

1) Formed by the confluence of the Mali and Nmai Rivers, it flows south through Mandalay and begins its delta 180 miles from its eventual exit on the Andaman Sea. For 5 points, name this largest river in Burma.

Irrawaddy

2) Yves St. Laurent got his start working for her, and Karl Lagerfeld is the head designer for the atelier she founded in the 1920's. Her name appears on several perfumes, notably numbers 19, 22, and 5. For 5 points, who is this designer, whose suits have come to epitomize 1960's chic?

Coco Chanel

3) It was formed by Michael Collins after the Easter Rebellion of 1916 and became the military wing of the Sinn Fein (Shin Fane). Its official branch claims to be non-violent, but its provisional branch has frequently resorted to acts of terrorism. For 5 points, what is this group, which included in its membership Bobby Sands, but not the Birmingham Six?

Irish Republican Army

4) They are apparently receding from the Milky Way, some at a rate of over 80% of the speed of light. They look like stars, and are probably the most distant and luminous objects in the universe. For 5 points, what are these quasi-stellar radio sources?

Quasars

5) The Spire, The Inheritors, Pincher Martin, The Pyramid, and The Scorpion were all written, for 5 points, by what Nobel prize winner, best known for his allegorical The Lord of the Flies?

William Golding

6) Devon, Prince of Wales, Somerset, Victoria, Prince Edward, Ellesmere, and Baffin islands are all found, for 5 points, in what country?

Canada

7) After serving with Pizarro, he was made Governor of Cuba. In 1539 he began an expedition to conquer Florida; it eventually led to Georgia, the Carolinas, and on to Oklahoma. He died in 1541, one of the first Europeans to see the Mississippi. For 5 points, who was this explorer?

Hernando de Soto

8) The name's the same. Something you might do on the New York Subway; the name of a retro singing quartet; and a novel by the author of The 42nd Parallel. For 5 points, name it.

Manhattan Transfer

10

9) Born in 1909, he was a writer for Fortune, a movie critic, a scriptwriter, and a novelist. Among his works are The Morning Watch, and his collaboration with Walker Evans, Let us Now Praise Famous Men. For 5 points, who is this posthumous winner of the Pulitzer Prize for A Death in the Family?

James Agee

10) His great-grandfather was William the Conqueror; his son was Richard the Lionhearted. He ruled over more French territory than did the King of France. For 5 points name the Duke of Anjou who founded an English dynasty.

Henry II or Henry Plantagenet

11) Born in 1889, this astronomer attended the University of Chicago before becoming a Rhodes Scholar. His research at Yerkes and Mt. Wilson Observatories led to his discovery that there are large-scale galaxies distributed uniformly beyond the Milky Way, the first observational evidence to support the idea of an expanding universe. For 10 points, who is this astronomical LAW-maker?

Edwin Hubble

12) It is a fundamental document of the Lutheran Church. Written by Philip Melanchthon in 1530, it sets forth the basic tenets of Lutheranism. For 10 points, what is this document, named for a Bavarian city?

Augsburg Confession

13) The years were 1959, 1963, 1965, 1981, and 1988. The losers were the White Sox, the Yankees, the Twins, the Yankees, and the Oakland Athletics. For 10 points, what team was the World Series winners?

LA Dodgers

14) Dupré, de la Peña, Troyon, Daubigny, and Rousseau were among them. Corot and Millet are often associated with them. For 10 points, what is this "model" school of French landscape painting?

Barbizon

15) Elasticity is the ability of a body to resist a distorting influence or stress, and to return to its original size and shape when the stress is removed. For 10 points, what law states that, within the elastic limit, strain is proportional to stress?

Hooke's law

16) Born Solomon Rabinowitz in 1859, he is the author of five novels, several plays, and over 300 short stories. Among his works are The Old Country and Tevye's Daughters. For 10 points, who is this man influential in establishing Yiddish as a literary language?

Sholem Aleichem

10

17) John was a Puritan Divine and supported Cromwell; Wilfred was a WWI soldier and poet; Robert Dale was an abolitionist and one of the first in the US to advocate birth control; and Robert, his social reformer-father, founded the New Harmony Community. For 10 points, what last name do these men share?

Owen

18) Formed in Omaha in 1892, its first Presidential candidate, James Weaver, ran on a platform designed to unite the workers of the North and East with the farmers of the South and West. For 10 points, what was this rival to the Democratic party and its candidate, William Jennings Bryan?

Populist party

19) -chemistry, -type, -scope, -isomer, -opticon, and -phonic. For 10 points, what six-letter prefix meaning "solid" or "three-dimensional" can precede all of these?

stereo

20) It is bounded by two oceans, and is separated from its neighbor to the south by the Liddell River, the Cheviot Hills, the Tweed Riever, and Solway Firth -- that is, if you don't count an old Roman wall. For 10 points, in what land will you find Nessie and the bonny banks of Loch Lomand?

Scotland

21) Born in Belgium, this French scholar and diplomat is the founder of structural anthropology. His works include Race and History, Structural Anthropology, From Honey to Ashes, and Totemism. For 15 points, who is the author of The Raw and the Cooked?

Claude Levi-Strauss

22) Warning: don't get RRRipped!! Currer Bell was the author of Shirley and Villette, but for 15 points, who is Currer Bell's most famous governess-heroine?

Jane Eyre

23) Charlemagne tried to do it. So did Ludwig I. But the firm of Rhine-Main-Donau AG (Rhine Mine Dah now, ah gay), which began this work in 1921, will have all the fine tuning on this engineering project completed by 2010. For 15 points, what is this venture?

Connecting the Rhine and the Danube, or the Danube-Main canal, or equivalent

24) Giovanni de'Medici, Giampietro Carafa, Benedetto Gaetani, Rodrigo de Borja y Borja, Nicholas Breakspear, and Karol Wojtyla -- for 15 points, what office have all these men held?

Pope ; accept Bishop of Rome

10
25) He was a friend of Franklin Pierce, Emerson, and Melville. His experiences at Brook Farm formed the basis for his A Blithedale Romance. Other works include The Wonder Book and Mosses from an Old Manse. For 15 points who is this author of The Scarlet Letter?

Nathaniel Hawthorne

26) This partner of C.F. McKim and W.R. Mead's designs include Boston's Trinity Church, the New York Herald Building, Washington Arch, Madison Square Presbyterian Church, and the first Madison Square Garden. For 15 points, who is this architect, whose affair with Evelyn Nesbit cost him his life?

Stanford White

27) Benzene is one, anthracene is another. So are naphthalene and toluene. A generous person might even include pyridine in, for 15 points, what smelly class of substances?

aromatics

28) Herringbone, satin, chain, slip, split, running, and french knot. For 15 points, what kind of handwork uses these stitches?

Embroidery or crewelwork

N.B. if "Stitches" is given on an early buzz-in, ask for more specific

29) Aspects of Love, Song and Dance, Starlight Express, Jesus Christ, Superstar, Cats, and The Phantom of the Opera are all, for 15 points, the works of what composer and sometime partner of Tim Rice?

Andrew Lloyd Webber

30) Born Saloth Sar in 1928, he became Prime Minister after the Khmer Rouge victory in 1975. Despite efforts by the Vietnamese to establish a rival government, he maintained his control of the government and army even after being deposed in 1979. For 15 points, who is this man responsible for the deaths of some 3 million Cambodians ?

Pol Pot