

## Feats of Weakness 2: Weak Harder

The Ill-Formed Offspring of Auroni Gupta's Feeble Brain

### Round 1

1. When one inhabitant of this country maintains his innocence, he gets asked "then what are you doing here, thou impudent creature," and the narrator notes that he has literally translated the term "Species inductilis." Urban women in this country are more adulterous than their rural counterparts, a fact that a Professor tries to explain by theorizing that sexual attraction is directly proportional to the (+) angle that one's feet make with the ground and noting that provincial women wear lower heels. This country is rocked by an endless series of anarchist bombings, including one that kills Raphael Box, after which a "super-dynamiter" uses a radium bomb to destroy this country's capital. The primitive art from this country is imagined to be similar to the art of Margitone of Arezzo. Colomban blows the lid off the unfair trial of Lyrot in this country. (\*) Draco the Great is one of the most revered leaders of this country, which was devastated by repeated Porpoise invasions. When called to settle a dispute involving residents of this country, St. Catherine replies "give them a soul but make it small." A blind and deaf monk named Mael mistakenly Christianizes the inhabitants of this country. For 10 points, name this country that is populated with flightless avians, a satirical society imagined by Anatole France.  
ANSWER: Penguin Island [or Penguinia; or L'Ile des Pingouins]

2. A kid named Samuel is the protagonist of a beautiful-looking game whose crowd-funding campaign is in dire straits, named *Imagination is the Only Escape*, which is set in this country. In a building in this country, you can trick a kid who wants a drawing of a mammoth by tracing an etching of it. A fictional village in this country is home to an automaton-manufacturing company that has fallen into disrepair by the time that Kate Walker arrives there to close a business deal at the very beginning of the game *Syberia*. While in this country, you go on an infamously ridiculous odyssey to obtain a disguise to rent a Harley-Davidson from a motorcycle rental shop in a game about a kidnapped Scottish baby and vampires, the third entry of the (+) *Gabriel Knight* series. A video game developer based in this country produced a game where you can school a dude at basketball, a title that horribly jumps the shark most of the way through by revealing that the antagonist is a Mayan alien. A game world that's based on this country contains a city where you can walk through an aquarium to get to the beach, as well as a town with strange (\*) stones that contains the subterranean underground lair of a red-maned guy obsessed with keeping the world beautiful. That fictionalization of this country contains the Mountain, Coastal, and Central regions, and is named Kalos. For 10 points, name this country that's essentially the setting of *Pokemon X and Y*, and thus obviously includes a gym shaped like the Eiffel Tower.  
ANSWER: France

3. A youth from this country's mythology avenged his father by slaying an ogre when the beast came out of his cave to wash his face in a pool. Cremation is popular in this country because it is believed that the god of the underworld literally eats every whole corpse that enters his realm. Several children from this country snatch the vines guarded by their grandmother, a noted (+) cannibal, then restore her sight, but only one of them manages to follow her instructions and makes it to the highest of the ten heavens. That hero from this country's myths names his child after a long piece of firewood, because during the period in which he was severely injured, his wife nursed him back to health and fed a long piece of wood into the fire to keep him warm. The war god in this country's mythology eats several of his siblings during a civil war caused by the physical separation of the formerly (\*) embracing sky father and earth mother, an act leading to the creation of the world. A hero from this country's myths is done in during his quest for immortality by the fantail, whose laugh caused him to be crushed to death inside the vagina of the ruler of the underworld, and had earlier used a jawbone to beat up the Sun to make it go slower. For 10 points, name this country where Maui's canoe became the South Island.  
ANSWER: New Zealand

4. An autosomal congenital skin disease known as MDM is very common on an island in this modern-day country. A scientist from this country developed a molecular connectivity index and is a heavyweight in the field of computational chemistry. A Yale neuroscientist from this country came up with an amazing experiment involving injecting (+) monkey fetuses with radioactive thymidine, allowing him to observe the lineages of brain cells, then slicing each brain into 7000 sections. A sixteenth century bishop born in this modern-day country came up with the "Flying Man" sketch of a parachute in his manual *Machinae Novae*. A chemist from this country developed a large ring synthesis to produce scents like muscone and civet, had his

research sponsored by a German perfume manufacturer, and did work on polymethylenes and higher terpenes that led him to share the 1939 Nobel Prize with Adolf Butenandt. The first mathematical theory of atomism was produced by a scientist from this country, which produced a physicist who proposed the existence of positronium. The father of that “father of positronium,” the most famous scientist from this country, wrote his doctoral thesis on the daily and annual cloud period in its city of (\*) Bakar, but was inspired in his most famous contribution by analyzing the aftermath of a 1909 earthquake here. For 10 points, name this country, home to a scientist who discovered that between the crust and the mantle there’s a discontinuity, a finding now nicknamed the “Moho.”

ANSWER: Croatia

5. An environmentally conscious poet drew on her experience living atop a mountain in this country to write the collection *Birds*. An essayist from this country opined that “to be a really lousy writer takes energy” in his review of Judith Krantz’s *Princess Daisy*, titled “A Blizzard of Tiny Kisses.” An LGBT icon from this country officially came out with the memoir *My Life with George*, though she is best known for a novel mega-loosely based on the life of William Randolph Hearst that was made into a movie in which a widow murders her husband to stymie a (+) fascist plot. The author of *Keeper of the Flame* hailed from this country, which was the basis for the fictional country of Efica in a novel about a boy born with a malformed face. Another novelist from this country debuted with a novel narrated by Dante written entirely in past-tense, and wrote about Jim Saddler in a popular novel describing this nation’s experience in World War I, *Fly Away Peter*, but is best known for his book about the marooned (\*) Gemmy Fairley, *Remembering Babylon*. A more famous author from this country wrote about the Ern Malley hoax from here in *My Life as a Fake*, and about a bet to transport a glass church in *Oscar and Lucinda*. For 10 points, name this setting of *Voss*, which is about an expedition to cross the Outback.

ANSWER: Australia

6. One composer from this country was nicknamed the “Clarinet King” in his youth, and later composed the *Production Cantata*. A pianist from this country was praised by Hermann Hesse as the best interpreter of Chopin at the time. The Kronos Quartet collaborated with a classical musician from this country on an album with tracks like “Dialogue with ‘Little Cabbage’” and “Bach, Monks, and Shakespeare Meet in Water,” subtitled (+) “Ghost Opera.” A major symphony orchestra in this country was established by the foreigner Mario Paci. A piano concerto from this country has a third movement depicting the wrath of a major landmark, which is “defended” in the final movement. Isaac Stern’s performance of Mozart and Brahms in this country, under the direction of a musician from here who conducted a memorable performance of Beethoven’s Fifth on the 150th anniversary of the composer’s death, was the subject of the documentary *From (\*) [this country’s leader] to Mozart*. A musician of this ethnicity was joined the Harvard Radcliffe School in a performance of *Variations on a Rococo Theme*, and gained fame later on for his recording of Bach’s BWV 1007-1012, six pieces for his unaccompanied instrument. That second-generation immigrant from this country played at Obama’s inauguration ceremony. For 10 points, name this country from which most members of Yo-Yo Ma’s Silk Road Ensemble hail.

ANSWER: China

7. This country introduced an old age pension system with a hated “means test.” This was the first of two countries where a cross-party coalition of socialists known as the “Ginger Group” arose. One man living in this country died tragically when he drank a container of carbolic acid that he mistook for whiskey; that man’s son dealt with the rebellion of a bunch of backbenchers from the Social Credit League, which he had established, and was nicknamed (+) “Bible Bill” for his unabashed Baptism. A contemporaneous figure from this country’s history complained that one segment of it was “more Prussian than Prussia,” and opposed Catholics here, to the point of being pelted with eggs and vegetables, who liked the mandatory draft. Court cases in this country favoring local jurisdiction over rivers and streams, timber, and mineral rights were won by Oliver Mowat, who was hated by a leader who introduced several protective tariffs as part of his National System. The first (\*) quintuplets to survive past infancy were born in this country in 1934. This country did not have a navy until 1910, when a bill enabled the construction of a fleet derisively nicknamed the Tin Pot Navy. The issue of Catholics and Protestants being educated in separate schools was known as the “Schools Question” of one part of this country, whose governor-general and prime minister were involved in a spat known as the King-Byng affair. For 10 points, name this country which did not own the 20th century, contrary to what Wilfrid Laurier thought.

ANSWER: Canada

8. A pastor who was critical of this country's industrialization likened cities to vacuum cleaners that sucked humans up and spit them out into compressed shapes. A campaigner for religious equality in this country published articles like "Leave the tower!" This country's leader suffered a loss in prestige in a 1913 incident in which soldiers from his garrisons dealt with local protestors in an extralegal way. One leader of this country delivered a speech with a (+) censored passage saying "Exercise your arms such that for a thousand years no Chinese will dare look cross-eyed at" a citizen of this country. This country had a law code with a pandectist structure with the General Part first, known as the BGB. The mnemonic "three eights, three emperors" is often used to refer to a time period in this country where successive rulers (\*) died of old age and of laryngeal cancer. This country's foreign secretary said "We wish to throw no one into the shade, but we demand our own place in the sun," with regards to this country becoming a global power through its "world policy." After two of this country's missionaries were murdered, it took over Qingdao, and, across the world, it sent the gunboat *Panther* to the port of Agadir in Morocco. For 10 points, name this country, once an empire led by Wilhelm II.

ANSWER: Germany

9. The 1970s in this country saw the raising of this country's cinematic profile with the release of the serious films *Only Sixteen* and *A Man Called Tone*, and the production of the much-beloved musical *Magical Love in the Countryside*. The religious clergy in this country controversially play guitar and mess with a (+) remote-controlled flying saucer in a 2006 film by a director from here intended as a submission for Peter Sellars's New Crowned Hope festival. Another recent film from this country is about a 7-Eleven employee who reveals that she is actually a spy during a deer hunt. The most expensive film to be produced in this country dramatizes an incident in which smallpox kills the current king, and the title heroine saves her kingdom in a climactic battle, at the end of which her throat is cut and she falls from her mount in slow motion. A more famous film from this country ends with the wheelchair-bound electrolarynx using antagonist being (\*) crushed by the head of a giant statue. A certain genre of films from this country includes a series about a volleyball team, *The Iron Ladies*. The martial arts from this country was popularized worldwide with the release of *Ong-Bak*. For 10 points, name this home of exploitative kathoey films about transsexuals and violently awesome muay thai films.

ANSWER: Thailand

10. The philosophy scene in this country was greatly enriched by a thinker with a gigantic vein-popping forehead who was a huge fan of cremation and vegetarianism, owing to his obsession with Indian philosophy. Another thinker from this country wrote that man in the atomic age is either like a fly in an open bottle, a net with a flopping fish inside, or guy trapped inside a maze in his booklet *The Problems of War and the Ways of Peace*; that esteemed philosopher of law from here wrote *A Theory of Judicial Norms*. A thinker from this country instituted a namesake reform as (+) Minister of Education, and wrote *The Theory of Mind as Pure Act*, which set forth his theory of actual idealism. A manifesto signed by several intellectuals from this country was responded to by an anti-manifesto written by the thinker's mentor. A thinker from this country wrote a commentary about *What is Living and What is Dead in the Philosophy of Hegel* and claimed that art is more important than science in his *The (\*) Essence of Aesthetic*. A classic text from this country criticizes the "vulgar economism" of trade unions and uses the term "historic bloc" to describe the alliances that both perpetuate and challenge "cultural hegemony." For 10 points, name this country where the *Prison Notebooks* were written by imprisoned Marxist Antonio Gramsci.

ANSWER: Italy

11. In a film directed by a man from this country, two men come across a jeep with a dead Swede inside, then take his umbrella and drink his liqueur. This country's film industry was satirized in an avant-garde movie in which a man goes to the desert, opens a kiosk, and yells "Lemonade!," which is a very clear parody of a historical event where a leader from here said "here a city will rise" in similar circumstances. Films like *Hole in the Moon* exemplify the "new (+) sensibility" movement popular in this country during the 60s and 70s. A recent film from this country is about two male soldiers, one of whom is nicknamed "Jagger" for his propensity to lip-sync rock lyrics, who begin a romantic relationship. A film from here that was rejected for the Foreign Language Category at the Academy Awards is about the Ceremonial Police Orchestra, which ends up in a desert town instead of their intended venue. An officer orders a man to change the channel while he masturbates to a porn movie in an (\*) animated film from this country, which contains a scene where a soldier

with a machine gun performs the title action while a Chopin piece plays. For 10 points, name this country, home to the directors of *Walk on Water*, *The Band's Visit*, and a movie about a soldier involved in the Sabra and Shatila massacre, *Waltz with Bashir*.

ANSWER: Israel

12. The scene from *Paradise Lost* in which Satan harangues the fallen angels is caricatured in Canto IV of a poem from this country, in which the title character debates Honorius. Irad and Selima are the most notable additions to Biblical narrative in a poem consisting of “eleven dreadful books” of heroic couplets written by the same author from here. One poem from this country mentions the “Alps audacious, through the heavens that rise,” and “Gallic flags” that “bear death to kings and freedom to the world,” only to say “I sing not to you,” then later calls the words “polante,” (+) “mush,” and “suppawn,” “spurious appellations; void of truth.” The wool industry in this country started by an author who imported a herd of merino sheep. After getting challenged to a duel for writing a Greek ode to a young lady, Updike Underhill becomes the title subjugated person in one novel from this country. A still more famous work from here was rewritten from its original form, a dialogue between Christopher (\*) Columbus and an angel. The aforementioned *M’Fingal*, *The Conquest of Canaan*, *The Algerine Captive*, *The Hasty Pudding*, and *The Columbiad* were produced by members of a group from this country that collaborated on *The Anarchiad*. For 10 points, name this country whose early writers included the Hartford Wits.

ANSWER: United States [or America, USA, whatever]

13. A 697 AD meeting freed women in this country from the provision that they had to fulfill battle obligations if their extended families had no sons. A judgment that “to every cow belongs her calf, so to every book belongs its offspring,” which was essentially the first known copyright law, was delivered against a man from this country who was caught copying scripture. Several nobles from this modern-day country addressed a weepy (+) remonstrance to Pope John XXII. A free city in this country unusually consisted of elected freemen serving under an oligarchy of fourteen merchant families. A legendary king who was nicknamed for his subservient status once split this country in half with a man known for winning one hundred battles. An account of this country spanning from the deluge to 1616 AD is known as the *Annals of the Four Masters*. This country’s history was linked to the Book of Genesis via the fictitious “Book of (\*) Invasions,” whereas actual books of the sort describe the appearance of Turges and the construction of longports. A father and son duo who participated in an invasion of this country both had the nickname “Strongbow.” One dynasty in this country was founded by a man “of the nine hostages.” A High King from this country won the Battle of Clontarf. For 10 points, name this country where Pope Celestine I sent Patrick to be the first Christian bishop.

