

Harvard Scorpion-Tossups ed. Matt Carter and East Conn  
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TOSSUP 1

Abducens (AB-DOO-CHINZ), trigeminal, optic, oculomotor and vagus.  
FTP, in the human body these are all names for what type of nerves?

Answer: \_CRANIAL\_ Nerves

TOSSUP 2

Illuminating the struggle of turn-of-the-century women to shake loose  
traditional sex-roles, this story details a woman's growing insanity  
brought about by her husband's cure for her desire to write. The main  
character becomes convinced that there is a woman trapped in the wall  
of her bedroom, a woman she can see creeping by night, trying to  
escape. FTP, identify this story by Charlotte Perkins Gilman.

ANSWER: The \_YELLOW WALLPAPER\_

TOSSUP 3

An avid golfer, he had squirrels banned from the White House grounds  
because they were ruining the putting green he had installed there.  
Before becoming the president of the United States, he served as  
president of Columbia University. FTP, name this man who left his  
position at Columbia in 1951 to serve as supreme commander of the  
newly assembled NATO forces, and ran for the presidency a year later.

ANSWER: Dwight David \_EISENHOWER\_

TOSSUP 4

For 10 points, identify the musical work. When somebody buzzes in,  
the tape will be stopped.

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Answer: The \_MOLDAU\_ (or \_VLTAVA\_) by Bedrich Smetana  
Prompt on "Ma \_VLAST\_" or "My \_COUNTRY\_"

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now if the question was interrupted early.]

TOSSUP 5

He was one of the first real stars of the Fox Network, a player on the  
popular series \_21 Jump Street\_. Since leaving television he has  
created a substantial body of movie work, most notably with his  
performances in \_Ed Wood\_, \_What's Eating Gilbert Grape?\_, \_Edward  
Scissorhands\_, \_Bennie and Joon\_, \_Nick of Time\_, and \_Don Juan  
DeMarco\_. FTP, name this actor.

ANSWER: Johnny \_DEPP\_

TOSSUP 6

Nazism nationalism extended into the arts, particularly into the realm of music. FTP, name the President of the State Music Council from 1933-35, who composed the fanfare for the 1936 Olympic Games and was official conductor of the Nazi party.

ANSWER: RICHARD STRAUSS (Prompt on Strauss)

TOSSUP 7

Combining ideas from two branches of physics, Tomonaga, Schwinger and Feynman netted themselves the 1965 Nobel Prize. FTP, name their theory, a new explanation of the electromagnetic force.

ANSWER: Quantum Electrodynamics or QED

TOSSUP 8

His "Sex and Longing," starring Sigourney Weaver, just opened on Broadway. In his most famous play, an accountant named George Spelvin finds himself on the stage of a play that may be "Hamlet," or, then again, Beckett's "Checkmate." What follows is the kind of satiric wit that has earned the author comparisons with Oscar Wilde. FTP, who wrote "The Actor's Nightmare"?

ANSWER: Christopher Durang

TOSSUP 9

Especially remembered for reading the comic strips from out-of-town newspapers over the radio during a newspaper strike, this "Little Flower" also battled city corruption and began a great number of construction projects. FTP, identify this beloved mayor of New York during the 1930s and 1940s and subject of a Broadway musical.

ANSWER: Fiorello LaGuardia

TOSSUP 10

A son of Zeus, he was one of the few mortals who was invited to share the food of the gods. Unfortunately, he was a bit too giving when it came to offering them food: he served the dismembered body of his own son, Pelops. FTP, name this father of Niobe and ancestor of the house of Atreus who was punished for his sins by being punished with eternal hunger and thirst.

ANSWER: Tantalus

TOSSUP 11

Though he played in the 1984 All-Star Game, he is always remembered for a single bad play two years later. Which first baseman, FTP, let a ball slip through his legs that cost the Boston Red Sox Game 6 of the 1996 World Series?

ANSWER: Bill Buckner

TOSSUP 12

His recent death has put him back in the news, but many Republicans had already begun to draw comparisons between his resignation from the Vice Presidency owing to problems during his tenure as Governor of Maryland and the position of President Clinton, who was also involved in questionable dealings as a governor. FTP, name this former Nixon Vice President.

