

Chicago Open History 2015: Quizbowl's New Chains Discovered
Round 12
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1. A song about this group claims that “some get drunk on demon rum, and some get drunk on glory.” An essay by “the new Bernal Díaz del Castillo” criticized “the legitimate descendents of the ancient Tlaxcalans” for taking part in the “atrocious order” to hang members of this group. Along with the “Bravos” national guard battalion, this group was assigned to fortify the Franciscan convent of San Mateo, which protected a bridge just east of Coyoacán. Although cannoneers from this group three times ripped down a white flag, they were forced to surrender when General William Worth's attack ended the Battle of (*) Churubusco. Major John Riley was a leader of this group, which carried a green silk banner emblazoned with a harp and the motto “Erin go Bragh.” For 10 points, name this group of Irish-Americans who deserted from the U.S. Army and switched sides during the Mexican War.

ANSWER: Saint Patrick's Battalion (or San Patricios or Batallón de San Patricio; accept alternate unit sizes such as “brigade” or “regiment”; prompt on “Irish(-American) immigrants” before “Irish”)

2. Simon Stein thought that this text was a forgery from the school of Reims because it mistakenly equated 40 denarii with one solidus. The Malberg glosses are an “absolutely baffling” set of vernacular marginal notes on this text, whose earliest prologue explains that it was produced by four *rectores* from the region of Toxandria, between the River Ligeris and the forest of Carbonaria. According to Francois Guizot, this text placed much more emphasis on judicial combat than the related (*) laws of the Ripuarian people who lived along the Rhine. Application of this law caused controversy in 1328, at the end of the Capetian house, and in 1713, when Holy Roman Emperor Charles VI issued the Pragmatic Sanction. For 10 points, passing down land to a daughter was forbidden under what barbarian law code of the early Franks?

ANSWER: Salic Law (or Lex Salica or Pactus Legis Salicae)

3. *Description acceptable*

One of these people was discovered at the foot of Drumkeragh Mountain by Lady Moira in 1781. According to a 15th-century German parish register, the priest Magnus Lauenrod advised parishioners that these people were not to be buried in a churchyard, because their condition was the work of malicious elves. The wife of King Eric Bloodaxe is sometimes thought to have become one of these people. P. V. Glob wrote the standard account of these people, who may display a hairstyle called the “Swabian knot” mentioned in Tacitus. A leather noose is typically found associated with these people, who were discovered at (*) Lindow Moss in Cheshire and at Tollund in Denmark. For 10 points, peat-cutters sometimes uncover what kind of archaeological remains that may be an indication of Iron Age human sacrifice?

ANSWER: bog bodies (or bog people; accept descriptive answers that indicate human remains uncovered in a bog)

4. *Description acceptable*

This event was supposedly justified by Petrus Paludanus's commentary on the *Sentences* of Peter Lombard. In fact Paludanus recanted in old age, a fact discovered by Thomas Abell, who published the seditious tract *Invicta Veritas* in Antwerp to denounce this event. The gout-ridden Italian cardinal, Lorenzo Campeggio, obtained a “decretal commission” to study the possibility of this event taking place, but delayed it indefinitely by claiming that the Roman summer vacation applied to the operation of a legatine court at Blackfriars. John (*) Fisher wrote the treatise “*Licetum fuisse*” to argue against this event, whose supporters cited Leviticus 20:21 on the duties owed to one's deceased brother. The captivity of Clement VII in the Castel Sant'Angelo made it impossible to secure church sanction for this event, which is usually blamed for the fall from favor of Cardinal Wolsey. The “king's great cause” was, for 10 points, what event that ended the second Tudor monarch's marriage to a Spanish princess?

ANSWER: Henry VIII's divorce from Catherine of Aragon (accept equivalents indicating the end of a marriage, such as annulment or declaration of nullity)

5. Swedish archaeologist Gustav Nordenskiöld was arrested after being accused of looting at this site. The rise of tourism at this site was promoted by a scale replica of its “Battle Rock” at the World's Columbian Exposition and by the photographs of William Henry Jackson, who was guided here from Parrott City by the prospector John Moss. Acowitz, a member of the Ute nation, commented that his people knew of this place, but never visited it for fear of disturbing the spirits of the dead. This site was first reported to the (*) Smithsonian by cowboys who had settled at Alamo Ranch and explored the upper course of Mancos Canyon. The Wetherill family acted as guides and assistants for the first excavations of this area, which includes Spruce Tree House, Balcony House, Cliff House and other well-preserved Anasazi dwellings. For 10 points, identify this southwest Colorado national park whose Spanish name refers to the green color of its vegetation.