ANSWER: Ireland

14. A biologist from this country is the world’s leading expert on the auditory localization in the brain accounting for the song of the barn owl. Another biologist from this country used light microscopy to confirm the existence of the mitotic spindle. A disease named for a pediatrician from this country is treated with intravenous (+) immunoglobulin, is characterized by the appearance of a “strawberry tongue,” and involves an autoimmune swelling of medium-sized blood vessels. Along with a Briton, a biologist from this country generated induced pluripotent stem cells from adult mouse fibroblasts, winning the 2012 Nobel Prize. A case of mass cadmium poisoning in this country led to “It hurts, it hurts” disease, which is considered one of the four big pollution diseases of this nation along with one in which methyl(\*)mercury in industrial wastewater accumulated in shellfish. The first-ever disease to be recognized as autoimmune, which doesn’t involve bulging eyes, unlike a related condition, is a thyroiditis named for a biologist from this country. A husband-and-wife team from this country observed that the lagging strand in DNA replication is synthesized piece by piece. For 10 points, name this country where Reiji Okizaki succumbed to leukemia from being irradiated during an atomic bomb attack.

ANSWER: Japan

15. A usually calm politician from this country caused a stir when he refused to sign a document, then smacked a table and yelled “we have not yet come to the point that we will make each other’s noses bleed.” A revolutionary from this country was a representative of a joint American auto conglomerate, explaining a memorable photograph taken of him with his (+) Harley-Davidson. 1998 saw the unsolved murder of a politician from this country who famously calmed down a crowd by speaking into his microphone while atop a friend’s shoulders, a polymath nicknamed “The Golden Magpie of Democracy.” This country’s second-largest city was founded in 1974, near a large deposit of copper. A hated leader of this country promulgated

the “Right Opportunism” economic policies, taking a cue from Lenin’s NEP, and had two of his enemies, including the beloved (\*) Bodo, executed for being Japanese spies. A foreigner united several people from this modern-day country into the “Savage Division” and developed a weird Buddhist cult as a warlord after fighting for the losing White Army during the Russian Civil War. This country was led at different times by Baron von Ungern-Sternberg and Khorloogiin Choibalsan. For 10 points, name this Asian country whose historic “outer” region now belongs to China.

ANSWER: Mongolia

16. Diplomat and journalist Sir John Lawrence often wrote about Christians in this present-day country. Over a century before the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints set up shop here, members of a polygamous religious community founded in this country were pejoratively labeled Mormons. The Abode of Dawn, the Heavenly Abode, and the Temple Peak are the three tiers of one religion in this country, founded by a former (+) soldier and traffic cop who preaches veganism and thinks he’s Jesus. The so-called Jacobites set up a religious resistance movement known as the Catacomb Church in this country, many of whose Christians first embraced their faith by reading the *Son of Man*, published by Alexander Men. American industrialist Charles Crane saved the bells of an important religious edifice in this country from being melted. That church is named for Daniel, who purportedly founded the earliest monasteries in this country’s capital, including the (\*) Epiphany Monastery. Such points of dispute as the direction of the Procession and the number of fingers used in making the Sign of the Cross distinguished a sect from this country that hated Nikon’s reforms, and were thus known as the Old Believers. For 10 points, name this country, home to the onion-domed St. Basil’s Cathedral, an important Orthodox church.

ANSWER: Russia

17. Because of sentiments expressed in poems like one which states “I prefer ugliness / It is closer to the blood circulation of words when they are X-rayed and tormented,” critics use the term “turpism” to describe the poetry of one author from this country. Colum McCann’s novel *Zoli* is loosely based on the life of an ostracized Romani poet living in this country. Another poet from this nation wrote that the “real duel of Apollo and Marsyas” boiled down to “absolute ear versus immense range,” but is best known for his recurring character (+) Mr. Cogito. A poet from this country wrote “Every beginning is but a continuation, and the book of events is never more than half open,” and concluded that “we arrive here improvised and leave without the chance to practice” in her most famous individual poem. The *Psalms* were translated into this country’s language by an author who wrote a nostalgic poem called “The Magic Mountain” while teaching at (\*) Berkeley. A poet from this country wrote the poems “Love at First Sight” and “Nothing Twice” and the collection *Calling Out to Yeti*. For 10 points, name this country, home to Nobel winners Wislawa Szymborska and Czeslaw Milosz.

ANSWER: Poland

18. The nickname “NiNi,” which is short for “neither this, neither that,” was the favored nickname for a short period of time for this country’s leader. Around that time, this country’s coast guard trained high pressure water hoses on women and children in an infamous incident. Citizens of this country killed so many cows that the government made eating the animals a crime punishable by more years in prison than murder, in the half-decade following the (+) collapse of the Soviet Union, a difficult economic time known as the “Special Period.” The practice of top officials in this country using their wealth to develop a following has been termed “buddy socialism” or “friendism.” The Ladies in White opposition group in this country consisted of the wives and daughters of dissidents jailed during Black Spring and other crackdowns. Such undesirables as gays and Jehovah’s Witnesses were rounded up for the (\*) UMAP forced agricultural labor camps in the 1960s in this country. It’s not Venezuela, but a leader of this country first proclaimed the slogan “Socialism or Death!” A political prisoner from this country wrote about his imprisonment in his autobiography *Before Night Falls* after himself leaving it via the Mariel Boatlift. For 10 points, name this country ruled for five decades by Fidel Castro.

ANSWER: Cuba

19. A composer from this modern-day country created an opera in which the tenor Falsetti charms the village girl Miss Suzy. In an opera primarily set in this country, Mary Lloyd makes a bet with her friends over which of them can buy the most expensive thing, winning when she buys a palace and “the prince that goes with it.” A more famous opera set in this country involves an aria in which a miserly old man sings that he spends all

his time consuming (+) sausages and wine. The lovers in that opera set here are that miser's daughter and a guy who shirks off work every day to dig for treasure, but that opera is better known for orchestral pieces, like "War Adventures" and "Treasure Waltz." This setting of *The Duchess of Chicago* represents the sunny side in a border crossing where the opposite side is full of frost and ice, in an opera whose protagonist hails from here and simply pushes the border gate to get across. Along with the *Menuet des folles* and the *Ballet des sylphes*, a march from this country is one of the three orchestral pieces from *The (\*) Damnation of Faust*, which was one of the first compositions not produced in this country to use a popular anthem from here. A suite based on an opera from this country includes "The Viennese Musical Clock" and "The Battle and Defeat of Napoleon," and begins with an orchestral "musical sneeze." For 10 points, name this country, the setting of *Hary Janos*.

ANSWER: Hungary

20. A poorly translated novel set in this country contains such choice prose as "A Man who, being a Man, fain would not be a Man but after Men chases, and after them Flies, admires, oh, Loves, Heats for them, Lusts for them." Prisoners from this country keep broken teeth as mementos and run nursery rhymes through their heads as they are being tortured in *The Little School*, an autobiographical novel written by a victim of a horrific historical event here, Alicia Partnoy. A charming novel set in this country focuses on a (+) transgendered girl who finds herself in a hospital, suffering from delusions, after eating strawberry ice-cream spiked with cyanide. In a novel set in this country, the protagonist seduces the brothel worker Clara and is killed by paratroopers while attempting to rescue Charles Fortnum, the titular *Honorary Consul*. The narrator attempts to find work in a Legation Quarter and befriends a dude who goes cruising for a lusty young sailor in (\*) *Trans-Atlantyk*, which fictionalizes Witold Gombrowicz's exile in this country. Another person who partly lived in this country was Antoine de Saint-Exupery, who described his time as an airmail pilot here in *Night Flight*. The governor of what is now the capital of this country lusts after Cunegonde in *Candide*. A jail cell in this country is where the cellmates Valentin and Molina become lovers in *The Kiss of the Spider Woman*. For 10 points, name this setting of *Martin Fierro*, a famous work of gaucho literature.

ANSWER: Argentina

Tiebreaker

A book known as the Homilies of Mush was produced in this country, and later split into two, with one half being buried here and the other half moved to a neighboring country. A plaza in this country is surrounded by a statue of a girl holding a cross, as well as the Progress University. In the same city here, the Church of the Holy Savior is being restored and one can take a trip to a house-museum dedicated to two sisters who produced around 700 (+) artworks between them. This country is home to several carved steles bearing crosses, known as khachkar. One of the world's largest collections of medieval manuscripts can be found at the Matenadaran museum in this country. The Lori Province in this country is home to several UNESCO World Heritage sites, such as the Haghpat Monastery. The (\*) Zvartnost Cathedral is probably the most famous set of ruins in this country, whose third and second largest cities are Vanadzor and Gyumri. Many of this country's landmarks have been severely damaged by the 1988 Spitak Earthquake. For 10 points, identify this Caucasian country that has an unhealthy rivalry with Azerbaijan.

ANSWER: Armenia

## Round 2

1. People often jokingly ask “name one important politician” from a coastal plain in this modern-day country. A religious leader from this country bought arms and machinery from Italy, enabling him to produce silver coinage in which he styled himself “Commander of the Faithful.” During a period of riots in this country, a Douglas DC-3 plane was shot down, killing everyone on board. The diplomatic genius Harold (+) Ingrams negotiated a peace between 1400 feuding tribes and clans in this country, which sent the “Famous Forty” to be educated abroad, many of whom brought back modern social and political ideas here. A “long-breath” strategy was used in a war in this country by an outside force that caused international concern by using chemical warfare. In Operation Magic Carpet, thousands of Jews in this country were airlifted to the newly-formed Israel, despite the fact that those Jews were treated pretty tolerably under the auspices of Imam (\*) Yahya. The Mutawakkilite Kingdom in this country lost a bloody civil war to Abdullah as-Sallal, who led the Republicans with aid from Nasser. A more modern leader of this country survived an RPG attack and stepped down in 2012 in favor of Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi. This country was split into North and South, with Aden serving as the capital of the latter. For 10 points, name this country where Arab Spring protests were led against Ali Abdullah Saleh.

ANSWER: Yemen

2. One of the northernmost mosques in this country housed a hair of Muhammad that simply disappeared one day. This is the current home country of a Muslim sect that carries out a tree planting campaign, mandates that men wear a white three piece outfit with a white and gold cap, and is led by the “absolute and unrestricted missionary,” or (+) “Da’i al-Mutlaq.” This country notably subsidizes airfare for Muslims undergoing the hajj. This home of the Dawoodi Bohra branch of Islam was where Moinuddi Chishti set up a Sufi order that hangs out at the Darga Sharif. It was in this country that a Hanafi revivalist movement known as the Deobandi arose, and where the (\*) Aligarh movement was founded to educate Muslims. A devastating iconoclasm was carried out in this country by Mahmud of Ghazni. A religious figure from this country reportedly slept with his feet toward the Ka’aba, angering authorities. For 10 points, name this country where Nanak rejected both Islam and Hinduism.

ANSWER: India

3. A black symbol sits at the center of an abstract painting in this modern-day country roughly divided into quadrants, titled *Calm Noon*. One artist from this country depicted a skeletal figure grimacing as he sticks a hand through barbed wire in his piece *To Those Who Wanted to Pass and Remained Behind*, a representation of a conflict here that also inspired an abstract depiction of *[this country] in Flames*. The only female member of the National Union of Plastic Arts was a painter from this country known for her nudes. In one painting set in this country, a sea (+) captain holds a dagger in one hand and stands near several cannons. Miniaturism was brought into this country by the Turkish Racim brothers. The artist of another painting set here unsuccessfully tried to stalk its subjects as they were hanging laundry on rooftop terraces, since he was only allowed into Jewish households. A nude woman with a dislocated huge ass is depicted in a painting inspired by this country, Matisse’s (\*) *Blue Nude*, a *Souvenir* from a city in this country. In one painting of this country, a hookah is being used by the title characters, who are shown “in their apartment.” For 10 points, name this country whose women were painted by Eugene Delacroix.

ANSWER: Algeria

4. This country’s highest court ruled that using a field telephone to electrocute genitals was a form of torture that “took place only for intimidatory purposes.” Followers of one ideology from this country were given a derogatory nickname meaning “digger[s] of one’s own garden.” The movement “[this country] of Values” was founded by a prosecutor from this country who took part in the (+) “clean hands” nationwide investigation into a thick pile of political corruption known as “bribesville.” In one election in this country, the “Joyful War Machine” was defeated by a leader who formed complementary electoral alliances called the Pole of Freedoms and the Pole of Good Government. A massive wave of strikes known as Hot Autumn interrupted this country’s postwar economic miracle. As part of an American campaign to prevent the Popular Democratic Front from winning an election in this country, Frank (\*) Sinatra made a Voice of America radio broadcast. A journalist was shot up in his Citroen CX, a bunch of places were bombed and set on fire,

and a Christian Democrat was kidnapped by the Red Brigades during the “Years of Lead” in this country. For 10 points, name this country whose recent history has been shaped by the libido of Silvio Berlusconi.

ANSWER: Italy

5. An author who was stationed in this country as a technical director of the Overseas Broadcasting Service crafted a pun involving the words “colonialism” and “stupidity” to describe the oppression of the native populace. A famous author from here used the term “fraternalism” to characterize Stalin’s relationship with communist parties worldwide, and charged one such party with “slip[p]ing the noose of assimilation” around the neck of this country. An author who was born in this country wrote the libretto for (+) Saint-Saens’s opera *Samson et Dalila*. A surrealist author from this country began the “antillanite” movement that strove to forge a pan-ethnic identity. An author who was born in this country had his most famous work introduced with the words “Have the courage to read this book, for in the first place it will make you ashamed, and shame, as Marx said, is a revolutionary sentiment.” That author who was born in this country included the chapter “The (\*) Negro and Psychopathology” in *Black Skin, White Masks*, and fought for Algerian independence. The most famous author who lived and worked here wrote the *Discourses on Colonialism and Notebook for a Return to My Native Land*. For 10 points, name this birthplace of Frantz Fanon and Aime Césaire.