Answer: Spiro AGNEW

TOSSUP 13

"One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest" became the second film in Academy Award history to sweep all four major categories of Best Actor Best Actress, Best Director, and Best Picture. FTP, name the 1934 Clark Gable comedy that was the first.

ANSWER: It Happened One Night

TOSSUP 14

Harvard lore has it that when Gertrude Stein was a student in one of his classes, he exempted her from an exam when she said that it was much too nice outside. FTP, identify the father of modern social ethics, and the author of "The Varieties of Religious Experience."

ANSWER: WILLIAM JAMES (Prompt on James)

TOSSUP 15

He found a solution to Einstein's equation of general relativity in which, very roughly, time travel is possible. He proved that the consistency of the axiom of choice and the continuum hypothesis with set theory. But he is best known for his incompleteness theorem: No found system containing arithmetic can be both consistent and complete. FTP, name this mathematician.

Answer: Kurt Goedel

TOSSUP 16

The "Idylls" of Theocritus, Calvus's "Io," and Parthenius's "Erotic Sufferings," all influenced this sequence of ten poems, whose title is simply Greek for "Selections." Church fathers hailed the fourth as an messianic text. FTP, identify the well-known set of pastoral poems by Vergil.

ANSWER: Eclogues or Bucolics or Eclogae or Bucolica

TOSSUP 17

Born in Amhurst, Nova Scotia, in 1821, knighted in 1879, and died in 1915, this man became Prime Minister of Canada on the first of May 1876. FTP, name this man who held the position for 69 days, making him Prime Minister for the shortest period of time in Canadian history.

ANSWER: Sir Charles Tupper

TOSSUP 18

Martin Amis, Christopher Buckley, Roger Angell, and more recently Steve Martin and Salman Rushdie have all been the authors of the column "Shouts and Murmurs," which appears, FTP, in the back of which weekly magazine?

ANSWER: New Yorker

TOSSUP 19

A rising star in the Republican Party, she is firmly in the Kemp-Forbes camp as an advocate of lower taxes to spur economic growth. She promised to name a rest stop on the Jersey Turnpike after Howard Stern if she won her election. In her tenure as Governor of New Jersey she has already lowered the income tax more than once. FTP, name this woman, currently the nation's only female governor.

Answer: Christine Todd WHITMAN

TOSSUP 20

Twenty-seven hundred miles in area, this was formerly part of the North Sea. It has lent its name to a brand of canned asparagus spears. FTP, identify this drained, dike-enclosed part of northwest Holland.

ANSWER: the Zuyder Zee

TOSSUP 21

Film historian Don Willis considers this picture the greatest horror flick ever. FTP, name the 1922 silent horror classic starring Max Shreck.

ANSWER: NOSFERATU

TOSSUP 22

The philosopher Chuang Chuo dreamt he was a butterfly, but when he woke he didn't know if he was Chuang Chuo who had dreamt he was a butterfly or a butterfly dreaming he was Chuang Chuo. This is called the transformation of things. FTP, name the school of thought depicted, one which supposedly originated with Lao Tsu.

ANSWER: Taoism

TOSSUP 23

TWO ANSWERS REQUIRED. In Medieval Italy, one was an aristocratic political party with sympathies for the German Emperors. The other, its bitter enemy, was a pro-papal popular party. FTP, identify these two long-struggling factions, whose names both start with the letter "G."

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ANSWER: \_Guelphs\_ and \_Ghibellines\_

TOSSUP 24

Traditionally comprising the military caste in their society, the tall, warlike tribe, formerly known as the Watusi, has long lorded over the more numerous Mutu of Burundi. FTP, name this people.

Answer: \_TUTSI\_

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### BONUS 1

The FDA has recently approved a new diet pill, the first in 23 years. Answer the following questions about this so-called miracle drug FTP each.

A) First, give the commercial name of the new drug, which was not actually taken from a John Updike novel.

ANSWER: \_Redux\_

B) Give the alliterative popular name of the combination of appetite suppressants which Redux can now replace. The combination is needed to offset the sleepiness caused by one of the pair.

