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### American History

Which of the following U.S. Presidents was not born a British citizen?

- a) The first one
- b) The forth one
- c) The eighth one
- d) The ninth one

In 1919, what product flooded the streets of Boston, killing 21 people?

- a) One made from tree sap
- b) One made from sugar
- c) One made from metal
- d) One made from animal hair

Who wrote the Star Spangled Banner?

- a) A lawyer
- b) A farmer
- c) A soldier
- d) A musician

Harry S. Truman was the only twentieth-century President not to have what?

- a) An uncle
- b) A college degree
- c) A personal automobile
- d) A passport

The oldest city to become a state capital has a name derived from what language?

- a) English
- b) French
- c) Spanish
- d) Dutch

### World History

Who controlled the largest empire, by land area beyond their home country, in history?

- a) A constitutional monarchy
- b) A sultanate
- c) A dynasty
- d) A triumvirate

Traditionally, the Japanese believe their royal family is descended from the goddess of what?

- a) An animal
- b) A celestial object
- c) A natural phenomena
- d) A daily activity

The earliest Mesoamerican civilization is most remembered most for what?

- a) Art in the shape of aircraft
- b) Art in the shape of vehicles
- c) Art in the shape of footwear
- d) Art in the shape of a body part

Construction of the Roman Coliseum was begun by an emperor whose previous post included what?

- a) Feeding the poor
- b) Mending fences
- c) Cleaning the streets
- d) Planting shrubbery

Which of the following successfully invaded what is now Russia?

- a) French speakers
- b) English speakers
- c) German speakers
- d) Mongolian and Turkic speakers

## Movie Trivia

Which of the following did not have a cameo appearance in *The Little Rascals* (1994)?

- a) A reality show star
- b) A sitcom star
- c) A sports star
- d) A talk show star

Scenes set on Luke Skywalker's home planet were filmed where?

- a) Northern Africa
- b) Western Africa
- c) Southern Africa
- d) Eastern Africa

What *Star Trek* cast member made his American movie debut in a movie based on a novel by Dostoyevsky?

- a) The ensign
- b) The doctor
- c) The pilot
- d) The captain

The police officer and cab driver in *It's a Wonderful Life* share names with?

- a) Cartoon cats
- b) Muppets
- c) Crustaceans
- d) Fabric patterns

What robot has a cameo appearance in the film *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*?

- a) An astromech droid
- b) A protocol droid
- c) A Strategic Artificially Intelligent Nuclear Transport
- d) A Dalek

## Music

Ozzy Osbourne once bit the head from what type of animal on stage?

- a) A member of the order Chiroptera
- b) A member of the order Rodentia
- c) A member of the order Carnivora
- d) A member of the order Diprotodontia

The Beatles song that lasted the longest on the pop charts was named for?

- a) A children's home
- b) Mia Farrow's sister
- c) John Lennon's child
- d) A colorful nautical device

A band named for the villain in a Jane Fonda movie preformed the theme to what James Bond movie?

- a) Live and Let Die
- b) A View To Kill
- c) Moonraker
- d) On Her Majesty's Secret Services

Sheryl Crow had a hit song based on poem by whom?

- a) The writer of *Leaves of Grass*
- b) The writer of *The Road Not Taken and Other Poems*
- c) The writer of *Armored Hearts*
- d) The writer of *The Country of Here Below*

What was the original name of the band that shares its current name with areas of Chicago, Illinois and Santa Monica, California?

- a) Reanimators
- b) Xero
- c) Beautiful Loser
- d) The Roots

## Sports

A Midwest NHL team is named for which of the following?

- a) A song composed by Irving Berlin
- b) A song composed by Aaron Copeland
- c) A song composed by William Christopher Handy
- d) A song composed by Martin Mailman

The player that hit the ball that rolled between Bill Buckner's legs during the 1986 World Series shares his name with what?

- a) A fruit
- b) A medieval profession
- c) A US President
- d) A tool

Wade Phillips did not coach a professional team named for which of the following?