ANSWER: Martinique

6. This country was allegorized as the Republic of Navidad in one novel, in which a delegation of visiting war veterans and their tour bus suddenly disappear. One author from this country wrote a sequence of stories about four suburban households called *Life in the Cul-de-sac*. A contemporary author from this country wrote a cool story sequence in which several A.A. Milne characters write stories about how they’re going to live each new day; that work is called *Goodbye, (+) Christopher Robin* and has nothing to do with the upcoming movie of that title. More familiar authors from this country include one who wrote about a large family that barges into the apartment of a lonely man in his novel *Friends*, and one who invited a comparison to insects living symbiotically with humans in his novel examining the real-life phenomenon of super-(\*) withdrawn adult shut-ins. The Librarian assists the narrator in reading dreams from the skulls of unicorns in a novel from this country, which includes Calcutecs and sewer-dwelling INKlings. For 10 points, name this home country of the author of *Hard-Boiled Wonderland and the End of the World*, which like every other work in this tossup won the Tanizaki Prize.

ANSWER: Japan

7. A playwright from this country dramatized the milliseconds in a man’s mind before a bullet pierces his brain and poked fun at advertisers in his short work *Poof*. In a contemporary play from this country, a woman vomits onstage, interrupting her attempt to talk to a lawyer in order to mediate a fight between their eleven-year old sons. St. Teresa sings the prologue and epilogue to a rarely-staged, monstrosly long play from this country, which bears the epigraph “God writes in cursive lines” and is about a noblewoman who is sent to govern (+) Morocco while her lover is sent to plunder and convert Native Americans. Another play written in this country focuses on an anti-government character known as The Militant, as well as The Mutilated One, who is gradually dismembered as the drama progresses. After a “Thunderous Voice” yells “Bitch, look at your body,” a Whore realizes her nakedness, then bites her wrist to produce the title substance in a crazy play from this country, from which the authors of *The Grand and Small Maneuver* and *The Satin Slipper* hailed. The author of (\*) *Jet of Blood* staged Shelley’s *The Cenci* and heralded a new form of theater in this country, dedicated to making audience see truths that they wouldn’t want to see, an idea explained in his *The Theater and His Double*. For 10 points, name this country, whose most famous 20th century play is probably *No Exit*.

ANSWER: France

8. A scientist from this country came up with a noninvasive way to monitor intracranial pressure. A fucking awesome scientist from this country, who did critical research in the fields of solid-state physics, neutron diffraction, and the Mossbauer effect, was surnamed Butt. Also in the brain, a scientist from this country came up with a catheter system to aspirate cerebrospinal fluid or to deliver drugs there, known as his namesake (+) “reservoir.” The first virus created for MS-DOS, known as Brain, was devised as an anti-piracy measure by two brothers from this country. The space program in this country owes a great deal to Polish import Wladyslaw Turowicz. In an experiment performed at the National Center for Physics, a more famous scientist from this country observed the decay of a tau particle, which he linked to hadronization vector



current and axial vector. That man founded the “Theoretical Physics Group” in this country with a physicist who co-developed with Pati a Grand Unified Theory involving four quark color charges rather than three. That (\*) only Nobelist from this country predicted the existence of neutral currents and coined the term “electroweak” to refer to a theory he worked on with Sheldon Glashow and Steven Weinberg. For 10 points, name this home country of Abdus Salam, which mean old Eric Mukherjee wants to nuke to oblivion despite its rich scientific history.

ANSWER: Pakistan

9. A writer from this county, best known for his collection *Waves in August*, was appointed deputy director of its government’s Propaganda Committee. It’s not Hungary, but this country’s reintroduction of a market economy was termed the New Economic Mechanism, marking the end of the thirty-years struggle. Many citizens of this country carry around good luck charms bearing the picture of a (+) prime minister of this country, whose life was cut short by a brain hemorrhage. A partisan group in this country was trained by a neighboring country’s Group 959. In order to operate in this country, the United States Department of Defense created a cover mission known as the Programs Evaluation Office. A short-lived anti-colonialist group known as this country “Issara” was founded by one of the three princes. A 1961 meeting to restructure this country’s government was held in a megalithic landscape known as the “Plain of (\*) Jars,” which is home to tons and tons of unexploded bombs. This country’s People’s Revolutionary Party was long led by the powerful Kayson Phommvihane, and it was the primary site of the Secret War, a civil war that ended in 1975 with a communist victory and the mass evacuation of the Hmong. For 10 points, name this Southeast Asian nation home to the populist namesake Pathet group.

ANSWER: Laos

10. A poetic portrait of a significant foreigner in this country’s history describes “his grey eyes, without pupils, fixed like a blind man’s, but which expanded and flashed like gunpowder in combat.” Jonathan Cohen introduced one poet from this country to the English-speaking world by translating his collection *From [this country] With Love*. An author who was born in this country wished for “an island without stout walls / where every voice may reach me” in her poem “Here I Am,” wrote collections like *Aquarium* and *Sorrow*, but is probably best known for her autobiographical novel *Luisa in (+) Realityland*. Lavinia becomes infused with a four-hundred year old spirit after drinking a glass of orange juice in *The Inhabited Woman*, a novel by an author of Italian descent who chronicled her involvement in political events in this country in her autobiography *The Country Under My Skin*. This home of the “vanguard” literary movement and Gioconda Belli is best known for a poet who wrote “my wife is from my land, but my mistress is from Paris,” published the influential *Songs of Life and Hope* and alternately praised a (\*) nation as a “magic eagle with the great and strong wings” or cursed it as “the future invader / of the naive America that has indigenous blood.” That poet from here wrote *Prosas profanas* and “To Roosevelt.” For 10 points, name this home country of “Azul” author and modernismo initiator Ruben Dario.

ANSWER: Nicaragua

11. A ruler in this modern-day country won an impressive victory against 40,000 soldiers in the so-called “Battle of the Pots.” Agriculture in this country flourished with the introduction of wheat by the Paris Evangelical Mission Society, but tanked at the close of the 19th century when 80% of its (+) cattle died due to a rinderpest outbreak. The “Congress for Democracy” was founded by this country’s only two-time prime minister. This country was home to a grisly practice where people were murdered and their body parts were used to make medicines, known as liretlo. One king from this country died when his car plunged off a mountain road, two decades after he went into exile in the Netherlands after being deposed by its prime minister Leabua Jonathan. This country’s present-day border is pretty similar to the demarcation established in a treaty signed with the younger Sir George Napier. Most of this country’s population refused to comply with Governor Henry Frere’s order that they relinquish their firearms, leading to the (\*) Gun War. One king of this country established his fortress on the “mountain of the night” and appealed to Queen Victoria to make his land a protectorate. This country was ruled by two kings named Moshoeshoe. For 10 points, name this country formerly known as Basutoland, one of two to be completely sandwiched by South Africa.

ANSWER: Lesotho

12. A woman swerves a car into a ditch, thus killing her boyfriend in the process of impressing him, in a novel from this country that examines a father-and-son relationship, titled *The Twin*. At least one person has

actually read Sully Prudhomme, because a poem by him provided the title of a 1993 novel from this country titled *The Fury of the Whole World*. A deaf and blind boy takes the blame for a murder in (+) *God's Fool*, which is by an English-language author from this country. The Lamé Cow tavern in this country is frequented by a man nicknamed Diogenes, the ancestor of Percy Blake, in a novel set in the same universe as *The Scarlet Pimpernel* by the Baroness Orczy. David Balfour comes to this country to study law along with his title girlfriend in *Catriona*. A popular fin-de-siècle author from this country took on a repetitive *nom de plume*. A butcher's son falls in love with the protagonist of a novel set in this present-day country, a servant girl who incites a jealous wife to attack a (\*) painting produced by her husband. This country was popularized in a Mary Mapes Dodge novel about a boy entering a race to win some silver skates, which contains a fictional story about a boy who plugs his finger into a hole to stop a leak. For 10 points, name this setting of *The Girl with a Pearl Earring*, which is about Vermeer.

ANSWER: Netherlands [or Holland]

13. A player from this country said that he didn't like playing with "those two stupid guys" and replied "none" when asked for a valuable experience in a taken-down interview in which he said that the Summer League was "fucked." One player from this country was put out of commission after he suffering a two-centimeter hematoma and concussion from being punched by his teammate (+) Avvee Storey in the head during a Dakota Wizards practice. A short-lived Hornets player from this country later suffered an Achilles tendon injury during the offseason in Euro League, causing Olympiacos to sue him since they wanted to cancel his contract without paying compensation. Kobe Bryant nicknamed himself "The Doberman" after winning a game against this country's team. A current player from this country, as a (\*) rookie last year, pulled off a move that Deadspin claims is worth of an "AND1 mixtape," and quoted an idiom from this country, reading "If you're scared of wolves, don't go into the woods" in his very first NBA game. Greg Speirs created the "Slam Dunking Skeleton" for the official T-shirts of this country's national basketball team. The most beloved player from this country was cheered in a December 2010 game, whereas the rest of his teammates were booed, served Chris Grant as an assistant and had his #11 jersey retired this year, and resulted in the temporary renaming of the Quicken Loans Arena in a home game against the Kings played for his most famous team, which he led in blocks. For 10 points, name this home country of "Big Z," the former Cavaliers center Zydrunas Ilgauskas.

ANSWER: Lithuania

14. An art critic from this modern-day country evaluated his contemporaries in his book *Heartfelt Effusions of an Art-Loving Monk*. An artist who primarily worked in this country depicted Nemesis gazing morosely and the three Fates working with the thread of life in a chalk drawing depicting *Night with her Children Sleep and Death*. One artist from this country was painted wearing a maroon shirt, next to a depressed-looking (+) cat under an archway. This country is allegorically represented by a woman with braided golden locks, who intimately brings her head close to another woman wearing a wreath of large laurel leaves. Another artist from this country, whose *Last Judgment* filled the entire east wall of a Baroque church in this country, was selected to decorate a museum that his ruler wanted to fill with classical sculptures. Two children pulling a third in a cart were illustrated by a mystical artist from this country, who wanted to unite art, music, and poetry with his *Times of Day* series and came up with a (\*) bizarre theory of the "color sphere." *The Rose Miracle of St. Francis* is the most famous painting by another artist from this country, who mostly worked at Rome, where he and a bunch of expatriates from here set up shop at a convent in San Isidoro. For 10 points, name this home of the Nazarene movement, whose Romantic images include *Wanderer Above the Sea of Fog* by Caspar David Friedrich.

ANSWER: Germany

15. A mathematician from this modern-day country was the first to demonstrate that you can construct optical systems free from chromatic dispersion. An inventor from this country was first noticed for his repair of an unfinished medieval astronomical clock here, but was better known for his prototypical padlock design and for devising a track system powered by a water wheel to improve the transportation of (+) ore in mines here. One scientist from this country published the *New Method of Determining the Distance from the Earth to the Sun*, and kicked off the sciences in this country by showing up here as part of Maupertis's expedition to measure the shape of the Earth. The Royal Academy of Sciences in this country was led by a man who pressured its Church into keeping birth, death, and relocation records, resulting in this country having the oldest official population statistics. This country became the world's leader in match production after one of its scientists came up with a way to mass-produced phosphorus; that chemist from here discovered (\*) tartaric,

oxalic, uric, and citric acids, but is best known for discovering an element he termed “fire air.” Another scientist from this country wrote the *Systema Naturae*, which consistently used binomial nomenclature. For 10 points, name this country whose scientific revolution was spurred by the work of oxygen discoverer Carl Scheele and taxonomist Carolus Linnaeus.

ANSWER: Sweden

16. A bipolar citizen of this country begins sobbing for his “little peppermint cream,” though just moments earlier he had threatened to impale an enemy on a spit, roast him over a slow fire, pull out his beard one by one, then stuff it down his throat. One person from this country is gleeful that a plane is dropping (+) leaflets, since “none of my men can read,” until he gets hit by a large stack of them. One character dons this disguise of Alvaro while in this country, and pretends to be the nephew of Senhor Figueroa, who shows up as a resident of this country in his second appearance. While driving in this country, two characters observe seven sets of tracks converging on their own, unaware that they are going in circles; they later consume a chemical in a container marked “Aspirin,” which gives them huge (\*) blue beards. An irritating kid from this country likes things like trick cigarettes and placing boxes of sneezing powder in random places. This country is home to an underground bunker filled with railroad tracks, which is where Professor Smith, really Herr Muller in disguise, sets up his base of operations. The *Speedol Star* docks at Khemikhal in this country, home to some oil pipeline sabotage. For 10 points, name this country that appears in *The Black Gold*, a generic Middle Eastern location in the Tintin universe.

ANSWER: Khemed

17. This country is home to a bunch of working class men who strut around with a one-sleeved jacket, tight belts used to conceal knives, and long mustaches, known as mangas. Citizens of this country, Jews and Gentiles alike, often smash plates to celebrate joyous occasions, a practice that has been continuously banned at nightclubs since 1969. At the end of every year, kids from this country go from house to house and sing carols accompanied by the triangle, a practice known as (+) kalanda. In one part of this country, old men run amok with hooded black capes and goat bells, and in another, people pelt each other with flour. This country’s carnival period contains such highlights as “Barbeque Thursday” and “Cheesefare Sunday.” In this country, there’s both a “loud method” and a “quiet method” to handle a toy that is often made from amber or coral, known as (\*) worry beads. One of the largest carnivals in Europe takes place in a port city in this country, and concludes with the burning of the Carnival King. Pierre de Coubertin revived an event in this country, whose third largest city is Patras, in 1896. For 10 points, name this birthplace of the Olympic games.

ANSWER: Greece

18. Tony Judt wrote an article titled “Is there a [this country]?” The oldest university in this modern-day country was founded by a papal bull promulgated by Martin V. A journalist who wrote a history of church councils promoted democracy in this country in his *Letter to my Fellow Citizens*. The father of this country’s manufacturing industry was the (+) British entrepreneur John Cockerill, who constructed the first steam locomotive, paving the way for an amateur Egyptologist known as the “Tramway King” to revolutionize public transit here. The “Black Country” was a coal-rich region of this country, which was home to two School Wars. The Ten Days’ Campaign was aimed to suppress an insurrection in this country where the son of Pierre Consience inspired a national anthem that begins “they will never tame him, the proud... lion.” This country sent a Legion of 1500 soldiers to (\*) Mexico to fight for Emperor Maximilian I, because Maximilian’s wife Carlota hailed from here. A king of this country arranged Victoria’s marriage with Albert and signed the Treaty of London establishing its independence. For 10 points, name this country ruled by two Leopolds, the second of whom was a giant asshole and war criminal.