ANSWER: \_Fen/Phen\_ (Fenfluramine and Phentermine)

C) Finally, both Redux and Fenfluramine operate by stimulating the production of this neurotransmitter, which leads to a general sense of well-being and the physical and emotional sensation of being satisfied.

ANSWER: \_Serotonin\_

### BONUS 2

Give the following literary chains for 10 pts each, all or nothing.

A) Edgar Allan Poe's story about a plague and either a poem by John Donne or a book by John Gunther

ANSWER: The \_Masque of the Red Death Be Not Proud\_

B) A Rachel Carson book about the effects of DDT, and the musical staged in the Mel Brooks movie The Producers.

ANSWER: \_Silent Springtime for Hitler\_

C) A Norman Mailer work based on Gary Gillmore, and a Walt Whitman poem.

ANSWER: The \_Executioner's Song of Myself\_

### BONUS 3

Answer the following questions about the French Revolution FTP each.

A) Once a prisoner in the Bastille, she was hired to make death masks from the decapitated heads of famous victims of the guillotine.

ANSWER: Madame \_Tussaud\_ (accept Marie Grosholtz\_)

B) The victim of a painful and debilitating skin disease, he hid in the sewers and was stabbed in his bathtub by Charlotte Corday.

ANSWER: Jean-Paul Marat

C) Posing as a god for the cult of the Supreme Being, he headed the Committee of the Public Safety, ordered the beheading of Danton, and was himself later guillotined.

ANSWER: Maximilien Robespierre

BONUS 4

Given a black and white reproduction of a French painting, identify the artist FTPE.

1) [Show the woman standing in the Jungle] 6-A

ANSWER: Henri ROUSSEAU

2) [Show the man holding swords] 6-B

ANSWER: Jacques-Louis DAVID [~~"DAH-veed"~~  
"dah-VEED"]

3) [Show the women bathing] 6-C

ANSWER: Jean-Honore FRAGONARD

BONUS 5

FTPE, answer these questions about the 1960's TV show, "The Prisoner."

A) Who was the lead actor?

ANSWER: Patrick McGoohan

B) What character did he portray?

ANSWER: Number Six

C) What was the name of the fictional town/prison?

ANSWER: The Village

BONUS 6

Given a list of characters, name the title of each of these Verdi operas FFPE. You'll earn 10 points more for all correct.

A) Radames, Ramtis, Amnens, Amonasro

ANSWER: Aida

B) Sparatucile, Count of Monterone, Gilda, Duke of Mantua

ANSWER: Rigoletto

C) Gastone, Germont, Alfredo, Violetta

ANSWER: La Traviata



BONUS 7

Identify the US Vice President given his opinion of the office, FTP each.

A) Declaring that the vice presidency was the most insignificant office that ever the invention of man contrived or his imagination conceived, he was the first VP to later attain the presidency.

ANSWER: John Adams

B) He said, Once there were two brothers. One ran away to sea; the other was elected vice president, and nothing was ever heard of either of them again.

ANSWER: Thomas Marshall

C) He declared, say the history books, that the vice presidency isn't worth a pitcher of warm spit.

ANSWER: John Nance Garner

BONUS 8

Identify the following about track and field, 5-10-15.

5) Who was the first black woman to win an Olympic event for the U.S.?

ANSWER: Wilma Rudolph

10) At the same games, how many gold medals did she win in all?

ANSWER: Three

15) Where, and in what year, were these games held?

ANSWER: Rome, 1960

BONUS 9

Given the country, identify its legislative body on a 5-10-15 basis.

5) Russia

ANSWER: Duma

10) Israel

ANSWER: Knesset

15) Poland

ANSWER: Sejm

BONUS 10

A positive integer that is equal to the sum of its positive divisors other than itself is known as a perfect number. For example, 6 is a perfect number since  $1+2+3 = 6$ . FTP each, name the next three smallest



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perfect numbers larger than six.

ANSWER: \_28\_, \_496\_, and \_8128\_

BONUS 11

Name the author from his works, 30-20-10.

- 30) The Water Method Man
- 20) The 158-Pound Marriage
- 10) The Hotel New Hampshire

ANSWER: John \_Irving\_

BONUS 12

Identify the country on a 30-20-10 basis.

