FREgeau’s Non-Conformist History (FRENCH) Open

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Packet 1

1. **The *Wei Zhi* puts this place 12,000 *li* north of a place called Dog Slave Country. Xu Fu likely visited this place in his search for the elixir of life and may have claimed one of its mountains to be Mt. Penglai. Red paint used to depict tattooing on *haniwa* statues is evidence for the claim that some of the people of this place were descendants of Wu Taibo of the Spring and Autumn State of Wu. People from this place were the most distant of the *Dongyi*. An early exonym for this place may have etymological ties to a word for “bent down” or** **(\*)** “dwarf”. Chinese sources describe a civil war in this place that ended with the accession of a sorcerer queen who only communicated through her brother. The first recorded name for this place is *wa* or *wo* and the state of Yamataikoku here was ruled by Queen Himiko. For 10 points, identify this island nation to the east of China known locally as Nihon or Nippon.

ANSWER: **Japan** (accept **Wa**, **Wo**, **Nippon**, or **Nihon** before mentioned and any island in the archipelago)

2. **This leader’s mother Beatrice married Godfrey the Bearded of Lorraine to provide military support during her son’s minority, but the Holy Roman Emperor imprisoned Beatrice and her son Frederick because Godfrey was his enemy. This leader’s husband Godfrey the Hunchback was assassinated in Flanders while taking a crap five years after she had left him. The animosity between this woman and her nephew Godfrey of Bouillon kept her from participating in the First Crusade. This woman’s greatest enemy walked through the Mont Cenis Pass barefoot and wearing a hair shirt so as to not be excommunicated by (\*)** Pope Gregory VII. For 10 points, name this northern Italian badass woman of the 12th century who made Henry IV stand in the snow outside her castle as a defender of the Papacy.

ANSWER: **Matilda of Tuscany** (or **Matilda of Canossa**)

3. **Before one battle this man led, all the commanders on his side reluctantly agreed to the orders delivered by Cornelis de Witt despite agreeing with them so that they could appear to be blameless if the battle went poorly. This commander declared war on the Isles of Scilly and peace was not declared until 1986, well after this man’s death. While captain of the *Salamander*, this leader gained fame for freeing Christian slaves in North Africa. He became friends with Frederick III of Denmark after relieving a Swedish siege of Danzig without fighting. This leader reversed the gains of Robert Holmes in West Africa and defeated** **(\*)** George Monck at the protracted Four Days’ Battle. As titular commander, this man led the forces who captured the *HMS Royal Charles* during the Raid on the Medway. For 10 points, name this Dutch admiral during the Anglo-Dutch Wars.

ANSWER: Michiel **de Ruyter**

4. *Descriptive answer acceptable*

**One of the first attempts at accomplishing this goal was carried out through three letters including *Viam agnoscere veritatis* and *Dei patris immensa*. A voyage by Sempad the Constable was used to promote this goal by his brother Hethum I, king of Cilician Armenia. Plans for achieving this goal drawn up at the Second Council of Lyons fell through due to a lack of royal support. This goal was rendered obsolete by the Treaty of Aleppo. The defeat of the Principality of Antioch was delayed by roughly five years because it had accomplished this goal to fight** **(\*)** Sultan Baibars. Louis IX received only a demand for submission after sending William of Rubruck to Karakorum to facilitate this goal. For 10 points, identify this informal and never fully realized diplomatic situation in which the descendants of Genghis Khan allied with the Franks against the Muslim world.

ANSWER: **European-Mongol** alliance against the Mamluks (accept **Franco-Mongol** alliance before “Franks”; accept answers conveying a political and/or military alliance being made between a European power and a Mongol khanate; prompt on **Christian-Mongol** alliance)

5. **Local rulers frequently paid the voluntary tuition of poor students at a university in this city because not doing so would be too damaging to their reputation. The Heliodorus Pillar was erected by an ambassador representing the ruler of this city. This city was only known from literary sources until Alexander Cunningham began excavating it at Saraikhala. This city was connected to the city of Tamralipta by the Uttarapatha, or “northern road”. A ruler of this city named Āmbhi was the bitter enemy of** **(\*)** King Porus and contributed 5000 men to the Macedonian army at the Battle of Hydaspes. This city is most famous for the university that supported the Ayurvedic scholar Charaka and the Sanskrit grammarian Pāṇini. For 10 points, identify this city in the Punjab home to an early university where Kautilya wrote the *Arthaśāstra* (“ar-ta-shah-stra”).