- a) A holy figure
- b) A mammal
- c) A herder
- d) A mythic figure

The first sport televised in the United States used what piece of equipment?

- a) A bat
- b) A racquet
- c) A club
- d) A net

The winningest NCAA basketball coach shares a court with whom?

- a) Smoky
- b) Buzz
- c) Jonathan
- d) Ackbar

## Georgia Tech History

The copyright to a Georgia Tech Fight Song was once held by whom?

- a) Member of the Who
- b) Member of the Beatles
- c) Member of the Beach Boys
- d) Member of Outkast

The former GT head football coach that sued the Athletics Association for breach of contract played college football where?

- a) Georgia Tech
- b) University of Pennsylvania
- c) East Stroudsburg University
- d) University of North Carolina

Which actor posed for a magazine cover in a Tech sweater?

- a) The star of Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
- b) The star of Cat on a Hot Tin Roof
- c) The star of The Seven Year Itch
- d) The star of A Star is Born

Georgia Tech's first NCAA title was won by which's coaches team?

- a) Coach Shelton
- b) Coach Hewitt
- c) Coach Heisman
- d) Coach Dodd

What has distinction has George P. Burdell never claimed?

- a) Production assistant for the South Park Website
- b) Member of the *Mad Magazine* Board of Directors
- c) Tuba player in the Georgia Tech band
- d) Atlanta mayoral advisor for city planning



## Science Fiction

Which adversary caused the Doctor's first regeneration?

- a) The one from Skaro
- b) The one from Mondas
- c) The one from Gallifrey
- d) The one from Raxacoricofallapatorius

Hari Seldon developed what field of study?

- a) Psychoscience
- b) Psychohistory
- c) Psychomathematics
- d) Psychosociology

Who interrogated John Sheridan?

- a) A conqueror
- b) An astronaut
- c) A bounty hunter
- d) A serial killer

Which of the Four Great Races is never shown on screen?

- a) The Ancients
- b) The Asgard
- c) The Furling
- d) The Nox

An alien born near Betelgeuse shared his name with what while on Earth?

- a) A car
- b) A movie star
- c) A writing utensil
- d) A disease

## Television

In the first episode of the West Wing a former Brat Pack member begins a taboo relationship with a future what?

- a) U.S. marshal
- b) Hospital administrator
- c) Psychic detective
- d) Comedy show director

What TV psychiatrist told Mr. Garrison that he might be gay?

- a) Dr. Phil
- b) Dr. Bellows
- c) Dr. Katz
- d) Dr. Crane

On the Seinfeld, George's answering machine message is a parody of the theme song of what other television show?

- a) Friends
- b) The Fugitive
- c) Cheers
- d) The Greatest American Hero

What is Homer Simpson's legal middle name?

- a) James
- b) Jorge
- c) Jay
- d) J.

Who does not battle Mecha Streisand?

- a) Sidney Poitier
- b) Robert Smith
- c) Roger Daltrey
- d) Leonard Maltin

## Science

How many pairs of ribs are in the human body?

- a) The number of days of Christmas
- b) The number of days in a fortnight
- c) The number of days in Ramadan
- d) The number of days in Lent

The distortion of a physical body in the presence of a strong gravity source is named for what type of food?

- a) A vegetable
- b) A pasta
- c) A soup
- d) A Dessert

A researcher with Osaka University predicts that what feature will fall off a world landmark due to pollution and erosion by the twenty-third century?

- a) The Statue of Liberty's torch
- b) Mount Rushmore's noses
- c) The Great Sphinx's head
- d) Christ the Redeemer's Arms

The scale used for measuring wind speed is named for whom?

- a) A British admiral
- b) An Irish engineer
- c) A German physicist
- d) Swedish astronomer

The only letter not included in the periodic table is also . . . ?

- a) Commonly used to grade the work of students.
- b) Never include on a ouija board.
- c) A constant used in measuring acceleration due to gravity.
- d) Not a street in the District of Colombia.

## Games

What city provided the inspiration for the game of Monopoly?