ANSWER: Belgium

19. A traveler to this modern-day country related that a bear here killed a cow by biting into its hide and blowing air into the wound until the animal exploded. When allegations arose that one mythical figure from this country was a fabrication, astute critics noted that that hero’s surname meant “donkey” in Croatian. During a battle here in which a tributary ran red with blood, a mythical creature resembling a baboon with bloodshot eyes and rotten teeth made its first appearance. Another creature from here was a kangaroo-like pack animal with a corkscrew-shaped tail, which was used in a post hole-digging contest by a man who owned a (+) farm where both rainy and sunny weather happened at the same time. A hero from this country won a wrestling match by pinching the toes of his opponent to distract him, then slapping him hard on the ear. A

more famous hero from this country might have died of indigestion from eating six sharks, but is better known for turning the Cliffs of (\*) Dover from grey to white when soap had to be used to free his ship from the English Channel. A woman from this country bounced non-stop after hitting her head on the moon, had earlier ridden a catfish down a river, and was mercy-killed by her love interest, who rode the horse Widow-Maker. For 10 points, name this country where Captain Stormalong and Pecos Bill are among the most beloved protagonists of tall tales.

ANSWER: USA [or America; or the United States]

20. The songs “Bert Williams” and “Belz” appear on an album that mixes traditional music from this country with Jewish music, performed by a trio fronted by Anthony Coleman. A musician who was born in this country founded the group Astronautus and practices a style that has been dubbed (+) “transnational cool.” A musician from this country performed the album *Zyryab*, named for a 9th century musician from here, and composed the music for the albums *I Only Want to Walk and Live... One Summer Night*, which he performed with his brother and four others for his namesake Sextet. A popular song with this country in the title asks “why should my lips be concealing / All that my eyes are revealing?” A composition with this name contains the chord progression Gmaj7 F#7 Em7 A7 Dmaj7 (Gmaj7) C#7 F#7 Bm B7 during its improvisation section. That piece with this country as the title has been performed in recent times as a duo with pianist Hiromi Uehara, first appeared on the album *Light As a Feather*, and is the most famous standard by (\*) Chick Corea. A 1997 reissue added the “Song of Our Country” to an album with this country in the title, which includes “The Pan Piper,” “Will O’ The Wisp,” and the adagio of a famous classical piece from this country. For 10 points, name this country, of which Miles Davis made several “sketches.”

ANSWER: Spain

Tiebreaker

One author from this country brought attention to a grisly incident involving the execution of prisoners of war, called the “Mill-District rabbit hunt,” in her novel *February Shadows*. Another author from this country wrote a cartoonish novel in which man flees from his murderous ex-wife through a bunch of American landmarks like the Grand Canyon, included the poetic essay “The Lesson of (+) Mont-Sainte Victoire” in a novel about a geologist working in Alaska, and came to terms with his mother’s suicide in the memoir *A Sorrow Beyond Dreams*. An association of writers from this country founded the journal *manuscrite* and met in an empty cafe. Another novelist from here wrote about a girl who smells a masturbated-into tissue and eavesdrops on various couples having sex, and used three zombies as the protagonists of *The Children of the Dead*. That novelist from here is infamous for including a lot of sexual violence in her novels, such as one about (\*) paper mill employee Hermann, and one about Erika Kohut, who teaches music. For 10 points, name this home country of Peter Handke and the author of *Lust* and *The Piano Teacher*, Nobel Laureate Elfriede Jelinek.

ANSWER: Austria

### Round 3

1. A composer who worked in this country put on several “Monster Concerts for the Masses” and often conducted Beethoven with a jeweled baton. Another composer from this country dedicated his ninth symphony to the victims of the Ardeatine massacre. A ballet created by a composer from here is about a flutist who doubles as a snake charmer in a busy marketplace. While at a “colony” established by a composer from this country, a child prodigy produced “The Hermit Thrush at Eve” and “The Hermit Thrush in the Morning,” though she had achieved more fame earlier in life for her E-minor (+) Gaelic symphony. A major composer from this country wrote the prize-winning *Cantata No. 2: A Free Song*, and paid homage to an 18th century composer from here with a symphonic “triptych.” A still more famous composer from this country created a cluster chord in a piano sonata by (\*) depressing the keys with a long piece of wood. That man used strings to represent “The Silence of the Druids” in a piece in which the flutes reply to the trumpets, who pose the title inquiry. For 10 points, name this home country of Walter Piston, Amy Beach, William Schuman, and Unanswered Question composer Charles Ives.

ANSWER: USA [or America, fuck yeah]

2. A soldier from this country in charge of defending a castle ordered its cannons to fire on the defenders, opening his gate to the invading army. Much to Isaac Hirsch’s chagrin, a king from this country once remarked “If the hat on my head knew what I was thinking, I would pull it off and throw it away.” A medieval law code from this country enabled women to (+) sue rapists. Another king from this country waged war against an island because people there sang songs mocking him, but was censured by Pope Clement VI for making an unauthorized pilgrimage to Jerusalem. For eight years after the disastrous reign of Christopher II, this country was not ruled by a king. A privateer known as “Skipper Clement” led a peasant rebellion in this country during its (\*) “Count’s Feud” civil war. The nobles in this country forced a strict charter upon one of its kings, who appointed his mistress’s mother as the controller of the Sound Dues, and achieved infamy for hunting down people on Archbishop Trolle’s proscription list and desecrating the corpse of Sten Sture the Younger during a “Bloodbath” in a nearby country. For 10 points, name this country that has been ruled by tons of kings named Christian.

ANSWER: Denmark

3. A graphic artist working in this country founded the band E. Thomas Berger’s novel *Little Big Man* inspired the name of a band founded by teens in this country, Dog Soldiers. Probably the fourth or fifth most famous person named Paul Wilson, an English teacher and guitarist from Canada, migrated to this country to sing with one of its bands. This country’s music scene was documented in the film *It’s Gonna Get Worse....* including a band that took its name for the provision that let people be exempt from national service on mental health grounds, (+) DG 307. A bunch of long-haired men who were derisively termed “mops” supported the most famous band founded in this country, whose inaugural album’s title parodied *Sgt Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band* and consisted of settings of several poems by Egon Bondy. That band took its name from a Frank (\*) Zappa song, and were heavily involved with Zappa and the Velvet Underground, though they remained obscure to the world at large until Tom Stoppard wrote about them in his 2006 play *Rock & Roll*. For 10 points, name this no-longer extant country where underground bands like the Plastic People of the Universe rocked out with the encouragement of Vaclav Havel.

ANSWER: Czechoslovakia [or Czech Republic, whatever]

4. Nehemiah Tile left the Wesleyan Church to found the first Christian denomination native to this modern-day country. A Christian denomination in this country moved Lent to sometime between Ascension Day and Pentecost, inspired by an evangelical revival led by Andrew Murray and opposed to the conservatism of the (+) “doppers.” This country is home to a gigantic Buddhist seminary known as the Nan Hua Temple. Islam was introduced here by Sheikh Yusuf, an exiled Indonesian noble. The customs of this country’s indigenous population were incorporated into the Nazareth Baptist Church here, which completely prohibits smoking and drinking, and has invited ire from activists for using skins from endangered leopards. The large King David Schools are located in one of the biggest cities of this country, whose Jews over the years have included the one-eyed judge Albie Sachs and the exiled and assassinated Ruth First, both of whom were targeted by the regime here. A cleric from this country headed its (\*) Truth and Reconciliation Commission and coined the

term “rainbow nation” to describe it after its first fully democratic elections. For 10 points, name this home of the former Anglican archbishop Desmond Tutu.

ANSWER: South Africa

5. A contemporary author from this country often writes books with heavily synoptic titles, such as 2013’s *There Once Lived a Girl Who Seduced Her Sister’s Husband, And He Hanged Himself*. The 2003 incarnation of this country’s Booker Prize went to *White on Black*, written by a cerebral-palsy-afflicted author of Spanish descent named Ruben Gallego. This country’s equivalent of Harry Potter is apparently *Monday Begins on Saturday*, a novel that’s part of the Noon Universe crafted by two (+) brothers from here who are best known for the novel *Roadside Picnic*, which concerns the supernatural artifacts left behind by extraterrestrial visitors. In another science fiction novel from this country, an engineer who travels to Mars learns that the surviving (\*) Atlanteans now live there, and a third is about the increased speed of reproduction among animals, resulting in the eventual destruction of this country’s capital by snakes, ostriches, and crocodiles. The author of *Aelita* is from this country, as is the author who wrote about Pontius Pilate’s trial of Yeshua Ha-Nozri and the decapitation-by-streetcar of Berlioz in his novel about the arrival of Woland’s entourage. For 10 points, name this country, the setting of *The Fatal Eggs* and *The Master and Margarita* by Mikhail Bulgakov.

ANSWER: Russia [or the USSR; or the Soviet Union; or whatever]

6. The term “price for two denarii” was used by primary sources in this modern-day country to describe the tax levied on Jews, which was equivalent to eight of the local currency here. An administrator of this country was originally a poet known for his elegies to Lycoris, who won the position thanks to a spoils system. The cleric Isidorus led a revolt known as the Bucolic War in this country. A church based in this country used the Era of Martyrs calendar numbering system, setting (+) 284 AD, when the last major persecution of Christians occurred, as year 1. Several of this country’s administrative districts, or *nomes*, were renamed under governors like Cornelius Gallus. The usurper Pescennius Niger seized control of this country before being defeated by Septimius Severus. A youth who was unusually deified despite his lack of connection to the Roman Imperial family (\*) drowned in his country, after which an obelisk was commissioned in his memory for a villa at Tivoli. A prince of this country was sent to the port of Berenice in order to board a ship, but was betrayed by his entourage and executed when he was only 17 years old. This was the death-place of Hadrian’s lover Antinous as well as Caesarion, the son of a woman who hated her half-sister Arsinoe and committed suicide by asp. For 10 points, name this country corresponding to a province Rome established following the death of Ptolemaic queen Cleopatra.

ANSWER: Egypt

7. One novel set in this country is about an intersexual child who has the ability to catch a glimpse into the lives of others. A dictator from this country is fictionalized as “The Butcher Boy” in a novel roughly inspired by the “Three Blind Mice” nursery rhyme, *The Hangman’s Game*, which was written by a (+) Guyanese immigrant to this country. An author from this country describes how a mother “fall[s] to the floor / like an overbeaten mat” in a poem about a mother receiving news of a stillborn child, in one poem from her collection *For the Love of Flight*, but is best known for her novel about a man and his four wives. Kate attempts to bring her family to safety during a war in this country in the novel *Never Again*, which was written by an author who was better known for a novel about a barren woman who seeks out the goddess of the lake and undergoes a painful ritual euphemistically called “the bath.” Another woman writer from this country wrote a novel that opens with its protagonist, a cigarette girl, about to commit suicide by leaping from the Carter Bridge, and produced another book about the inhabitants of (\*) Pussy Cat Mansions. The tyrannical Catholic Eugene is poisoned by his wife Beatrice in another novel by an author from here, *Purple Hibiscus*, who is best known recently for “We should all be feminists,” a TED talk that was sampled for a Beyonce song. For 10 points, name this home country of female writers like Flora Nwapa, Buchi Emecheta, and Chimamanda Adichie.

ANSWER: Nigeria

8. This country was described as “a yam between two rocks” by one of its kings in his *Divine Counsel*, a political testament he dictated shortly before death. With loans from the Soviet Union, this country funded the creation of state-owned businesses like a large cigarette factory. A Japanophile prime minister from this country imported wisteria, chrysanthemum, and persimmon seeds from the country to plant here and used the Meiji Restoration as the basis for his reforms, which were unpopular with his (+) brothers, who forced

him into exile after only 144 days. A prime minister of this country took power immediately after he and his brothers murdered 40 officials in its palace during the Kot massacre. This country's absolute monarchy was replaced with a constitutional democracy as a result of the 1990 People's Movement, which also ended the panchayat system here. Maoist forces torched a soft-drink bottling factory in the first overture of this country's civil war, during which a crown prince took out an (\*) M16, an SMG, and a shotgun, and massacred ten members of the royal family. This country was home to curved-knife-wielding mercenaries that bellowed "Jaya mahakali" to strike fear into the hearts of their enemies, known as Gurkhas. For 10 points, name this country that was recently ruled by King Gyanendra, a landlocked Himalayan nation.

ANSWER: Nepal

9. An author from this country wrote the "Holograph Testament" shortly before death and adapted a Balzac work into a burlesque costumed play titled *The Debt Manufacturer*. The aristocracy of this country was savagely attacked in the novel *A World for Julius*. This country's archbishop outright excommunicated an early twentieth century woman who protested against the mistreatment of its indigenous population in (+) *Birds Without a Nest*. This home of Sebastian Bondy and Alfredo Bryce is better known for producing an expatriate writer who penned the children's story *Paco Yunque* and wrote "there are in life such hard blows, I don't know" in his much-acclaimed collection *The Black Messengers*. A recent novel from this home country of Clorinda Matto de Turner contrasts the abuses in the Amazon Basin and the (\*) Congo and discusses the pederasty of its protagonist, Roger Casement. That author of *The Dream of the Celt* wrote about his own incestuous affair with his aunt in another novel, which alternates between reality and the serials written by Pedro Camacho. For 10 points, name this home country of Cesar Vallejo and the author of *Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter*, Mario Vargas Llosa.

ANSWER: Peru

10. A man from this present-day country's mythology instructed his bride to leave a trail of feathers if she had to leave the palace, but her father followed the trail and beheaded her for her treachery. A giant stretched out his penis to serve as a bridge in an origin story from this country, according to which the world was formed during a bunch of (+) contests that the giant lost to his lover. Babies learn essential skills like smiling and sucking on objects through the tutelage of this country's twelve midwives. A mythical king from this country had his military engineer incorporate a golden toenail or claw into a magic crossbow that could shoot thousands of arrows at once. A famous myth from this country is about the contest between the Lord of the Mountain and the Lord of the Water for the hand of one of the princesses here; the former suitor was one of the "Four Immortals" of this country. The most famous myth from this country relates how a golden (\*) turtle took back a sword inscribed with the words "The Will of Heaven" from its most revered emperor. In this country's mythology, a woman gave birth to 100 children from a sac containing 100 eggs, explaining the origin of its 100 family names. For 10 points, name this country that mythologizes Le Loi's resistance against Chinese occupiers.