ANSWER: **Taxila** or **Takṣaśilā** (“tuck-shuh-shih-lah”)

6. **A speech delivered at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in 1967 was influential in the formulation of this program. Four tests of the HOE system were done on Kwajalein to gauge the efficacy of this project. This program was criticized for upsetting the geopolitical balance at the (\*)** Reykjavik Summit. One part of this endeavor envisioned using tungsten kinetic missiles in a system called Brilliant Pebbles. This program was publicly announced fifteen days after the “Evil Empire” speech and sought to replace the policy of mutually assured destruction. For 10 points, name this proposed missile protective measure first proposed in 1983 and nicknamed “Star Wars”.

ANSWER: **S**trategic **D**efense **I**nitiative (accept **Star Wars** before mentioned)

7. **During the Athenian *Skirophoria* festival, white versions of these objects were carried from the Acropolis to Phalerum. In 1710, Jean Marius opened the first shop for these items in Europe and received a five year monopoly on their sale. Robinson Crusoe creates one of these objects modeled off of one he sees in Brazil, leading some of these objects to be called “Robinsons” in England. One of these things appears with two crossed keys on the coat of arms for the *sede vacante*****(\*)** Holy See. The Real Cherbourg created an armored one of these objects to protect Nicolas Sarkozy and the 2014 Hong Kong riots were named after these items. For 10 points, Georgi Markov was injected with ricin via what kind of object, usually carried to protect one from the sun or the rain?

ANSWER: **umbrella** (accept **parasol**)

8. **The first known laws regulating this commodity were issued by Domitian in 92 CE because too much was being produced. The work of the Carthaginian writer Mago contains the first mention of the *passum* type of this substance. A famous variety of this commodity from Kos was treated with sea water and lower-quality varieties of this good were sometimes processed in *fumaria*. The Greeks called southern Italy** **(\*)** *Oenostria* in reference to its production of this good and also pioneered a preparation technique now known as *pigeage*. A bottle found at Speyer, Germany contains the oldest surviving example of this good, dating from around 320 CE, and is likely still drinkable. For 10 points, name this good, the preferred drink of Dionysus.

ANSWER: **wine**

9. **A statue of Jesus on the cross with huge eyes is the first shot in Julien Bryan’s filming of this event. This event took place in the Institute of Archaeology because of its small and dark rooms. This event was followed by a similar event the next year that was advertised with posters featuring a racist caricature of the title character of the opera *Jonny Plays*. The works displayed at this event were intentionally hung haphazardly and without frames, and much of the remaining wall space was used for (\*)** defamatory slogans. This event was claimed to contain “effigies of wickedness” by its organizer Adolf Ziegler and featured works by artists such as Emil Nolde, Oskar Kokoschka, and Paul Klee. For 10 points, identify this 1937 event in Munich which showed art deemed counter to the ideals of the Nazi Party.

ANSWER: **Degenerate Art** Exhibition(accept ***Entartete Kunst*** *Ausstellung*)

10. **This kingdom once allied with a queen who, during a negotiation with the Portuguese, sat on a servant when not offered a chair, and then killed the servant after standing, saying that she “never sat on the same chair twice”. A prince of this kingdom named Henrique was appointed bishop of Utica and died en route to the Council of Trent. A woman who claimed to be possessed by St. Anthony of Padua and to meet with God weekly led the Antonian Movement during a civil war in this kingdom. Álvaro I of this kingdom renamed his capital** **São Salvador and introduced European titles for nobles. (\*)** KingNzinga a Nkuwu was the first ruler of this kingdom to convert to Christianity, which had been brought to the area first by Diogo Cão. For 10 points, name this kingdom of west-central Africa, the namesake of a river and two modern countries with capitals at Brazzaville and Kinshasa.