ANSWER: Mesa Verde (National Park)

6. The diary entry “British destroying the oil fields. GOOD GOD. What are we fighting for?” was written by this man, who used the base at Ramgarh to train elite units called the “first group of thirty divisions.” The U.S. Army “green book” about this man's “command problems” describes his quarrel over the supply buildup for Operation Matterhorn. Another example of his unconventional style was the order “you know what I want, Frank, so go in there and get it for me,” which resulted in heavy casualties suffered by Merrill's Marauders. This man boasted that “the old harpoon was ready” to “lay the (*) Peanut low” in a 1944 poem quoted in Barbara Tuchman's book about this man “and the American experience in China.” For 10 points, “Vinegar Joe” was the nickname of what American general who served as an adviser to the Chinese nationalists during World War II?

ANSWER: Joseph (Warren) Stilwell (accept Stilwell's Command Problems or Stilwell and the American Experience in China)

7. *Named answer required*

This speech denounces the threat of nationwide oligarchy by citing Thor's struggle to lift the Midgard-serpent disguised as a cat in the hall of Utgard-Loki. The “temple of constitutional liberty” is said to be “grander than the Ephesian dome” according to this speech, which also calls the ballot-box “more precious than ivory and marble.” In this speech, a senator is compared to Don Quixote, who considered Dulcinea “chaste in his sight, though polluted in the eyes of the world.” According to this speech, Andrew Butler's chosen mistress was in fact “the harlot, (*) Slavery.” Butler's cousin, infuriated by the supposedly libelous content of this speech, beat its author over the head with a gutta-percha cane. For 10 points, Preston Brooks attacked Charles Sumner for delivering what 1856 speech about the violence of the “slave power” in a western frontier territory?

ANSWER: “On the Crime against Kansas”

8. Carved statues of these two figures have been found in the London Guildhall since Tudor times. According to the 13th-century geographer Qazwini, these people are said to feed on “crocodiles and sea serpents,” and they possess “two enormous ears, one of which is exceedingly hairy on the outside, but hairless inside” and the other vice versa. Many medieval Arabic sources describe a wall of iron bricks sheathed with brass, named after (*) Alexander the Great, who supposedly built the structure to restrain the movement of these legendary people. In Christian legend, they can be the “leader of Meshech and Tubal” described in Ezekiel, or a group whose “number is like the sand of the sea.” For 10 points, name these figures said to be the “nations which are at the four corners of the earth” in the Book of Revelation.

ANSWER: Gog and Magog (or Yajuj and Majuj; accept Gogmagog and Corineus before “Arabic”; accept all answer pairs in either order)

9. This author wrote that “one of the most cruel and damnable things in the whole of creation” was the mistreatment of pearl-fishers, who lived on oysters and cassava bread and were shackled to prevent their escape. This man's books are often illustrated with plates produced by the Liege-born engraver Theodore de Bry, including images of a man carrying a giant anchor, a series of mass hangings, and enforced cannibalism. Protestant apologists drew on this man's work to create the (*) “Black Legend.” In the so-called “Valladolid debate,” Juan Gines de Sepulveda argued in favor of “natural slavery” and against the proposals of this man, who had served as bishop of Chiapas. For 10 points, *The Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies* was written by what Spanish Dominican who advocated more humane treatment of Native Americans?

ANSWER: Bartolomé de Las Casas

10. This author lamented the “huge piles of mouldering wreck” that composed the civil war-era pamphlets in the British Museum, and attacked a fake historian called “Dryasdust” for failing to recognize the “Puritan heroism” hidden in such “Rushworthian chaos.” S. C. Lomas re-edited this man's collection of Oliver Cromwell's letters and speeches. James Whistler's *Arrangement in Grey and Black #2* is a portrait of this author, who described the French mob as “clear-sighted, inventive, prompt to seize the moment” in a history whose first (*) draft was burned in a fireplace by the careless servant of John Stuart Mill. This man wrote that “universal history is at bottom the history of the great men who have worked here” in his 1840 lectures *On Heroes, Hero-Worship, and the Heroic in History*. For 10 points, name this Victorian better known for writing about the “philosophy of clothes” in *Sartor Resartus*.