ANSWER: Vietnam

11. A bunch of unsupervised brats living in this modern-day country simulate a war game, with the East Germans as enemies, in Amelie Nothomb's novel *Loving Sabotage*. Kitty Garstin follows the bacteriologist Walter Fane to this country, where he investigates a cholera epidemic, in *The Painted Veil*. In a novel set in this country, a boy seduces a virgin by telling her the story of *Ursule Mirouet* by (+) Honore de Balzac. An anonymously published novel that was so popular that it prompted a number of fake sequels concerns the relocation of a city youth to the grasslands of this country, where he befriends several wolves. *The Conquerors* is one of two novels in a trilogy to be set in this country. This country is the setting of flashbacks in a novel whose narrator falls in love with the beautiful Sarah Hemmings and is inspired by his friend Akira to begin playing detective, but never comes to grips with the disappearance of his parents. A man is thrown alive into the chamber of a steam locomotive in another novel set in this country, in which the gambling addict Baron de Clappique is the only one of the four major characters not to die. Christopher (\*) Banks grows up in this country in Kazuo Ishiguro's *When We Were Orphans*. Kyo Gisors and Katow take part in a failed socialist insurrection in this country in *Man's Fate*. The prostitute Lotus Flower wrecks the household of a poor farmer in this country in *The Good Earth*. For 10 points, name this country where Pearl S. Buck set most of her novels.

ANSWER: China

12. This country includes a house that rests upside down on the pivot of its spire, called the Device to Root Out Evil. Ugly buildings in this country include a Public Safety Building with a decaying limestone veneer, and the Estonian-designed student dormitory Tartu College. After World War II, this country witnessed a craze for rectangular-foundation domiciles nicknamed “strawberry box houses.” A soon-to-be community center in this country was formerly a modernist (+) gas station designed by Mies, who also designed three highrise apartment complexes in its Nuns’ Island. A former tallest building in this country boasts a “Painter Tower,” which is named for an architect who worked here and also designed the bathhouse at the Cave and Basin Hot Springs. A cool skyscraper in this country has two 50,000 gallon water tanks near the top, which slosh at the same harmonic frequency as the building in high winds, preventing it from swaying. An art museum with a gigantic statue of a spider in the front plaza was designed in this country by an architect who was a citizen of this country, who is best known for combining 354 (\*) prefabricated concrete forms into a model housing complex for an event with the theme “Man and His World.” The grand railway hotels were built in this country, as was Moshe Safdie’s Habitat 67 for the Expo 67. For 10 points, name this country whose tallest building is the CN tower.

ANSWER: Canada

13. One author from this country imitated the aphorisms from *The Picture of Dorian Grey* in his piece “Aesthetic Shots,” subjected Paul Valery’s poem “La fileuse” to a close reading, and wrote the poetry volume *Roses from a Single Day*, which was published twenty years after he was killed by a stray bullet during World War II. A woman from this country collected erotic poetry in volumes like *The Vast Mammal Magdalene*, in stark contrast to an author who related her art collector brother’s childhood in *Crazy Anthony* and produced a (+) trilogy consisting of *The Awakening*, *The Heat*, and *The Dust* before poisoning herself in advance of the Nazi invasion of this country. A writer from this country examined its intellectual traditions in *Twelve Lays of the Gypsy*. The “school of the seven islands” promoted Romanticism in this country, with its lead exemplar writing “I recognize you by the fearsome sharpness of your sword” in his “Hymn to Liberty,” which became a national anthem. Another author from this country, initially known as the “sun-drinking poet,” imagined his other half to be a woman named Maria Nefeli and is best known for a collection translating to (\*) *Worthy It Is*. The most famous modern poet born in this country wants you to “wish for the road to be long” in one poem and concludes “they were, those people, a kind of solution” at the end of his “Waiting for the Barbarians.” For 10 points, name this country whose Nobel-winning authors include Odysseus Elytis.

ANSWER: Greece

14. In one region of this country, a liqueur whose name translates as “hundred herbs” is consumed after meals to aid digestion. At one restaurant in this country, you can eat foie gras decorated with powders of hare blood and chestnut, a dish named “camouflage” due to its resemblance to army camo. Diners begin meals by whiffing on a helium balloon and consuming a soda-water capsule at an experimental restaurant in this country, (+) Combal.Zero. A cookbook called *The Talisman of Happiness* influenced the popularity of this country’s cuisine internationally. The Ark of Taste is an international catalogue of endangered foods maintained by the Slow Food movement which had its origins here, founded by the same guy who began the University of Gastronomic Sciences. A prominent region in this country annually celebrates St. Joseph’s Day by eating lots of (\*) fava beans. The “first dessert” in this country’s traditional meal structure consists of cheese and fruits, which may be followed by tiramisu. For 10 points, name this country, the birthplace of gelaterias and pizzerias.

ANSWER: Italy

15. An acrimonious feud in this country occurred between the author of *Selected Chapters of Ecclesiastical History* and another historian. This country was the birthplace of the proto-feminist author of *The Ladies’ Grievance*, who is best known for editing the third volume of a major philosophical work from here. A major academic publication from this country was described as “immediately below nothing” by a thinker best known for appending to his translation of Theophrastus an aphoristic portrayal of the illustrious men of his time, the (+) *Characters*. A more famous philosopher from this country argued that “appearances” can be used to discern facts about the natural world in lieu of essences, which we cannot know, and championed Epicurus’s atomism, in his posthumously-published *Syntagma philosophicum*. After recovering from a serious illness, another thinker from this country added the “Dialogues on Death” to his “Dialogues on Metaphysics and Religion.” That man from here believed that all human cognition was dependent on God, and in his (\*) *Search After Truth* proclaimed that there are no efficient causes other than God, a viewpoint known as



occasionalism. For 10 points, name this country whose most important 17th century philosophical work was the *Meditations on First Philosophy* by Descartes.

ANSWER: France

16. How am I supposed to know what field a scientist from this country developed in his books *Information Retrieval* and *The Geometry of Information Retrieval*? One guy from this country produced a string quartet based on a non-context-free affix number and is the namesake of an integer that it is own Godel number. Another scientist from this country came up with a way to classify (+) workflow patterns. In a 1982 book, a scientist from this country proposed that analysts should use the “waiter strategy” to inquire what information data managers require. A person from this country came up with a way to define theoretically infinite context-free grammars in a finite number of rules. A scientist who was born in this country wrote a funding proposal titled *Computer Programming for Everybody*, and now works for Dropbox, though he is known as (\*) “benevolent dictator for life” in the community formed around his most famous creation. The concept of self-stabilization was introduced by a scientist from this country, who wrote a paper called “On the Cruelty of Really Teaching Computer Science.” Python was founded by a computer scientist from this country. Another computer scientist from this country came up with an infix notation parsing method known as the shunting-yard algorithm, a way to avoid deadlock known as the Banker’s Algorithm, and a way to solve the shortest path problem whose greedy variant is Prim’s algorithm. For 10 points, name this nationality of computer scientist Edsger Dijkstra.  
ANSWER: Netherlands [or Holland]

17. A female police officer from this country was murdered at a protest outside an embassy that was then besieged for eleven days. Strategic bombers from this country provided deterrence in an undeclared war that it fought, known as the Konfrontasi. After the screening of the film *Death of a Princess*, (+) Saudi Arabia broke relations with this country. The longest criminal sentence in this country was handed down to Nezar Hindawi, who attempted to bomb a flight headed to Tel Aviv from this country’s capital. Mass rioting against this country ensued after its forces captured a police station in Ismailia. A warship from this country became embroiled in the Amethyst incident during the Chinese Civil War. This country set up several New Villages to which nearly a million people were forcibly relocated, in a country where tons of General Labor Union strikes happened and where this country’s officials were violently targeted by (\*) Chin Peng. Soldiers from this country nicknamed a region with low-flying jets “Bomb Alley” in a war where this country won the Battle of Goose Green and ran the “Gotcha” headline after sinking the *General Belgrano*. For 10 points, name this country that declared a state of emergency in Malaysia and fought Argentina for control of the Falklands.  
ANSWER: UK [or United Kingdom; or England or whatever]

18. A certain altar was not torn down by authorities of this country because some insect trainers lied to protect it. One character from this country is a hard-ass trainer who routinely pushes his students until they throw blood, and another purposefully chooses a gun with blanks in a duel in order to save his opponent’s life. A so-called parrot that looks nothing of the sort, named (+) Dominguez, belongs to one soldier from this country, who learns of the poisoning of his father at the hands of “Zaj of the Black Moon” and masters the use of the Double Snake Sword, his family heirloom. The founder of this country is housed in the crystalline Circle Palace. The Howling Voice Guild is a mercenary group from this country. A notable invasion by this country was stopped by Kliff, the founder of the (\*) Warrior’s Village. Julian Silverberg aided an aristocrat from this country, Kranach Rugner, to rebel and found the Scarlet Moon Empire. Geddoe leads a band of mercenaries from this country in one game, in which the player character is the new incarnation of the Flame Champion who had resisted this country’s might. For 10 points, name this powerful country, the recurring antagonists of the *Suikoden* series.

ANSWER: Harmonia

19. A scientist from this country worked with a patient nicknamed “case M,” who had nearly upside-down vision. Two scientists from this country worked with one holder of the dubious distinction of being “the greatest living Canadian,” Wilder Penfield. Another scientist from this country moonlighted as a science fiction author named Dr. (+) Bacteria, producing the “Vacation Stories.” A fatal autosomal recessive disorder described by a biologist from this country is characterized by the presence of inclusion bodies in the heart, liver, muscles, and skin, and is a relatively common progressive myoclonic epilepsy. A biochemist who was born in this country isolated creatinine from urine, then developed a way to measure muscle levels of that molecule, though he is better known for discovering in sewage a bacterium that could synthesize RNA,

resulting in him winning the Nobel Prize in Medicine along with Arthur Kornberg. The “double impregnation” method was added to an existing stain by another biologist from this country, who proposed the (\*) growth cone and came up with the idea that the nervous system was made up of individual neurons, an idea known as the “neuron doctrine,” resulting in him sharing a Nobel with Camillo Golgi. That scientist is probably better known to you jerks for naming some “bodies” found in the nucleus. For 10 points, name this country from which Santiago Ramon y Cajal hailed.

ANSWER: Spain

20. Several members of a Russian sectarian religious movement known as New Israel migrated to a town in this country, though the government here later burned the Maxim Gorky library in that town. A populist group in this country funded itself by robbing banks, gaining public support by not hurting anyone during those raids. A leader of this country did such things as nationalize (+) telephone utilities, abolish the income tax for low-paid public employees, allow women to sue for divorce on the grounds of cruelty, and set up government-controlled “autonomous entities” to monopolize certain goods. This country’s General Assembly was dissolved by a man who set up a military dictatorship here, a black-rimmed spectacle-wearing fellow with the unusual surname of Bordaberry. A genocide perpetrated in this country unfolded after its victims were lured to the border town of Salispuedes by the first president under the pretense of defending against a foreign invasion. This country’s current president, a former member of the Tupamaros, has been praised for his decision to legalize cannabis in 2012 and is often touted as “the world’s (\*) poorest president.” Earlier, this country’s capital was besieged for nine years during the “Guerra Grande,” in which Manuel Oribe was defeated. Founding fathers of this country included Fructuoso Rivera and Jose Artigas, who fought for its independence. For 10 points, name this South American country whose civil war included the involvement of Giuseppe Garibaldi according to a STOCK CLUE.

ANSWER: Uruguay

Tiebreaker

A vanishingly obscure composer from this modern-day country is best remembered as the first organist to use four voices in the pedal part. A cellist from this country, who produced the opera *Palma*, is best known for being the actual composer of a *Symphony in C major* often misattributed to a more famous composer from here. A more famous composer from this country wrote an opera in which an Indian princess is saved from the funeral pyre by a foreign general, but is better remembered as a violin virtuoso who wrote a (+) treatise for that instrument, called the *Violin School*. Another organist from this country produced a *Sonata on the 94th Psalm*. Two composers from this country premiered an A-flat major *Concerto for Two Pianos and Orchestra*, a piece that was considered lost until its manuscript resurfaced in 1950. Yet another composer from this country produced a double concerto for the clarinet and violin, used tons of double stops and a large accelerando to end his revered first *Violin Concerto*, arranged the air “Hey Tuttie Tatie” in his (\*) *Scottish Fantasy*, and produced a piece for cello and orchestra based on Hebrew melodies. A still more famous composer from this country produced an E-flat major *Octet* and made a consequential trip to Fingal’s Cave. For 10 points, name this home country of *Kol Nidrei* composer Max Bruch, and Felix Mendelssohn.

ANSWER: Germany

#### Round 4

1. The organizers of an artistic prize in this country fucked up badly when they specified that they could modify any entry, resulting in a collective of artists boycotting the event and publishing the manifesto “We Must Always Resist the Allures of Complicity.” A humorist from this country collaborated on the *Brutoski Medicinal Handbook*, and collapsed his first and last name into the pen-name (+) Oski. One of the most famous photographers to work in this country, known for her nudes, was Annemarie Heinrich. A painter from this country depicted the space race in her *Space Series*, and along with a guy who painted a fetus rising from a burning corpse, was part of the Florida group that met in a confectionary here. An opera from this country focuses on a woman “who was born when God was drunk,” who interacts with three Construction Worker Magi and Women Who Knead Pasta and haunts a city where she formerly worked as a streetwalker. An art form unique to this country was popularized by (\*) Rudolph Valentino in *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* and was mixed with jazz and classical music by Astor Piazzola. For 10 points, name this country, birthplace of the tango.

ANSWER: Argentina

2. One author from this country wrote about a religious community that takes a hapless Christian egg seller with them to exile in the city of Belgrade. An author from this country wrote a novel structured as a series of dialogues between an abbot of a monastery that was built at the site of the landing of Noah’s Ark and his disciples. Another author who was born in this country wrote about an entomologist who deals with the consequences of a drug marketed to parents who only want sons, in his novel *The First Century After Beatrice*, and described an illegitimate son of a man cursed with white hair contend with the disappearing way of life in his mountain village in *The (+) Rock of Tanios*, for which he won the Prix Goncourt. This home of the part-Russian author Mikhail Naima was ravaged by a war described in the debut novel *A Girl Made of Dust*. This country was the birthplace of a French author who wrote historical novels like *Leo Africanus* and *Samarkand*. A caged sparrow says “Good morrow to thee, brother prisoner” to a caged lion, and the ear, the hand, and the nose reproach an eye for seeing a beautiful mountain which they themselves cannot perceive in a posthumously published book of parables by an author from this country, *The (\*) Madman*. The most famous author from this country wrote “The Pity of the Nation” in a sequel titled *The Garden* of his most famous work, which is about Almoustafa’s return from the city of Orphalese. For 10 points, name this home country of the author of *The Prophet*, Khalil Gibran.