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Kongo**

11. **The most famous person to have worked on determining this quantity had earlier invented the grasshopper escapement and the gridiron pendulum, both important for advancing the measurement of this quantity. Johannes Werner was the first to propose the lunar distance method of calculating this quantity. Several acts of Parliament named for this quantity in the 18th century encouraged the development of a means of calculating this quantity with (\*)** rewards now equal to over £1 million today.Dead reckoning was the primary means of determining this quantity until the invention of the marine chronometer by John Harrison, which allowed one’s position on the globe to be accurately calculated. For 10 points, this is what quantity describing one’s east-west position relative to the Prime Meridian?

ANSWER: **longitude** (accept **time** before “lunar distance” and prompt after)

12. **On an expedition led by this man, he trampled a British flag flown by a Native American chief, winning the concession of the land on which Fort Brady would be built. In a cartoon, this man says that prefers “long shots” because they allow for more “exercise of skill and ingenuity” as a fox escapes with a turkey. This man represented the US during the negotiation of the Treaty of Fort Meigs. The aforementioned expedition mislabeled Red Cedar Lake as the source of the** **(\*)** Mississippi River. As Secretary of War, this man carried out the Indian Removal Act. This man’s bid for the presidency with William Orlando Butler in 1848 split the Democratic Party and led to Zachary Taylor’s victory. For 10 points, name this early 19th century Michigan politician.

ANSWER: Lewis **Cass**

13. **One ruler of this city took his name from a mythical man-eating dog that lives underwater. The most famous ruler of this city had two zoos in his palace, one for birds of prey and the other for all other animals, that together employed over 300 people. This city constructed a levee named for an allied ruler that split the freshwater and saltwater sections of a nearby lake. This city was settled shortly after its founders were exiled for sacrificing the daughter of the leader of (\*)** Culhuacan and wearing her flayed skin. This city was divided into 4 sections called*campan*s, and each *campan* was further split into 20 *calpulli*. The *Hueyi Tzompantli* (“WAY-yee tsohm-PAHN-tlee”)*,* or “Great Skull Rack”, of this city was estimated to contain 60,000 skulls from sacrificial victims, many of whom were probably killed on the Templo Mayor. Taken by the Spanish under Hernán Cortés, this is, for 10 points, what capital city of the Aztec Empire?

ANSWER: **Tenochtitlan**

14. **The city of Toulon was emptied of most of its population while this force peacefully occupied it for eight months. A map created by this force claims to have used Columbus’ now lost maps as a source and its notable depiction of Antarctica probably does not represent actual knowledge of the continent. This force brought the craft of cannon-making to the Sultanate of Aceh to attempt to contain Portuguese influence in the Indian Ocean and many of the cannons it brought there were later melted to make Dutch church bells. John Elphinstone was one of the commanders who defeated this force at the Battle of (\*)** Çeşme**.** This force constructed the ship *Mahmudiye*, the largest warship of its time, in part to raise morale after its defeat at Navarino. For 10 points, identify this force that was most famously defeated at Lepanto.

ANSWER: **Ottoman navy** (prompt on less specific answers referencing the Ottomans/their military)

15. **Within a larger level in an N64 game, the player must rescue Chris P. Bacon from a temple in this place. The language of this place is claimed to be the ancestor of all modern languages in a 2001 film, somehow allowing its residents to speak English and French. This place is unwittingly discovered when Hans tackles Count Saknussemm for eating his pet duck in the 1959 film version of (\*)** *Journey to the Center of the Earth.* In a cartoon, this place has an ice cream-shooting tank in its arsenal, is reached by the protagonist in a vehicle that runs on “song fuel”, and has the world’s oldest bubble. In *Age of Mythology*, the battle between Gargarensis and Arkantos destroys this island and its advanced civilization. For 10 points, identify this sunken city of Greek legend.