- a) One named for a politician
- b) One named for a state
- c) One named for an ocean
- d) One named for a river

The Nintendo Company owes a majority ownership in the Major League Baseball team of which of the following players?

- a) Hideki Matsui
- b) Kosuke Fukudome
- c) Ichiro Suzuki
- d) Koji Uehara

Ignoring blank tiles, which of the following words cannot be made with a standard game of Scrabble?

- a) scrabble
- b) meaninglessness
- c) abs
- d) kick

Which of the following was not included in the original Pokedex?

- a) The worm pokemon
- b) The seed pokemon
- c) The punching pokemon
- d) The longneck pokemon

Which of these sets of siblings could not play the original Settlers of Catan?

- a) The Olsen twins
- b) Martin Sheen's sons
- c) The Baldwin brothers
- d) The Kardashian sisters

## Literature

Who were the primary characters in *Tales of a Gallant Ninja*?

- a) The jinchurichi
- b) The legendary sannin
- c) The original kage
- d) The Uchiha clan

The longest word used by Shakespeare in his collective works appears in which play?

- a) The one with a clown name Costard
- b) The one with a fairy king named Oberon
- c) The one with a drunkard named Stephano
- d) The one with three unnamed witches

From Cair Paravel, in what direction is Aslan's country?

- a) North
- b) South
- c) East
- d) West

Frank Baum named his fictional world after what?

- a) A child's toy
- b) A journalist
- c) A prison
- d) A piece of office furniture

The keeper of the Genie's Lamp in *1001 Arabian Nights* was from which nation?

- a) Egypt
- b) China
- c) Persia
- d) Macedonia

## **American History**

Which of the following U.S. Presidents was not born a British citizen?

- c) The Eighth One – Martin Van Buren was born in New York in 1782, under the Articles of Confederation. Though born a citizen of New York, not the United States, President Van Buren was at no point in his life a citizen of Great Britain. The preceding seven Presidents, as well as William Harrison, were born in British colonies.

In 1919, what product flooded the streets of Boston, killing 21 people?

- b) One made from sugar – In 1919, a large tank of molasses collapsed in northeastern Boston, spilling 2.3 million gallons of the sweetener. Reports claim that molasses flowed through the Boston streets at a speed as great as thirty-five miles per hour, killing 21 and injuring 150 people.

Who wrote the Star Spangled Banner?

- a) A lawyer – Francis Scott Key wrote the Star Spangled Banner during the Battle of Baltimore in 1814 while negotiating the release of prisoners held aboard the HMS Tonnant. Key was a practicing Baltimore attorney and later served as the district attorney for Washington D.C. Among those represented by Key were Sam Houston, who assaulted a few Congressman, and Richard Lawrence, who attempted to assassinate President Jackson.

Harry S. Truman was the only twentieth-century President not to have what?

- b) A college degree – Since the Civil War, every President except Harry Truman and Grover Cleveland has held a college degree. Truman began studies at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law but withdrew from classes.

The oldest city to become a state capital has a named derived from what language?

- c) Spanish – Sante Fe, New Mexico is the oldest American city to become a state capital. The city was founded by the Spanish circa 1607.

## **World History**

Who controlled the largest empire, by land area beyond their home country, in history?

- a) Constitutional monarchy – Though not contiguous, the British Empire at the conclusion of World War I was the largest in history by land area, claiming 33.7 million square kilometers of territory. The contiguous Mongol empire, at its zenith, was the second largest empire with 33 million square kilometers.

Traditionally, the Japanese believe their royal family is descended from the goddess of what?

- b) A celestial body – According to tradition, the first Emperor of Japan was the offspring of Amaterasu, the goddess of the sun. Though challenged by some scholars, the Japanese royal bloodline is claimed to be unbroken from its founding.

The earliest Mesoamerican civilization is most remembered most for what?

- d) A body part – Though civilization existed in the region prior, the Olmecs are largely considered to be the earliest Mesoamerican civilization. The Olmecs constructed large statues of helmeted heads throughout the region. Archeologists have not agreed on the purpose or significance of these statues. Some have looked to the features of the carvings to support theories of cultural migration from both Africa and Asia.