ANSWER: Lebanon

3. One artist from this modern-day country often appeared before audiences and tattooed the number “4711” onto her thigh. A more famous artist from this country collected 4000 wishes for the future and stitched them all into a 460 meter track, which she then placed along a maintenance tunnel. Two artists from this country, who often put banana skins and fish on their heads, claim to have landed their (+) time machines before a major historical event and to be between male and female, and appear in public with an identical appearance complete with bald heads. Another artist who was born in this country dressed as a businesswoman, squeezed eggs from her vagina, and tossed them at the camera in her performance work “Expectations” and collaborated with female artists for projects like *Heads and Tales* and *SKIN*. A male artist from this country breathed in and out of a tube connecting his mouth to his lover’s until they both passed out, drove his car for 365 laps inside a museum, and ended his relationship with that lover by meeting in the middle of the Great Wall of China. This country was home to the (\*) boyfriend of Marina Abramovic, Ulay, as well as an artist who covered a piano with a red cross to protest the thalidomide birth defects, came up with the idea of “social sculptures,” and covered himself in felt while in a room with a coyote for his piece “I Like America and America Likes Me.” For 10 points, name this home country of dead hare fan Joseph Beuys.

ANSWER: Germany

4. A mystic from this country is represented in art alongside a red hind who saved her from being raped. One theologian from this country coined the term “Christus victor,” which refers to the idea that by dying Christ vanquished the powers of evil, and that man’s comrade disavowed the first title form of love while praising

the second in his treatise *Eros and Agape*. A tradition similar to trick-o-treating happens on (+) Holy Thursday in this country because Christians accommodated the pagan belief that witches flew to commune with the devil on that day. Hungry villagers in this country were fed by a woman who found her way through darkness by wearing a crown ringed with seven candles. The patron saint of this country founded an (\*) order of nuns that wears the Crown of the Five Holy Wounds, and came up with the “15 O” Our Father and Hail Mary prayers. For 10 points, name this country, home to the largest Lutheran church in the world, whose patron saint is Bridget.

ANSWER: Sweden

5. When a local entrepreneur in this country, D. B. Curry, started making candy bars here, the Cadbury company responded by flooding the market with cheap chocolates to put him out of business. The sizable Lebanese population in this country was targeted in 1919 riots blaming them for a rice shortage, and further shot themselves in the foot by lending credit to local farmers at exorbitant rates. Two separate (+) chiefs in this country rebelled against the collection of the hut tax in this country, resulting in the Hut Tax War of 1898. As part of his effort to reform women’s health, the first prime minister of this country himself authored a manual on midwifery, and upon dying in office was succeeded by his brother Albert. This country became a one-party state under the All People’s Congress under the leadership of Siaka Stevens. In Operation Palliser, British paratroopers were deployed to this country to evacuate foreign nationals during an injurious civil war in which the private military company Executive Outcomes wreaked havoc and had to be dealt with via the (\*) Abidjan Accord. That war started here as the Revolutionary United Front’s attempt to overthrow the Joseph Momoh government, with the support of Charles Taylor. For 10 points, name this African country currently led by Ernest Koroma, which was once the colony of Freetown.

ANSWER: Sierra Leone

6. A popular joke in this country involves one stranded fisherman telling another that “my pastor will find us since I pay over 50000” of the currency here “as a tithe.” A sculpture garden in this country’s capital includes a scary statue of an angry baby and a 14-meter high sculpture of 121 human figures, known simply as “The (+) Monolith.” Apparently, parents bringing children to evening social gatherings in this country is perceived as a form of neglect and child abuse. An awesome custom from this country that’s baffling to dumb people is that sandwiches and burgers are eaten here with knife and fork. A form of decorative folk art involving floral ornamentation painted on wood, named rosemaling, originated in this country. An underground cavern in an island belonging to this country is the headquarters of an initiative started by conservationist Cary Fowler. An open-air museum in this country features unusual geometric carvings among depictions, in red, of hunts and mundane Paleolithic life, and is located at (\*) Alta. This home of the Global Seed Vault is home to a delectable kind of waffle cookie known as “Krumkake,” as well as a crime against humanity involving salted cod steeped in lye. For 10 points, name this country, home to lutefisk and fjords.

ANSWER: Norway

7. Hugo gets a cross hung around in his neck by Mariana near the end of a novel set in a brothel known as “The Residence” in this present-day country. A character with the first and middle names Something Something, a noted “sheep loser,” is one of the victims of a 200-year curse of stupid suffered by a village in this present-day country in (+) Neil Simon’s play *Fools*. A character from this country gets laid a lot because women find his lame arm attractive and think that he’s long-lasting due to his inability to have an orgasm. This setting of Aharon Appelfeld’s novel *Blooms of Darkness* is home to a taxi driver who commandeers a vehicle known as the “Wildebeest,” who aids the protagonist in making contact with an underground millionaire named Alexandr Koreiko, after which that protagonist himself becomes a millionaire. Armed with a photograph of a woman named Augustine, the protagonist of one novel travels to this country, the setting of *The Little Golden Calf*, with the guide dog Sammy Davis Jr. Jr. and his blind grandfather in an attempt to find information about his ancestor in (\*) Trachimbrod. In a nationalist novel set in this country, a young man gives loaves of bread to a starving Tatar girl and her mother, an action for which he is murdered by his father, the Cossack title character. For 10 points, name this setting of *Everything is Illuminated* and *Taras Bulba*, which was written by native author Nikolai Gogol.

ANSWER: Ukraine

8. This modern-day country venerated a deity who spends most of the year underground, protecting roots and springs, until he bursts forth one day to herald in the summer season. A religious text from this country

relates how a man was damned to hell for eating while he chewed, thereby profaning the personifications of food and drink. People from this country believed that rainfall was brought forth when a white (+) horse prevailed in battle over a black horse, overcoming a handicap caused by insufficient prayers and sacrifices from humanity. In order to account for the drift caused by a 365-day calendar developed in this country being out of sync with the solar year, a religious text in this country advocated adding a leap-month every 120 years. According to this country's religious tradition, a prophet preserved his seed in a lake that three maidens were impregnated with while bathing, resulting in the birth of three (\*) saviors 1000 years apart. All of humanity will be required to wade through a river, which will either be warm milk or molten metal depending on the person's sins, in the end-time prophesied by a native religion of this country, which translates to "making wonderful," or Frashokereti. For 10 points, name this country where the prophet Zoroaster was born.

ANSWER: Iran

9. A terre-plein platform known as "Falbe's quadrilateral" was located on a weak point in a city in this present-day country. A senator once claimed that it took him three days to bring a fresh basket of figs from this country. A military expedition against a foreign power who had besieged the town of (+) Oroscopa precipitated a war that mostly took place here, in which cavalry surprised and killed around 500 men near a lake here, who were collecting timber under the orders of Manlius Manilius. A language primarily spoken in this modern-day country is preserved in the fifth act of a Plautus play about a "puny" merchant. Corculum was seen as a great advocate of this country, where the fortress of Nepheris was the site of both a crushing Roman defeat and later a victory won by a commander who bailed out four legions in a ravine. A woman from this country went up to the rampart to denounce her turncoat husband, the Boetharch, then led her two children and herself to a gigantic (\*) funeral pyre. A victorious commander in this country reportedly began weeping, reciting a line from Homer's *Iliad* about the destruction of Troy, after winning a three-year siege of its capital. For 10 points, name this country where Scipio Aemilianus probably didn't have salt sown over the ruins of Carthage at the end of the Third Punic War.

ANSWER: Tunisia

10. A female composer from this country produced a *Nocturne for Four Voices*, and, in what is perhaps an inversion of Dvorak, composed a work titled *Songs My Father Taught Me*. One composer from this country expanded his E-flat piano sonata into his first symphony and unusually used organs only for their pedals in his second. A composer from this country created a piece in which an actor (+) smashes up a violin and everyone is placed on stage in birdcages, a monodrama in which six players play tunes that had been taught, centuries before, to bullfinches from here. Another composer from this country crafted a *Requiem* which isn't really a *Requiem* at all, but instead depicts a group of children dancing around a chosen girl in order to ward off spirits. That composer is best known for a piece with a delightful eighth movement titled "The Vomiting," a cantata about Jonah and the Whale, and for a musical elegy with lyrics by an Orthodox nun in memory of an actress who was killed in a cycling accident. An offstage piano plays a transcription of Albeniz's *Tango in D* in a symphony inspired by the AIDS memorial quilt by a composer from this country, who is better known for an opera in which (\*) Beaumarchais composes an opera to cheer up the deceased Marie Antoinette. For 10 points, name this country, whose modern composers include the late John Tavener and John Corigliano.

ANSWER: England [or the UK, whatever]

11. A prince of this modern-day country produced an eminently agreeable treatise subtitled "Or, the Quarrel of the Wise Man with the World." At one point, this country was home to insurgent units like the "Sword of Justice" and the "Black Army." Isidor Cantor was one of the architects of a republic that governed this modern-day country, where a periodical called *The Voice*, written in its native script, was smuggled in from abroad. A medical graduate named Elena (+) Alistar tirelessly campaigned for women's rights in this country. Agricultural production was kicked into overdrive during this country's namesake "experiment," which occurred under the watch of Ivan Bodiul. This is the smaller of the two countries that bore the brunt of the Jehovah's Witnesses deportations carried out according to Operation North. After a girl in this country killed herself in a Jewish hospital, its capital was targeted by a horrific (\*) pogrom that started on Easter Sunday, 1903. In one election from this country, Petru Lucinschi upset the incumbent first president Mircea Snegur, who won an inconclusive victory in the war to prevent Transnistria from breaking away. For 10 points, name this country that switched back to the Latin alphabet in 1991 when it declared independence, which is culturally similar to Romania.

ANSWER: Moldova

12. A poet from this country wrote “What is each ringlet of your golden hair when weighed against that poverty and fear which Europe’s people bear and must still bear” in “The Cry of Europe.” A sour poet from this country wrote a poem called “[this country] 1941,” in which he dismissed its two most famous authors as “sham bards of a sham nation.” A more famous writer often lifted passages from dictionaries to produce found poems using a so-called (+) “synthetic” version of a dialect spoken here. What passes for this country’s version of *Ulysses* is a ridiculous modernist poem that culminates in the “Great Wheel” section, and is loosely about the husband of Jean, who leaves a bar and talks to a plant. The author of “A Drunk Man Looks at the Thistle” was a leading light in this country’s literary renaissance, though not as famous as an author who wrote about a thalidomide victim’s quest to get revenge on the drug’s marketing director in one of three stories in (\*) *Ecstasy* or an author who was Booker-shortlisted for *The Public Image* and *Loitering With Intent*. This country’s vernacular was heavily used in a novel about heroin users, but not as much in a book about a fascist teacher in a school for girls. For 10 points, name this country, home to Hugh MacDiarmid, Irvine Welsh, and Muriel Spark.

ANSWER: Scotland [prompt on UK]

13. A politician from this country wrote a trilogy consisting of *Acts of Faith*, *Days of Despair*, and *The Limits of Love*. A boy has a forbidden romance with a poor girl in “Elsewhere: Something Like a Love Story,” a story by a filmmaker from this country best known for his adorable novel about a boy who goes to his family’s abandoned home to look for his (+) dog, *Bringing Tony Back*. Another author from this country fictionalized his parents as Sonnaboy and Beryl, and portrayed the Japanese bombardment, in his *Jam Fruit Tree*. A better-known author from here wrote a novel examining the intertwined stories of a married aristocrat’s memory of his English lover Richard and a schoolteacher’s attempt to resist being married off by her family, both of whom live in the affluent Cinnamon Gardens community, but is better known for a collection of linked stories, including one about Daryl Uncle’s return from Australia titled “See No Evil, Hear No Evil,” that relate the coming of age of the homosexual Arjie, titled *Funny Boy*. Among the winners of this country’s Gratiaen Prize is Carl Muller, who wrote about the (\*) Burgher minority here. A popular modern novel from this country is about an alcoholic cricket player, titled *Chinaman*. An author who was born in this country wrote about a forensic pathologist who finds a skeleton named Sailor in *Anil’s Ghost*, but is best known for his book about a Hungarian who is burned beyond recognition. For 10 points, name this country of origin of the Canadian author of *The English Patient*, Michael Ondaatje.

ANSWER: Sri Lanka [or Ceylon]

14. This country’s indigenous population was mobilized into a guerrilla force by Steadman Fagoth, and massacred several of its soldiers during “Red December.” In this country, unknown gunmen used shotguns to murder a journalist who edited an opposition paper imaginatively named *The Press*; the (+) widow of that journalist later became president of this country. American documentary filmmaker Lee Shapiro produced a propaganda film titled *[This country] Was Our Home*, in which he detailed the persecution of the Miskito people here in the 1980s. Baseball star Roberto Clemente died on board a flight intended to offer relief to victims of a natural disaster that struck this country. Women in this country were encouraged to participate politically by the AMPRONAC, which later renamed itself in honor of the deceased Luisa Amanda Espinoza. A Maryknoll priest named Miguel Brockmann was one of the “Group of Twelve” that voiced support for revolutionaries in this country, who were commonly referred to as (\*) “muchachos.” A fairly successful literacy campaign was set up by those revolutionaries, who considered as their godfather a former librarian named Carlos Fonseca. For 10 points, identify this country where Anastasio Somoza was overthrown by the Sandinistas.

ANSWER: Nicaragua

15. A poet from this country changed his name to the word for the mountain heather flower in his country’s language and wrote a collection called *The Other Book of Job*, but is best-remembered for his 11-volume *Diary*. Another poet from this country wrote a poem most high school quizbowlers would approve of, beginning “Lord free us from the dangerous game of transparency.” A different poet from this country wrote a poem beginning “If you want to kill yourself, how come you don’t want to kill yourself?” Besides the quarter-Danish poet Sophie (+) Andersen, this country produced a poet who declared “I was born to live beyond life” and showed that his priorities were in order by dedicating his collection *Shadows* “to a tree and to my sister Maria.” Another poet from this country dreamed up a utopia called Cosmopolis in his notebooks, and declared that though “old and enormous are the stars” and “old and small is the heart,” the heart “holds

more than all the stars,” being “greater than the vast expanse. That most famous poet from here produced the collection *The Keeper of Sheep*, and declared that though “I am nothing,” I “have in me all the dreams of the world,” in his “The (\*) Tobacco Shop,” found in his collection *Mensagem*, though he is most famous for his “factless autobiography” *The Book of Disquiet*. For 10 points, name this country, home to the heteronym-happy Fernando Pessoa.