ANSWER: Thomas Carlyle

11. *Description acceptable*

Performing this action was the intent of the “Warburg Wire Job,” which required a blown fuse and a set of hinged stepladders. Welsh Guardsman John Elwyn attempted this action five times, succeeding on the last attempt by pretending to be a French farm worker and assaulting a policeman near Derschau. Successfully completing this action, for example by stowing away on a Swedish freighter or walking over the passes in the Pyrenees, was referred to as a “home run.” Bill Goldfinch designed a wooden glider in an attempt to carry out this action, which was supposedly impossible to perform from the Saxon castle of (*) Colditz. In a movie about this action, Steve McQueen's character rides a motorcycle past a sign reading “Achtung – Schweizer Grenze.” For 10 points, the “great” example of what action happened when dozens of Allied airmen tunneled out of Stalag Luft III in 1944?

ANSWER: escaping from a prisoner-of-war camp (in Nazi Germany) (prompt on “escaping” for “from where?”; prompt on “escaping from (Nazi) Germany” with “what kind of institution?”; do not accept or prompt on “escaping from a concentration camp”)

12. The 1737 voyage of a ship called the *Charming Nancy* carried 21 settler families from this group, which is known for its high incidence of Ellis-van Creveld syndrome. The education of this group in Wisconsin was the subject of a 1972 Supreme Court case in which Justice Douglas's dissent worried about members of this group who might want to grow up to be astronauts or oceanographers. Elizabethtown College sociologist Donald Kraybill wrote about the “riddle of” this group's culture, which includes the reading of a book called the *Martyrs' Mirror* and the use of (*) “hook-and-eye” fasteners in traditional clothing. This group was founded by Alsatians who disagreed with Swiss bishop Hans Reist over the issue of “shunning” wayward members of the community. For 10 points, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania is home to many members of what pacifist religious group known for rejecting modern technology?

ANSWER: (Old Order) Amish (accept The Riddle of Amish Culture)

13. Description acceptable

Ivan Champion was praised for carrying out this action without the use of firearms. The so-called “Cult of Ain” was a religious movement that swept through the Enga region after this action caused a devastating outbreak of pig diseases. This action titles the first film in a trilogy of documentaries by Connolly and Anderson that continued with *Joe Leahy's Neighbors* and *Black Harvest*. The book *Sky Travellers* is a narrative of this action, as carried out by the 1938 Hagen-Sepik (*) patrol, who were sometimes regarded as “spirit people.” Prior to World War II, this action was often carried out by Australian gold prospectors who introduced steel tools to the highlands of Papua New Guinea. For 10 points, give this anthropological term indicating the initial encounter between westerners and previously isolated tribal societies.

ANSWER: first contact (before “For 10 points,” accept descriptive answers indicating early contacts between westerners and indigenous New Guineans)

14. This event was the result of the new spirit indicated in the editorial “Yesterday a Fief, To-day Our Country,” which notes that Peru and Mexico “were for many centuries under an administration totally devoid of all scruples.” Photographs of this event were taken and distributed by a German medic named Wegner. The progress of this event in the Hakkiari District is among the topics documented in a collection of sources about this event compiled by Arnold Toynbee and Viscount Bryce. A monument of concrete arches at Montebello, California, commemorates this event, which was said to be preceded by a “revolution at (*) Van” in a report by the ambassador Henry Morgenthau. The book *The Burning Tigris* considers “America's response” to this event, which is fictionalized in Franz Werfel's novel *The Forty Days of Musa Dagh*. For 10 points, if you identify this event, you might be prosecuted under Article 301 for publicizing an “insult to the Turkish nation.”

ANSWER: the Armenian genocide

15. One member of this group supposedly used a sculpture of an “Olmec monkey” head as a token of love and affection. This group's symbol was a seven-headed cobra said to be a “170,000-year-old sign signifying god and life.” Writings by this group called for “death to the fascist insect that preys upon the life of the people.” A member of this group called (*) “Tania” participated in the shootout at Mel's Sporting Goods store and the robbery of the Hibernia Bank. An apartment on Benvenue Street was the site of this group's best-known action, the so-called “arrest and protective custody” of a Berkeley sophomore whose father edited the *San Francisco Examiner*. For 10 points, Patty Hearst was kidnapped by what group of 1970s radicals who called themselves a “Liberation Army”?