- 30) It was taken over in 1517 by the Ottomans after they conquered Egypt.
- 20) In 1911 Italy invaded and took over from the Ottoman Empire, and ruled there until 1943.
- 10) It became an independent constitutional monarchy in 1951, but in 1969 the monarchy was overthrown by a military coup led by Col. Khadhaffi.

ANSWER: \_Libya\_

BONUS 13

Identify the following from Indian current events FTPE.

- A) The current prime minister

ANSWER: Deve \_Gowda\_

- B) The ruling political party which won the elections but could not form a government.

ANSWER: \_Bharata Janaka\_ Party (accept BJP)

- C) The former prime minister, recently accused of forgery

ANSWER: Narasima \_Rao\_

BONUS 14

Given a set of clues, identify the following 3 countries, FTP apiece.

- 1) It is south of Libya, east of Niger, west of Sudan, and north of Cameroon.

Answer: \_CHAD\_

- 2) It is north of Italy, east of France, south of Germany, and west of Austria.

Answer: \_SWITZERLAND\_

- 3) It is east of Isreal, north of Saudi Arabia, south of Syria, and west of Iraq.

Answer: JORDAN

BONUS 15

The ongoing bull market for equities is one of the longest on record in American history and has created more than its share of heroes. FTP apiece, identify each of the following investors whose public observations can move markets.

- 1) Born in Hungary, he began a fabulously successful hedge fund with Jimmy Rogers in the 1970's. Now running the Quantum fund without Rogers, the sheer influence he wields in currency markets frightens even Central Bankers.

Answer: George SOROS

- 2) Author of the best selling One Up on Wall Street, he acheieved fame as the manager of the enormous Fidelity Magellan Fund.

Answer: Peter LYNCH

- 3) Perhaps the only well known Wall Street money manager to ever have starred in a panty hose commercial, her switch to a bear roiled the U.S. stock market in July of 1996.

Answer: Elaine GARZARELLI

BONUS 16

FTPE, name the three flavors of neutrino.

ANSWERS: Tau or tauon, Mu or Muon, Electron

BONUS 17

Given the translated title of a modern Spanish poem, identify the poet, FTPE

- A) "The Little Mute Boy"

ANSWER: Federico Garcia Lorca

- B) "Sonatina"

ANSWER: Ruben Dario (da-REE-o)

- C) "Ode to the Moon of the Sea"

ANSWER: Pablo Neruda or Neftali Ricardo REYES Basoalto

BONUS 18

For 15 points apiece, answer the following 2 questions about the Law of Demand.

- 1) A decline in the price of a commodity increases the real income of a consumer enabling him to purchase larger quantities. What is term for this phenomenon?

Answer: \_INCOME EFFECT\_

- 2) A lower price increases the relative attractiveness of a product and makes the consumer willing to buy more of it.

Answer: \_SUBSTITUTION EFFECT\_

BONUS 19

FTPE, name the three NFL teams that beat the Buffalo Bills in the four consecutive years that they made it to the Superbowl.

ANSWERS: NY Giants, Washington Redskins, Dallas Cowboys

BONUS 20

Given the title of a work of literature, identify the work from which the title was taken FTP each.

- A) \_Far From the Madding Crowd\_

ANSWER: \_"Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard"\_

- B) \_The Sound and the Fury\_

ANSWER: \_Macbeth\_

- C) "Arms and the Man"

ANSWER: The \_Aeneid\_

BONUS 21

How much do you know about the French and Indian War? First, FTP name the commander of the French forces in America in 1755.

ANSWER: Baron \_de Dieskau\_

Next, FTPE name any two of the three French ships that were delayed in reaching the Great Banks before the war had started.

ANSWERS: The \_Lys\_, \_Alcide\_, and \_Actif\_

BONUS 22

It's time for the Kevin Bacon Game! Given the name of an actor, tell me the film he appeared in with Kevin Bacon, FTPE.

- A) Gary Sinise

ANSWER: \_Apollo 13\_

- B) David Strathairn

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ANSWER: The River Wild

C) John Lithgow

ANSWER: Footloose

BONUS 23

FTPE, name the only three cities ever to host the Winter Olympics twice.