Construction of the Roman Coliseum was begun by an emperor whose previous post included what?

- c) Cleaning the streets – Construction of the Roman Coliseum was ordered by Titus Flavius Vespasianus, founder of the Flavian dynasty. Prior to rising to the post emperor, Vespasian served in a post in the vigintivirate, a ministry responsible for cleaning the streets of Rome.

Which of the following successfully invaded what is now Russia?

- d) Mongolian and Turkic speakers – The Mongolian Kahn Batu led a successful winter invasion of the Rus territory (now the Russian Federation) in 1237 CE, establishing a tributary or vassal state. French attempts at conquering Russia produced a massive reduction in the invading force. Though reaching Moscow, the French were forced to retreat. The Germans did have some successes in a World War II attempt to invade the USSR (Operation Barbarossa) but were pushed back before reaching Moscow.

### **Movie Trivia**

Which of the following did not have a cameo appearance in *The Little Rascals* (1994)?

- c) Sports star – *The Little Rascals* (1994) included several notable cameo appearances, including Whoopi Goldberg (talk show star), Reba McEntire (sitcom star), the Olson Twins (sitcom star), Raven Symone (sitcom star) and Donald Trump (reality show star).

Scenes set on Luke Skywalker's home planet were filmed where?

- a) North African Country – Four Star Wars films were partially filmed in Tunisia, including scenes set on the desert planet Tatooine.

What *Star Trek* cast member made his American movie debut in a movie based on a novel by Dostoyevsky?

- d) The Captain – William Shatner, who portrayed Captain Kirk, was cast as Alexi Karamozov in the 1958 film version of the novel *The Brothers Karamozov*. Though previously acting on television shows and foreign films, this was Shatner's first American film role.

The police officer and cab driver in *It's a Wonderful Life* share names with?



- b) Muppets – The police officer and cab driver from *It's A Wonderful Life* are named Bert and Ernie, respectfully. It is rumored that the film characters inspired the names of the Muppets, but this has been denied.

What robot has a cameo appearance in the film *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*?

- a) An astrometric droid – R2D2 (from the Star Wars franchise) appears hanging from the bottom of a U.F.O. in the film. The astrometric droid also appears as a hieroglyphic in *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and has been featured on the Muppet Show and Sesame Street.

### Music

Ozzy Osbourne once bit the head from what type of animal on stage?

- a) A member of the order Chiroptera - At a concert in January 1982, Osbourne bit the head off of a bat. He had previously bit the head off of a dove during a meeting with record label executives.

The Beatles song that lasted the longest on the pop charts was named for?

- c) John Lennon's Child – *Hey Jude* spent nineteen weeks on the U.S. pop charts, nine of which it was number one. The song was written by Paul McCartney for John Lennon's son Julian during his parent's divorce.

A band named for the villain in a Jane Fonda movie preformed the theme to what James Bond movie?

- b) A View to Kill – Duran Duran derived its name from the villain of the film *Barbarella* (1968). The band preformed the song "A View to Kill" for the film of the same name.

Sheryl Crow had a hit song based on poem by whom?

- d) The writer of *The Country of Here Below* – The song *All I Wanna Do* is closely based on the poem *Fun* by Wyn Cooper, who also composed *The Country of Here Below*

What was the original name of the band that shares its current name with areas of Chicago, Illinois and Santa Monica, California?

- b) Xero – Several cities have areas known as Lincoln Park. The band Linkin Park was originally called Xero.

### Sports

A Midwest NHL team is named for which of the following?

- c) A song composed by William Christopher Handy – The St. Louis Blues were named for a song of the same name, published by Handy in 1914.

The player that hit the ball that rolled between Bill Buckner's legs during the 1986 World Series shares his name with what?

- c) A U.S. President – Mookie Wilson of the Mets hit the ball that famously rolled between Bill Bickner's legs. Woodrow Wilson was the twenty eighth President of the United States, serving between 1913 and 1921.

Wade Phillips did not coach a professional team named for which of the following?

