

NSC 2012 All-Star Game Audience Questions
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1. In his spare time, this creature writes general interest works like *The Grand Design* from his home on Skull Island. While being captured by Carl Denham, this creature gives off a namesake form of radiation from outside of his event horizon. Identify this creature who, although bound to a wheelchair due to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is able to climb to the top of the Empire State Building before falling to his death.

ANSWER: **Stephen Hawking Kong**

2. This novel underwent digital alteration to remove scenes where Dirk Stroeve is smoking a cigarette. Most of this work features the character walking around his hut on Tahiti, examining things like a bowl of mush and knitting needles. Name this novel in which would-be artist Charles Strickland, while dying of leprosy, still finds time to engage in a beloved bedtime ritual.

ANSWER: **Goodnight, Moon and Sixpence**

3. This man faced challenges like a gauntlet set up by his peers in a dark Queensbury, New York church before being blackmailed by his on-again-off-again lover, Margaret Peel. Although he was drafted by the Kings, he gets in a fight with Bertrand and gives a lecture condemning Professor Welch. Identify this Kingsley Amis character, a medieval historian adept at draining threes for Brigham Young University.

ANSWER: **Lucky Jimmer Fredette**

4. Although this event prohibits performing *melakha*, participants in it have Jesus on their necklace-ace and are hot and dangerous. After participants in this event wake up feeling like P. Diddy, they partake in the third meal of Seudah Shlishit. Identify this event where Jews engage in a day of rest while singing traditional songs like “Tik Tok”.

ANSWER: **Ke\$habbat**

5. This Wilbert Awdry character once had his story told by Ringo Starr, although he has not personally spoke out in oral argument for over 6 years. Percy and Toby help out this character, who has his own branch line but was accused of sexually harassing Anita Hill. Identify this locomotive appointed to the Supreme Court to fill the seat held by Thurgood Marshall.

ANSWER: **Clarence Thomas the Tank Engine**

6. One character in this story ends up joining Captain Teach’s pirate crew with Colonel Burke after being caught in a storm where he experiences a new sense of knowledge. That character has an Indian servant named Secunda Dass, who wears a fez and resembles a gorilla. Name this story in which it is eventually revealed that Dass is a chess-playing robot created by a participant in the Jacobite uprising.

ANSWER: **“Moxon’s Master of Ballantrae”**

7. This character appeared in a Saturday morning cartoon show where bead-like tears fell down his eyes as he yelled “wacca wacca”. The idea for this character came from Toru Iwatani staring at a pizza box in the shape of the Violon d’Ingres. Identify this Dadaist photographer, a nemesis of Blinky, Pinky, Inky and Clyde.

ANSWER: **Pac-Man Ray**

8. The speaker in this song, much like his aristocratic enemy, the Marquis de La Mole, has “so many rocks up in [his] watch [he] can’t tell what the time is”. The protagonist of this song from *Rolling Papers*

loves Madame de Renal but ultimately decides he'd rather be reppin' his town when he's seen. Identify this song that describes Julien Sorel's love for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

ANSWER: **Red and the Black and Yellow**

9. The protagonist of this film is told by Saunders of "Strange Stories by a Nervous Gentleman" in *Tales of a Traveler*. A scandal in this work involves a man sleeping through the Revolutionary War and waking up in a boys camp that will soon be dammed by Joseph Paine's Willet Creek Dam. Identify this film where Jimmy Stewart's character delivers a long filibuster about a Headless Horseman.

ANSWER: **Mr. Smith Goes to Washington** Irving

10. In this story, Latimer breaks the university's cameras while they record a reading of "The Mad Trist." One character recites a selection from the Book of Revelations entitled "The Haunted Palace." Ultimately, the title structure collapses after an event that happens every 2,050 years. Name this story in which Roderick buries his sister alive amid planetary darkness.

ANSWER: **"Nightfall of the House of Usher"**

11. This Norman Bridwell created character was raised by Dummie Dunnaker. Growing up in Birdwell Island, he assumes the identity of Captain Lovett. While he works as a highwayman, he thinks he is doing it all to protect his friend, the young girl Emily Elizabeth. Name this character, who is first seen during a dark and stormy night and is a giant colorful canine.

ANSWER: **Paul Clifford the Big Red Dog**

12. A character in this novel named Owen works for his father at a car dealership and occasionally attends parties hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Van der Luyden. While one character in this novel recently got a divorce from his wife Sonia, played by Penelope Ann Miller, another decides against running off with Ellen Olenska. Identify this Edith Wharton novel where Newland Archer reminisces about his lost love with Joe Tranelli, played by Ray Romano.

ANSWER: **Men of a Certain Age of Innocence**

13. This character creates the comic book *Science Boy* while posing as an American Express representative named D. Ray Morton. He is mocked for his inaction, such as refusing to get a divorce from Carol Willick, even though Shiva handed him a million dollars to do so. Name this character, the on-again, off-again lover of Rachel, who works as a hapless real estate salesman.

ANSWER: **Glengarry Glen Ross** Geller