ANSWER: Portugal

16. Scientists from this country developed instruments that measure carbon monoxide levels and spectrally dispersed sunlight in the upper troposphere, named MOPITT and OSIRIS, for international satellite projects. An Icelandic immigrant to this country, Bjarni Tryggvason, took part in the STS-85 flight. Solar storms are being studied by the e-POP payload of the latest satellite launched by this country, (+) CASSIOPE. Another 2013 satellite from this country, the Near Earth Object Surveillance Satellite, is looking for interior-to-Earth asteroids. With the release of ANIK-1 in 1972, this country became the first in the world to establish a geostationary communication satellite network. This country’s department of communications won an Emmy award for its Hermes CTS program, which was able to broadcast (\*) sporting coverage to diplomats in Peru, a milestone in developing direct broadcast TV satellite technology. This country designed the popular Black Brant sounding rockets, and made its first forays into space with Alouette 1 and 2. For 10 points, name this country whose space agency was founded in 1989 and is headquartered at John H. Chapman Space Centre in Quebec.

ANSWER: Canada

17. Sadly, not much information is available on the internet about an author from this country who wrote the experimental book *How ‘Bout a Fight?* An author who was born in this country wrote an awesome book in which the orphaned Saru takes care of a cat creatively-named Neko, until he is called upon by a samurai to rescue his wife, who is being held hostage in a castle. A psychologist from this country wrote a cute story in which a boy who is fed up with grownups takes advantage of their sudden disappearance by eating a bunch of candy, but eventually begins to miss his family. The main characters of another book from here befriend a young (+) German boy on an operation to blow up some railroad tracks. Those books, *Paul Alone in the World* and *The Boys from St. Petri*, were written about a generation before the biggest modern non-highbrow book from this country, in which the water surrounding a meteorite is infected by a lethal parasite that kills Isaiah’s father. In that book, the half- (\*) Inuit protagonist has the title supernatural ability. Another author from this country wrote stories like “The Princess and the Pea.” For 10 points, name this home country of *Smilla’s Sense of Snow* author Peter Hoeg as well as the guy who wrote about Thumbelina and the Ugly Duckling, Hans Christian Andersen.

ANSWER: Denmark

18. A disgraced princess of this country was separated from her husband after lying about her pregnancy and being caught sleeping with one of her palace maids. One leader of this country was presented with a handkerchief soaked in the blood vomited by his true mother as she died from poisoning, killing the two concubines who were responsible, and was once slandered by a phrase spelled out on (+) sugar trails on leaves that were then eaten by caterpillars. That tyrant and his immediate successors fucked up this country’s learning in the sixteenth century by carrying out four literati purges. The author of the *Draft for the Country’s Rites* and *Design for Good Government* was an advocate for the “practical learning” social movement in this country; that man’s father dealt with a crazy prince who liked to kill people at random by administering some practical learning of his own, namely the value of oxygen, by sealing him in a large wooden chest on a hot day. This country is home to a collection of the (\*) *Tripitaka* which was flawlessly carved onto 81,258 wooden printing blocks. The Imo incident was a mutiny during the reign of a queen of this country, who sent a mission to the United States and was killed by sword-bearing assassins who later charred her corpse. Centuries before this country became a “hermit kingdom,” one of its admirals was using turtle ships and one of its kings was inventing its alphabet, hangul. For 10 points, identify this country, long-ruled by the Choson Dynasty.

ANSWER: Korea [accept either South or North]

19. Two chemists born in this modern-day country stimulated hexachloroplatinate and then added them to arenes to metalate them. The formose reaction, which makes sugars from formaldehyde, was discovered by a chemist from this country who incorporated double bonds into structural formulas. A pentadienyl and oxyallyl cation are used as intermediates in a reaction by an organic chemist from this country, which

converts (+) divinyl ketones into cyclopentenones. One chemist from this country got terminal alkynes with acidic protons to attack carbonyl groups in the presence of a strong base. A popular graphic involving what can be best described as a petri dish on acid is a visualization of a reaction discovered by two chemists from here, who discovered that by mixing cerium (IV) sulfate and a bunch of stuff in dilute sulfuric acid, you can get a chemical oscillator. In another reaction by a previously mentioned chemist, an alpha-halo ketone or cyclopropanone is converted into a carboxylic acid, sometimes by ring contraction. An earlier chemist from this country coined the term (\*) “physical chemistry” and put the final nail in the coffin of the phlogiston theory. The more famous co-discoverer of the aldol reaction was a composer from this country. For 10 points, name this country whose chemists include the inventor of the periodic table, Dmitri Mendeleev.

ANSWER: Russia

20. A title track of a skinhead album with this country as its title references Germany’s victory in the World Cup, making it popular with dipshit fans of Germany’s soccer team. During Aurore’s angst teenage years, he appreciated an awful Rammstein song in which “the finger slips to [this country] / then down it sinks into the sea.” Another song with this country in the title describes “Bob Dylan on a (+) motor scooter” and refrains “We love him.” A better song with this country in the title repeats “You only think about yourself...” four times. A song with this country as the title can be found on the album *Weird Revolution* by the Butthole Surfers and the album *Morning View* by Incubus. A song whose title references this country describes a “cat named Joe” who “wears a purple sash and a black moustache” at a “honky tonk.” Probably the most famous song with this country as the title mentions that “there were half a million people on the lawn / And we sang to their faces in the dawn,” and says that this country “is under the thumb / Of a man we call (\*) Richard,” who’s “a small-headed man,” which anyone, even Chris Ray, could tell you is a reference to Richard Nixon. A song by The Coasters, titled “Down in [this country],” plays during the lap dance scene in *Death Proof*. For 10 points, name this title country of a Jefferson Airplane song protesting an effort to curtail the shipment of marijuana across the border.

ANSWER: Mexico

Tiebreaker

One thinker from this country used the term “empirical space” to define civil and political society in books like *A Princely Impostor?* and *The Nation and its Fragments*. A historian from this country examined the measuring up of modernization in various countries to the mythical standard of the title continent in his book *Provincializing Europe*. Another thinker who was born in this country examined the solidarity between vegetarians, homosexuals, and animal rights activists who give up their (+) imperialist advantage, in her book *Affective Communities*, though she is better known for positing the “contrapuntality” between West and non-West in *Postcolonial Theory*. The terms “ambivalence,” “difference,” “mimicry,” and “hybridity” were brought to postcolonial studies by another theorist from here, who won second prize in a “Bad Writing Competition” for a sentence in his book *The (\*) Location of Culture*. A more famous thinker from here coined the term “strategic essentialism,” but is better known for translating *Of Grammatology*. For 10 points, name this home country of the author of “Can the Subaltern Speak?,” Gayatri Spivak.

ANSWER: India



## Round 5

1. Remnants of this country's army, the "Brisbane Fifteen," attempted to form a guerrilla government-in-exile. During a period of resistance in this country, people who went into hiding were code-named "divers" and "cyclists." This country faced a controversy about whether religious schools should receive equal funding to public ones, known as the "School Struggle," which was finally resolved, along with the implementation of universal suffrage, in the (+) "Pacification of 1917." Civilians from this country celebrated wildly on "mad Tuesday" and revered a naval admiral famed for giving the order "I am attacking, follow me!" Among the survivors of the war-induced "Hunger Winter" famine in this country was Audrey Hepburn, who developed early medical problems as a result. Hans (\*) Oster repeatedly tipped his friend in this country off to the impending Nazi invasion. A bridge named for its defender John Frost was the centerpiece in the Battle of Arnhem in this country. For 10 points, name this country led throughout World War II by Queen Wilhelmina, the site of the Anne Frank House.

ANSWER: Netherlands [or Holland]

2. One artist from this country had a phase where he created nothing but bronze flowers and an earlier "karstic period," but spent a larger chunk of his life providing furnishings for passenger ships. One artist from this country completed a book in which every page consisted of nothing but diamonds and vertical bars, but was better known for producing sculptures like *Woman Swimming Under Water* and *Corporate Justice*, and for calling (+) sculpture "a dead language." Another sculptor from this country produced the "Dance Step" for Minoru Yamasaki's One Woodward Avenue building, and was renowned at home for his series of bronze bas-reliefs depicting the passion of Jesus Christ and for creating the Death Gate. This year, an intoxicated journalist in this country destroyed the sculpture "Imprint," a thick glass disk with Earth in the center, which was an example of the countercultural "Poor Art" movement here. A sculptor from this country produced a "technical manifesto" advocating the use of non-traditional materials like glass and wood, produced what looks like a lighthouse on an island in his (\*) *Development of a Bottle*, and created *Spiral Expansion of Muscles in Action*, which closely resembles a piece with which he responded to Duchamp's "analytical discontinuity," a flowing bronze figure on two blocks. For 10 points, name this home country of Futurist sculptor Umberto Boccioni.

ANSWER: Italy

3. This country had to pay the *situado* sales tax to stay afloat, and its citizens were earlier subject to a levy of two units of rice and a piece of cotton cloth. A nineteenth century woman who lived for an insane 107 years achieved fame early in life for curing wounds and restoring sight, and was affectionately referred to as "old Sora." The expulsion of the Jesuits in this country was (+) delayed because Governor-General Raon accepted bribes in exchange for delaying the order's implementation. Dawsonne Drake became the governor-general of this country during its brief British occupation, which ended soon after the Treaty of Paris concluded the Seven Years' War. The acronym GOMBURZA combines the surnames of three priests who were executed in this country in the aftermath of an unsuccessful mutiny of military personnel at an arsenal. Guerillas in this country devised a weapon-based martial art known as (\*) Eskrima. Among the educated class of "Ilustrados" in this country was a man who was arrested on his way to treat victims of yellow fever, who just before his execution hid in an alcohol stove a poem titled "My Last Farewell." That revolutionary from this country wrote *El Filibusterismo* and *Noli Me Tangere*. For 10 points, name this country where Jose Rizal inspired nationalist sentiment against the Spanish.

ANSWER: Philippines

4. An article published by a thinker from this country describes a device responsible for sudden, inexplicable abscesses, which is often called a "suggestion-apparatus" for its ability to remove thoughts and feelings. One thinker and art historian from this present-day country published a study about an artist known for his "character heads," titled *A Mentally-Ill Sculptor*. The journal *American* (+) *Imago* was co-founded by two thinkers who were born in this country, one of whom posited that people and their friends fantasize about the same things with his "community of daydreams" argument. Another thinker from this country described aloof people who can pass for having real emotions through their "as-if" personality, but is best known for

the two-volume *Psychology of Women*. A psychologist from this country was the first to describe “writer’s block” as a condition and, as early as 1956, debunked the notion that homosexuality was a disease. Another thinker from this country wrote that the family was the “first cell” in a book suggesting that sexual (\*) repression was responsible for the rise of Nazism, wrote a companion work describing the sexual revolution in the USSR under Stalin, but is best known today for proposing a life force known as the orgone. A female psychologist from this country wrote *The Ego and the Mechanisms of Defense*. For 10 points, name this country, home to the Freuds.

ANSWER: Austria

5. A woman from this modern-day country eloped with her half-brother, becoming queen-consort, and later committed suicide by drinking poisoned lime juice when he took her jewels away and gave them to another wife. The earliest surviving law book from this country was authored by a commoner who had his beautiful sister bathe in a river in plain sight of the governor, who predictably asked to marry her, and then killed the governor, usurping his position. One power from this country attempted to restore a larger kingdom from here by waging the unsuccessful (+) Forty Years’ War. During the turn of the fourteenth century, this country was ruled by the “Three Brothers,” related ministers of a previous dynasty who served as co-regents. Most histories of this country heavily rely on the extensive “Glass Palace Chronicle.” The regent regarded as the father of this country employed Four Great Paladins and prevented an incursion into its Tenasserim coastline. Though he initially tried to implement a ban on their worship, a great king from this country designated an official pantheon of 37 spirits known as (\*) nats. General Bayinnaung ruled over the largest territory ever possessed by this country, during the penultimate Toungoo Dynasty, which was followed by the Konbaung. For 10 points, name this country where Anawrahta founded the Pagan Dynasty.

ANSWER: Burma [or Myanmar]

6. An impoverished boy living in this modern-day country wonders why its president gets to drive around in a luxury vehicle in the story “The Grim Reaper’s Car.” The older generation is represented by a drum-making Old Man and his wife Japi, and the younger generation is represented by the boy Lucifer, in a family chronicle from this country titled *Waiting for the Rain*. A recent novel from this country likens its civil strife to a bloody (+) severed leg that flies up and gets caught on a tree branch. The protagonist of a novel from this country ingeniously pinches a baby that has been handed to her in a ploy to get the mother to take him back. That novel’s author included several characters from her story “Hitting Budapest,” set in a shantytown in this country, in her novel about Darling that was shortlisted for the 2013 Booker, *We Need New Names*. The most famous author from this country began a novel with the sentence “I was not sorry when my brother died,” which examines the protagonist’s relationship with her cousins Chido and (\*) Nyasha, and followed that novel up with *The Book of Not*. Tambu is the main character of that novel set here, *Nervous Conditions*. For 10 points, name this African country whose authors include NoViolet Bulawayo and Tsitsi Dangarembga.

ANSWER: Zimbabwe

7. A thinker from this country examined the Marxian concept of the “stand,” which he argued formed the basis for power of the elites here, in his book *The Owners of Power*. The idea that the human brain was designed for face-to-face communication due to it being the only available option for early hominids, known as media naturalness theory, was developed by a philosopher from this country named (+) Ned Kock. Another thinker from this country came up with the concept of an Organizational Workshop to foster a hands-on environment for teaching people skills. A legal philosopher from this country advanced the “great alliance thesis” regarding reason and history, and currently teaches at Boston College Law School. A more famous thinker from this country proposed ending the “culture of silence” here via the process of conscientization. Another theorist from this country wrote *Order and Progress* and *The Mansions and The Shanties* as sequels to his most famous work, which praised the (\*) miscegenation of his home country. The “banking concept” of education was criticized by a theorist from here. For 10 points, name this home country of the authors of *The Masters and the Slaves* and *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*, both surnamed Freire.

ANSWER: Brazil

8. A scientist from this country formulated the “thermomass theory,” which applies the mass-energy equivalence to heat transfer processes. Before the discovery of the positron, one physicist from this country performed experiments involving the pair production-induced scattering of gamma rays in lead. Another physicist from this country is known as the “father of molecular beam epitaxy.” Walter Kohn co-developed

the Schrodinger equation for density functional theory with a physicist from this country. Wolfgang Pauli apparently (+) exclaimed “That’s total nonsense!” upon hearing about an experiment performed by a scientist from this country involving cobalt-60 atoms cooled to near absolute-zero being aligned in a uniform magnetic field. That scientist from here developed a method to separate uranium metal by gaseous diffusion into U-235 and U-238 isotopes for the Manhattan Project, was nicknamed “[this country’s] (\*) Marie Curie,” and demonstrated a contradiction to the law of parity conservation, a topic that resulted in two physicists from here sharing a Nobel in 1957. For 10 points, name this country whose physicists included Wu Jianxiong.