ANSWER: **Atlantis**

16. **One account of a ruler of this kingdom claims that he took power after assassinating King Candaules after falling in love with Candaules’ to-be wife Tudo. The capital of this kingdom supposedly lay on a stream with golden sand and was one of the earliest places to separate the components of electrum. One ruler of this kingdom chose to patronize the Oracle of Delphi because it correctly predicted that he was eating lamb and turtle 100 days after he dispatched his envoys to visit it. This kingdom’s first king of the Atyad Dynasty, Manes, is the origin for one of this kingdom’s alternate names, Maeonia. Under Alyattes II, this kingdom’s war with the** **(\*)** Medes was called off due to a solar eclipse. This kingdom produced the world’s first known coins. For 10 points, what was this wealthy Anatolian kingdom ruled from Sardis by Croesus?

ANSWER: **Lydia**

17. **A member of this group and one-time gang leader was once attacked by a band of robbers, but was able to convince them to convert to his faith by beating the snot out of them. The face of one member of this group supposedly could glow in the dark because he had so much grace and he wrote 50 *Spiritual Homilies*. This group developed the tradition of *hesychasm*, or experiencing God through** **(\*)** silent prayer and living a solitary life. The most famous of this group was supposedly beaten by demons while living as a hermit in a tomb, after which he formed the first Christian monastery out of his many followers. Including St. Moses the Black and Macarius the Great, for 10 points, identify this influential group of early Christians who lived in Egypt and initiated the monastic movement, most famously represented by St. Anthony.

ANSWER: **Desert Fathers** (prompt on **Eremites**, **hermits**, **ascetics**, or **monks**)

18. **In 1869, Rear Admiral Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov erected a wooden cross to commemorate this event. Prior to this battle, one side tried to drag its ships over the Hanko Peninsula on ox skins. The turning point of this engagement was the capture of the ship *Tranan*, creating a hole in one side’s defensive line. At the end of this battle, Nils Ehrenskjöld was taken prisoner aboard his flagship, the pram *Elefanten,* which was claimed by the winning side to be a frigate to increase their glory. (\*)** 6 years to the day after this battle, the 1720 Battle of Grengam between the same navies marked the end of Swedish supremacy in the Baltic. For 10 points, identify this 1714 naval battle of the Great Northern War, the first major victory for the Russian Navy.

ANSWER: Battle of **Gangut** (accept names that sound pretty similar, there are many similar sounding names)

19. **The founder of this kingdom took power by convincing an invading Mongol army that he was a deposed king and that he would hand over the kingdom to them if they ousted the current king, but he destroyed the Mongols as they celebrated their victory over his enemy. The Paregreg was a civil war fought between the “eastern court” and the “western court” of this kingdom and was won by Wikramawardhana. This polity killed the Sundanese royal family at the Battle of Bubat when they refused the demeaning marriage terms offered by the minister (\*)** Gajah Mada. The voyages of Zheng He brought the first significant populations of Muslims to this polity. This kingdom’s name refers to a bitter fruit and was at its most powerful under Hayam Wuruk. For 10 points, identify this Hindu kingdom established by Raden Wijaya on Java.

ANSWER: **Majapahit** Kingdom/Empire

20. **The town of Cupids was an early British settlement in this modern country and was founded the generically-named John Guy. Due to an early Portuguese explorer of the coast of this modern country, one of its northeastern provinces is named after the Portuguese word for “farmer”. The site of Santa Cruz de Nuca on the west coast was the only Spanish settlement in this country. Father Le Loutre’s War was fought between English and French** **(\*)** settlers in this country. York Factory was an early economic center for this country in Rupert’s Land. An eastern peninsula of this country derives its name from its brief Scottish colonization. For 10 points, name this modern country whose first settlement by Europeans was by the Norse around 1000 CE in Newfoundland.

ANSWER: **Canada**