ANSWER: St. Moritz, Switzerland; Lake Placid, NY; Innsbruck, Austria

BONUS 24

Answer the following about New York and Ireland in the news, FTPE:

A) What is the name of the current New York governor?

ANSWER: George Pataki

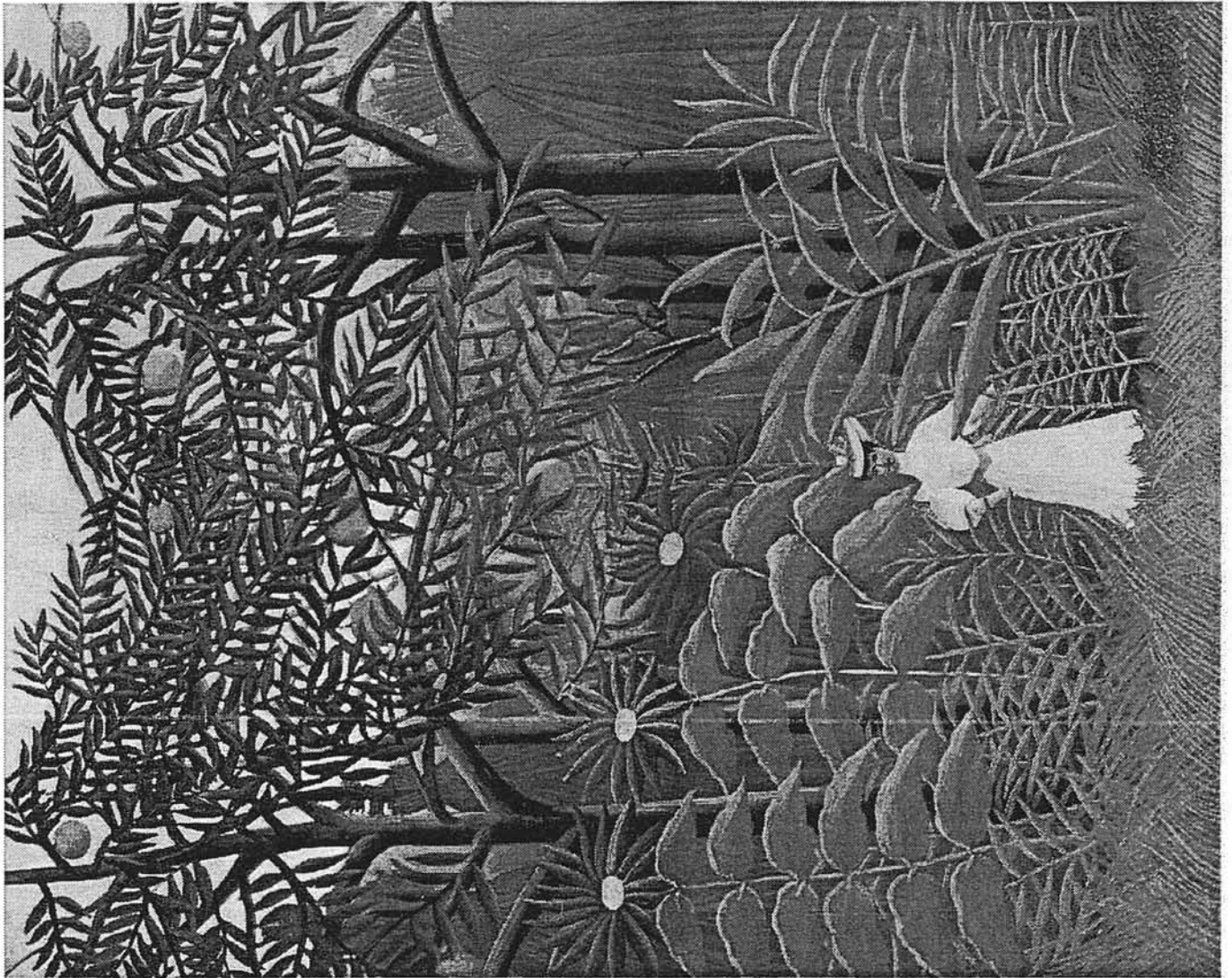
B) Who is the current President of Ireland?