ANSWER: Symbionese Liberation Army (or SLA)

16. This man called Johann Georg of Saxony an “insignificant tosspot,” and lamented that of all the commissioners who negotiated the truce of Stuhmsdorf, only his own son, Johan, was able to speak any Latin at all. A German children's song claims that when this leader appears tomorrow, he will teach ill-behaved children the proper way to pray. Queen Maria Eleanora was banished to the isle of Gripsholm by this man, who promised plundered bishoprics to Bernard of Saxe-Weimar in an effort to quell mutiny among his own officers. This man encouraged colonial settlement on the (*) Delaware and organized the League of Heilbronn to rally the Protestant princes of north Germany after the death of Gustavus Adolphus. For 10 points, during the youth of Queen Christina, what high chancellor governed Sweden?

ANSWER: Axel (Gustafsson) Oxenstierna

17. *Description acceptable*

A query by Nechtan, king of the Picts, about this issue inspired Abbot Ceolfrid to quote Plato's *Republic* on the virtue of philosopher-kings; the abbot then produced a “three-fold rule” for resolving this issue based on a lengthy and tedious explanation of certain passages in the Book of Exodus. This issue became “even more serious” and troubled the faith of new Christians when Colman, an Irishman, was appointed as bishop. It did not conclude until a devout man named Egbert persuaded the monks of Iona to abandon the front-shaven tonsure and other “obsolete traditions of the ancestors,” a decision that caused Egbert to die of joy in April 729. This struggle was why Queen Eanflæd and her court were “still (*) fasting and keeping Palm Sunday” when her husband, King Oswy of Northumbria, had already ended Lent. The Synod of Whitby helped resolve, for 10 points, what Anglo-Saxon church dispute about the proper date to celebrate Christ's resurrection?

ANSWER: Easter controversy (accept equivalents indicating struggle or dispute about the correct chronology of Easter)

18. One structure in this city was a silver tree that dispensed four different kinds of beverages when a bellows-driven angel figure blew on a trumpet. This city's residents included Guillaume Boucher, a goldsmith who was born in Paris, and Paquette, a native of Lorraine who had traveled to this city from Hungary. Some landmarks in this city were an eastern market for the sale of millet, which was “rarely brought” there, and a Nestorian church located at its “extreme end.” (*) William of Rubruck led a western embassy to this city in the 1250s, when it was ruled by Mongke. A rectangular mud wall enclosed this city in the Orkhon river valley, whose low permanent population was supplemented by the seasonal movements of nomads who lived in tents called gers. For 10 points, name this city that served as the capital of the Mongol Empire.

ANSWER: Karakorum (or Khara-korin or Holin)

19. *Description acceptable*

A location of this type near Glendale, Arizona is named for the World War I “balloon buster” Frank Luke. The potential closure of one of these locations named “Ellsworth” near Rapid City is thought to have been a factor in Tom Daschle's departure from the U.S. Senate. The Davis-Monthan one of these locations near Tucson is the home of the 309th Maintenance and Regeneration Group, popularly known as the “boneyard,” which is responsible for preserving Thunderbolts, Aardvarks, and (*) Phantoms. A chapel made up of seventeen steel spires is located at an educational one of these locations built during the Eisenhower administration outside of Colorado Springs. For 10 points, identify these installations which support a branch of the U.S. military created by the National Security Act of 1947.

ANSWER: U.S. Air Force bases (prompt on “airports,” “airfields,” or “(U.S.) military bases”)

20. This book discusses how a certain class of condemned criminals “brighten their own hearts” by eating the heart of a goat just before they are executed. *Orogi*, the act of using a “powder ground from human, animal, and reptile flesh” to commit poisoning, is called “the most hated and unpopular magic” in this book, which concludes that “nobody is an isolated individual.” This book criticizes the Church of Scotland for attempting to ban the practice of *irua*, the (*) circumcision ritual that marks the transition to adulthood. The warning that “Europe is deeply immersed in occultism” appears in this book's introduction, written by Bronislaw Malinowski, who taught this book's author at the London School of Economics. For 10 points, what study of Kikuyu “tribal life” was written by Jomo Kenyatta?

ANSWER: Facing Mount Kenya

TB. This book complains that “the use of perfumes went beyond all reasonable limits,” citing the example of festival days on which even the mules “were treated with scents and ointments.” Frederick II is called the “first ruler of the modern type who sat upon a throne,” in this book, which attributes his efficiency to close acquaintance with the “administration of Saracenic states.” This book notes at one time, “both sides of human consciousness lay dreaming or half awake beneath a common veil,” a condition that changed when political circumstances made it possible for man to become a “spiritual (*) individual.” The Malatesta rulers of Rimini are one of the “smaller despotisms” considered in this work's opening section on “the state as a work of art.” For 10 points, name this masterpiece of the Basel historian Jacob Burckhardt.