complaining of burning sensations in their mouth due to leakage from this company's pods. In that same year, this company refused to issue a recall over a problematic e-liquid. For 10 points, name this leading vaping company.

ANSWER: **Juul** [prompt on **Altria** before mentioned] <Tech, 1>

23. A film about this architect contains a scene where his long-uncredited collaborator, Anne Tyng, returns to a dilapidated bathhouse that was the pair's first project together. It took two days to identify the body of this architect, who died alone in a men's room at Penn Station in New York. Most of this man's most celebrated buildings were designed in collaboration with his fellow ex-patriate, the engineer (+) August E. Komendant. This architect's desire to separate "served" and "servant" spaces is exemplified in his Richards Medical Research Building for the University of Pennsylvania. This man was the subject of the Oscar-winning documentary (*) *My Architect*, directed by his son, Nathaniel. A citrus grove courtyard, often the site of car commercials, was included in a research complex this architect designed that overlooks the Pacific Ocean. For 10 points, name this Estonian-American architect behind La Jolla's Salk Institute for Biological Studies and the National Parliament House in Bangladesh.

ANSWER: Louis **Kahn** [or Louis Isadore **Kahn**; or Itze-Leib **Schmuilowsky**] <Art, 3>

24. A book about this good by Amy Butler Greenfield chronicles how it was superior to a similar one sometimes named for Poland or St. John. The market for this good was cornered in the 16th century by the Capponi-Maluenda cartel. Pope Paul II instituted a change that required the use of this good in preparing objects owned by (+) cardinals. Some 30,000 Mixtec people were employed in producing this good in the 18th century, and it led to the capital of Oaxaca becoming a boomtown in New Spain. This good was produced from creatures that live on a (*) prickly pear cactus. There was a heavy demand for this good by the British army after standardizing the uniforms for its troops. For 10 points, name this red dye that is produced from a type of insect.

ANSWER: red **cochineal** dye [or **carmine**; prompt on **dye** or **red**] <History, 3>