ANSWER: Mary Robinson

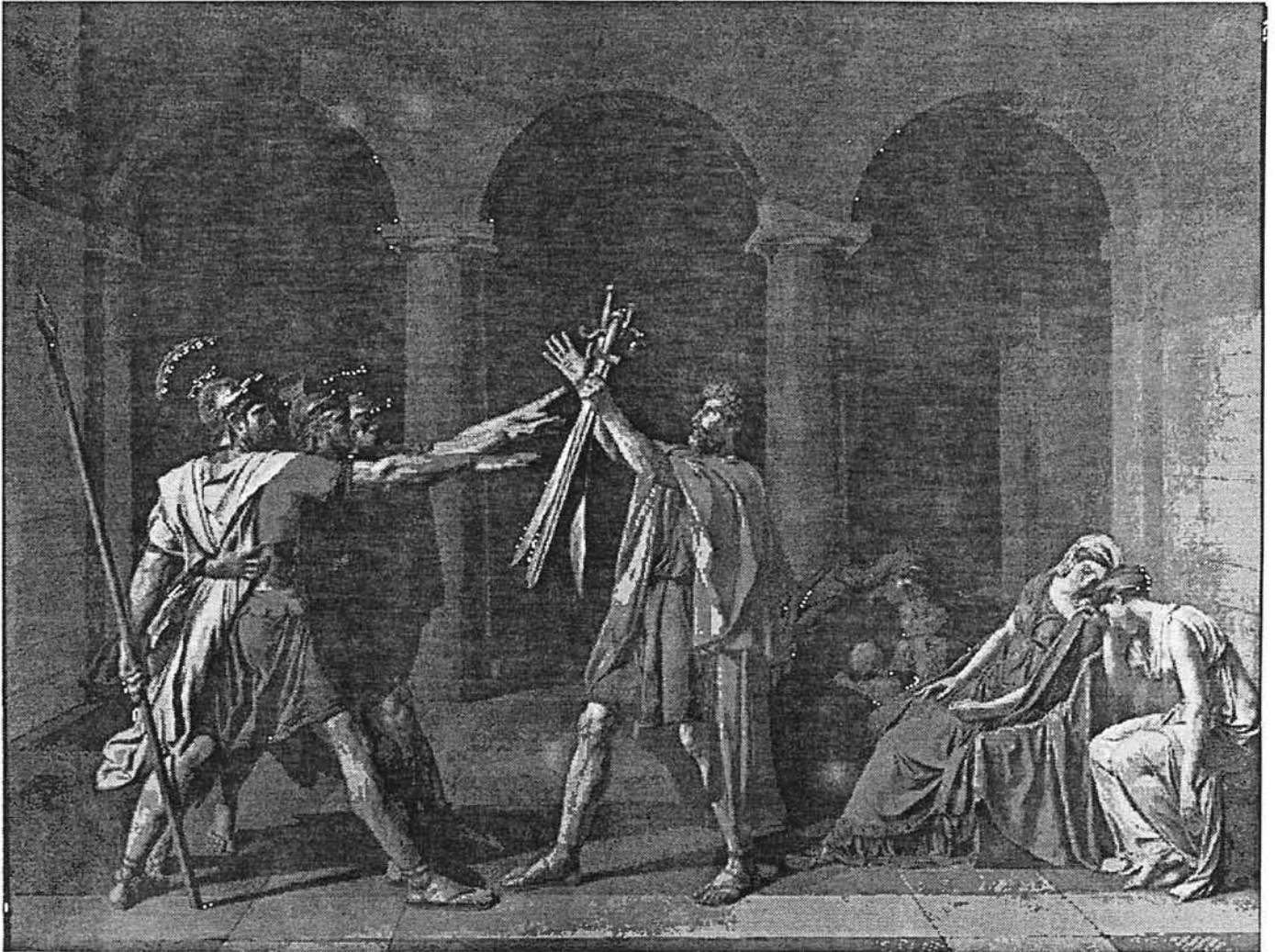
C) These two figures have been in the news together because of a proposal that would require New York schools to teach about which historical event?

ANSWER: the Great Potato Famine

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6-B





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