ANSWER: China

9. One king of this country was served by the powerful noble Jovan Oliver and by a contingent of German mercenaries known as the Alemannic Guard. A legend tells of how a king from this country stopped at a guesthouse with a single column in front of it, atop of which was a wine vessel for passengers, on his way to visit his cousin (+) Enrico Dandolo. A monk who was born in this country built the first known public mechanical clock. The “First-Crowned” king of this country endowed the Hilander Monastery which was bequeathed to this country as a gift. The strongest medieval king of this country was ironically succeeded by one whose epithet was “The Weak.” One kingdom of this country chose as its next ruler the oldest person in the extended family of the current king, and another kingdom here grew out a region named for Diocletian. The widow (\*) Milica ruled as a regent for her son in this country, whose most famous medieval figure, Milica’s husband, was venerated as a saint at a cult centered on Ravanica Monastery. A knight from this country assassinated Sultan Murad I, who won a battle against this country that did not take place in this modern-day country, but instead on the Field of Blackbirds. For 10 points, identify this home country of Milos Obilic and Lazar Hrebeljanovic.

ANSWER: Serbia

10. The protagonist of one novel from this country demonstrates an irrational fear of an “absurd blot” on his white clothing, which is likened to his shame at being unable to find a mother for his daughter Nesta. In a philosophical novel from this country, the protagonist travels to Como, where he begins a relationship with a woman that is cut short when the woman’s daughter dies of illness from dipping her hand into a lake. A similar novel from this country was famously likened to another author’s *Literature and* (+) *Dogma*, “with the literature left out.” An author from this country, who wrote the treatise *The Worship of Priapus*, shows up in a plotless novel where Mr. Cranium gives a lecture replete with ultra-long fake medical words. One of the protagonists of another country dons a disguise, but fails to fool a woman who cuts cloth from her alpaca dress. A novel involving a bicycle tour through the Black Forest confused readers from this country by using the word (\*) “bummel” in the title; it was the sequel to the book in which the characters make a “plaster of paris” trout and mix together a bunch of leftover food into a disgusting stew while passing landmarks like Monkey Island. Another novel mostly set in this country nevertheless opens with the murderer Rigaud in a Marseilles jail cell, and describes the efforts of the Circumlocution Office to make life harder for debtors. For 10 points, name this country where the authors of *Three Men in a Boat* and *Little Dorritt* hailed from.

ANSWER: England [prompt on the UK]

11. Emigrants from this country typically use the expression “To Barcelona or to hell.” According to the predominant ethnic group here, this country’s name derives from an explorer asking some fishermen about a geographical feature, receiving the reply “That? That’s our (+) boat.” Wrestlers from this country rub their feet on stones and apply lotions and oils, and are the only practitioners of *lutte* to be able to rein blows on their opponents with their hands. On one of the two “breast-shaped hills” outside this country’s capital, one can find a bronze statue group of a family, which was constructed by a North Korean company. The separatist Jola ethnic group attempted to create an autonomous state in this country’s region of Casamance, which is home to the currently-closed Basse Casamance National Park. Vladimir Chagin is nicknamed the “czar” of this country’s capital, owing to his success in an event that once led to the disappearance of Michael (\*) Thatcher. The Faidherbe bridge links this country’s mainland to its large island city Saint-Louis. The Goree Island district in this country contains the House of Slaves, a memorial to the Atlantic Slave Trade. This country’s capital is the endpoint of an off-road rally that begins in Paris. For 10 points, name this West African nation that completely surrounds The Gambia and has a capital at Dakar.

ANSWER: Senegal

12. One poet from this country wrote “oh city all tense / with cables and exertions / resonant / with motors and wings,” in a five-book poem about a parade, which was illustrated with woodcuts of stick figures being

dwarfed by skyscrapers. Another poet from this country wrote “everywhere something is breaking down” in “Roman conversation” and wrote “the only eternity that survives,” followed by “this rain does not deceive” (+) orthographically represented as a staircase, in collections like *Don’t Ask Me How the Time Goes By*. This home of the stridentism movement produced another author who declared “I prefer to be promiscuous in literature” in his “Prosaic Theory,” and wrote about a man’s surreal dinner with two unfamiliar women who send him an invitation in one of the stories in his *The Oblique Plane*. A quotation from that author’s most famous work provided the title of a better-known novel from here, whose characters include the St. Petersburg singer Natasha, the murdered intellectual (\*) Zamacona, and Ixca Cienfuegos, who wishes to propitiate the gods and eventually becomes a metaphor for this country’s capital. As a businessman succumbs to stomach cancer, he remembers its revolution in another novel from here. For 10 points, name this country, home to Carlos Fuentes.

ANSWER: Mexico

13. Wikipedia notes that one comedy show from this country “caused a few scandals with sketches involving feces, super-Jesus, dildos [and] the Holocaust,” and was named for a pun involving a foreign-language translation of Huckleberry Hound. A mayor dates several members of the Hells Angels in a sitcom from here whose most enduring character seems to be Baber, who ruins his chances with a Jewish motivational speaker when he blurts out something anti-semitic, but is best known for claiming to be on a (+) no-fly list to hide his fear of flying. A truck carrying the slogan “[this country’s] best hams” kills the artistic director Oliver Welles on the first season of a highly acclaimed show originating from this country, whose name is taken from part of the “to be or not to be” soliloquy. *Constable Constable* was a spinoff of one of the longest-running shows from this country. Another famous show from this country is about the rivalry between Relic and Nick Adonidas, two (\*) loggers. This home country of shows like *Little Mosque on the Prairie* is home to a quiz show with a weird dodgeball component. Even if you have no clue what *Slings and Arrows* and *Beachcombers* are, you can at least recognize Jimmy Brooks, the most famous character in a labyrinthine franchise targeted for teens in this country. For 10 points, name this country that brought us *Degrassi* and Drake.

ANSWER: Canada

14. A pretty dull political play set in this country is J.T. Rogers’s *Blood and Gifts*. An American adventurer journeys to this country in search of a lost race of winged people known as “Ibandru” in a fantasy novel set in this country, *When the Birds Fly South*. Mark Miller arrives in this country to look for Ellen Jasper in a novel by James Michener. A widely-praised novel depicting the horrors of a conflict here from the perspective of the (+) invaders is titled *Two Steps from Heaven*. A native account of incidents in this country, *The Red Wrath*, was written by a novelist who emigrated to Norway and set up one of the few English language news outlets there, *The Oslo Times*. A poem about this country’s capital remarks that “one could not count the moons that shimmer on her roofs.” Markos is a Greek plastic surgeon/aid worker and Amra is a Bosnian nurse working in this country in a recent novel, which focuses on a guilt-stricken girl who cares for her sister after inflicting an injury rendering her a (\*) paraplegic. A jailer and his disease-afflicted wife are two characters in a novel set in this country, titled *The Swallows of [its capital]*. Mariam and Laila’s friendship is the subject of a novel by the most famous author from this country, who wrote another book about the half-German Assef’s attempt to interfere with Amir’s favorite pastime. For 10 points, name this country depicted in *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini.

ANSWER: Afghanistan

15. A scene from a famous movie in this country is parodied by two nurses, one of whom misses her cue while operating the sea sound effects, causing a moon to shoot up a painted backdrop, in the film *The Love-Troth Tree*. In one movie from this country, a villainous character says “What is a man? He’s a mass of lust and greed that absorbs and excretes.” An empty noose is the last shot in another film from this country, in which the man R. is offered a second chance at life, but is unable to take it when he opens a door and sees a bright flash of light. One of this country’s most beloved road trip films is 1977’s *The (+)Yellow Handkerchief*. Racism in this country was explored in *Death by Hanging*, which somehow didn’t get the blue ribbon awards typically awarded by critics to the best films here. A spirit tells her jerkass husband “I am always with you” in another film from here, in which that potter husband imagines having an affair with a ghostly noblewoman in a burnt-out mansion. A more famous film from this country, home to a trilogy with *No Greater Love*, *Road to Eternity*, and *A Soldier’s Prayer*, known as *The (\*) Human Condition*, includes a scene near the end where the title group notes that the farmers who hired them are the true winners. For 10 points, name this home country of directors like Akira Kurosawa.

ANSWER: Japan

16. A satirist who was styled as this country's Aristophanes included the banned song "The Infamous Trojan Horse" in one of his many cabaret plays. An author from this country wrote a banned novel called *The Ripper*, based on the Jack the Ripper murders, and was told "I should shoot myself, but that should have been done a long time ago" in a letter written by the most famous author from here. One playwright from this country provoked controversy by asking for (+) furlough for two perpetrators of police killings such that they might be able to star in his play 7:3. The Smaller Theater was founded in this country in the nineteenth century, when the sisters Louise and Jeanette Granberg were popular playwrights here. A more famous playwright from this country depicted two women playing out a number of female relationships in *The Old Girls at Garda*, wrote *Look It's Bleeding* and *When Panic Broke Out in the Collective Unconscious*, and is a member of this country's academy. Unfortunately, none of those people come close to a dude from this country who founded the Intimate Theater and evoked his own failing marriage in a play where the title character has a (\*) stroke in the lap of the Nurse. That author depicted a tyrannical military hero named The Captain in one play and wrote about Arkenholz's meeting with Jakob Hummel in another. For 10 points, name this country, home to the author of *The Father* and *The Ghost Sonata*, August Strindberg.

ANSWER: Sweden

17. A band from this country was forced to live communally by the leader, who owned the only car among all of them, and produced such poignantly poetic lyrics like "Daddy take a banana / tomorrow is Sunday." Another major artist from this country created a "great bone-shaking guitar riff" in the acid-rock "Archangel's Thunderbird," found on their release *Yeti*. The top 50 bands from a certain genre in this non-Asian country were ranked by The Teardrop Explodes frontman (+) Julian Cope in a "sampler." A prominent band from this country recently joined several American artists in composing the original soundtrack for *Grand Theft Auto V*. Another pioneering band from here unusually used a drum machine coupled with live drums in the track "Spoon," and had its frontman play a double bass on "I Want More." Another band from this country went with a piano-based approach starting from *Hosianna Mantra*, but is best known for contributing soundtracks to (\*) films like *Heart of Glass* and *Cobra Verde*. More famous still is an innovative band that released the singles "Showroom Dummies," "Computer Love," and "Trans-Europe Express." For 10 points, name this home country of Can, Cluster, Tangerine Dream, Popul Vuh, and Kraftwerk, whose collective musical style was dubbed "krautrock."

ANSWER: (West) Germany

18. A literary critic from this modern-day country wrote a memorable scathing letter in which he criticized the author of a book for using "hath" instead of "had" to lazily evoke a Biblical atmosphere, and made the point that the public, "while always prepared to forgive a writer a bad book, will never forgive him a pernicious book." A novelist from here wrote an essay about the (+) iambic tetrameter of this country's verse. An intellectual circle in this country came up with supplementary terms for the raw material of a story and the way the story is organized. Another thinker from this country identified archetypes like "the dispatcher" and "the donor," and came up with 31 distinct functions, in his influential book *Morphology of the Folktale*. A more famous theorist from this country wrote the essay "Art as Technique," in which he coined the term "defamiliarization." The most famous literary critic from this country examined the conventions of time and space in literary texts by coming up with the (\*) chronotope, characterized the extralinguistic characteristics of a language as "heteroglossia," and wrote about a subversive literary mode called the "carnavalesque," in books like *The Dialogic Imagination* and *Rabelais and his World*. For 10 points, name this home to the Formalists and Mikhail Bakhtin.

ANSWER: Russia

19. A queen who was born in this present-day country once toured a vacated mosque with two hundred female attendants, and when she found out that one of them had seduced a youth who missed the evacuation memo, she paired all of the attendants up with all of the men. A Renaissance man who was of this country's ethnicity produced *The Trial of the Two Languages*, in which he proclaimed the progenitor to its language to be superior to another one, and produced a (+) quintet of epic poems. One city in this country was where the largest gold coin ever, belonging to Eucratides, was excavated. That city from this country was where Genghis Khan killed 30,000 men "who were taller than the butt of the whip," but nevertheless "contented himself with looting and slaughter only once and did not go to the extreme of a general massacre." For much

of this country's history, it was home to several autonomous communities known as (\*) mahallas. The first capital of the Samanids was in this country, home to a khanate ruled by the Shaybanids. An 11-meter long sextant was part of a large observatory built in another city in this country by Ulugh Beg, the grandson of a man who was buried in the Gur-e-Amir and died while preparing to invade China, who had his capital here. For 10 points, name this country, home to Bukhara and Tamerlane's capital Samarkand.

ANSWER: **Uzbekistan**

20. This country's art scene was once dominated by a feud between a man who regarded compositions using four or more colors as "perverse," and a philosopher who thought that art dealt with the "multiplicity of reality." Several "Mechano-Faktura" compositions were created by a member of this country's "Blok" group, which co-existed with a faction of expressionists who adopted a name signifying "revolt," and the (+) formists, who tried to craft a new national identity. One painter from this country, home of Bunt, depicted herself draped in beige, driving a Green Bugatti, created several portraits of her neglected daughter Kizette, and had numerous bisexual affairs. It's not (\*) France, but a man whose family originated from this country gained fame for two of his paintings at the 1934 Galerie de Pierre; *The Street* and the erotic *Guitar Lesson*, both of which have his trademark of prepubescent girls being sexually harassed. For 10 points, name this European country, the common link between Art Deco painter Tamara de Lempicka and Balthus.

ANSWER: Republic of **Poland** [or Rzeczpospolita **Polska**]

Tiebreaker

A botanist from this country studied the flora of Brazil and described twenty kinds of pumpkins. A tectosilicate mineral with sulfate is named for a mineralogist from this country, an ordained priest often regarded as the father of modern crystallography. The chemist who discovered ethylene glycol and described a way to make carbon-carbon bonds by reacting two (+) alkyl halides with sodium is from this country. An awesome dude from this country took exception to the definition of crab as "a small red fish which walks backwards," replying that "it is not a fish, it is not red, and it does not walk backwards." A physician from this country came up with the idea of "mediate auscultation," names the most common kind of cirrhosis in the US, but is best known for inventing the stethoscope. A zoologist from this country with an even better resume has namesake tamarins, bats, spider monkeys, and cats, and established the principle of (\*) "unity of composition." The first person to report that the slow precession in Mercury's orbit around the sun defies Newtonian mechanics was from this country. A more famous scientist from this country is best known for writing *The Animal Kingdom*, proving that extinctions are things that happened, and for championing catastrophism. For 10 points, name this country, home to a guy who suggested giraffes are tall because they stretched their necks to reach food a lot, Jean-Baptiste Lamarck.

ANSWER: **France**