- d) A mythic figure– Wade Phillips coached the Houston Oilers, New Orleans Saints (holly figure), Philadelphia Eagles, Denver Broncos (mammals), Buffalo Bills, Atlanta Falcons, San Diego Chargers, Dallas Cowboys (herder), and Houston Texans.

The first sport televised in the United States used what piece of equipment?

- a) A bat – The first sport televised in the United States was a collegiate baseball game between Princeton and Colombia.

The winningest NCAA basketball coach shares a court with whom?

- a) Smoky – Smoky is the mascot for the University of Tennessee, where Pat Summitt is the women's basketball coach. She is the only NCAA coach to achieve one thousand wins.

### **Georgia Tech History**

The copyright to a Georgia Tech Fight Song was once held by whom?

- b) Member of the Beatles – Paul McCartney's holding company held the copyright to Ramblin' Wreck before it entered the public domain.

The former GT head football coach that sued the Athletics Association for breach of contract played college football where?

- a) Georgia Tech – Franklin C. "Pepper" Rodgers coached the Yellow Jackets from 1974 to 1979. After he was released by the Institute, Rodgers filed a suit for breach of contract. *See Rodgers v. Georgia Tech Athletics Ass'n*, 166 Ga.App. 156 (1983). He played quarterback and kicker for the Yellow Jackets between 1951 and 1953.

Which actor posed for a magazine cover in a Tech sweater?

- c) The star of the Seven Year Itch – Marilyn Monroe posed for the cover of Look Magazine in 1952 wearing a Georgia Tech sweater. Three years later, Monroe would star in the Seven Year Itch.

Georgia Tech's first NCAA title was won by which coach's team?

- a) Coach Shelton – The only Georgia Tech team to win an NCAA title is the women's tennis team in 2007. The team was coached by Bryan Shelton.

What has distinction has George P. Burdell never claimed?

- d) Atlanta mayoral advisor for city planning – Burdell was listed among the members of *Mad* Magazine's board from 1961 to 1981. He has also been listed as

a production assistant on southparkstudios.com. In 1991, a New Jersey newspaper ran a photo of a member of the Georgia Tech Band playing a tuba, labeled George P. Burdell.

### Science Fiction

Which adversary caused the Doctor's first regeneration?

- b) The one from Mondas – On the British science fiction series *Doctor Who*, the first Doctor's regeneration was caused by the Cybermen. The original Cybermen were citizens of Mondas that attempted to correct natural weaknesses through cybernetic implants. Mondas was once a twin planet to earth.

Hari Seldon developed what field of study?

- b) Psychohistory – In the Isaac Asimov's Foundation series, Hari Seldon establishes the science of psychohistory in which general population statistics are used to predict future occurrences.

Who interrogated John Sheridan?

- d) A Serial killer – John Sheridan, the captain of Babylon 5 was interrogated by Jack the Ripper.

Which of the Four Great Races is never shown on screen?

- c) The Furling – In the Stargate franchise, four advanced alien races established an alliance. The four races were the Ancients (the first evolution of humans on Earth), the Asgard, the Nox, and the Furling. Each of the races played a significant role in the series Stargate: SG-1, except the Furling, which were never shown.

An alien born near Betelgeuse shared his name with what while on Earth?

- a) A car – Mistaking automobiles for the dominant species on Earth, Ford Prefect, a major character in *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Universe* series, written by Douglas Adams, adopted the name of a car.

### Television

In the first episode of the West Wing a former Brat Pack member begins a taboo relationship with a future what?

- b) Hospital administrator – In the first episode of the West Wing, Rob Lowe's character began a relationship with an escort portrayed by Lisa Edelstein. Edelstein plays Lisa Cuddy on the television show House M.D.

What TV psychiatrist told Mr. Garrison that he might be gay?

- c) Dr. Katz – In the South Park episode "The Snake Plan," Mr. Garrison is told that he might be gay in a therapy session conducted by Dr. Katz.

On the Seinfeld, George's answering machine message is a parody of the theme song of what other television show?

- d) The Greatest American Hero – In the Seinfeld episode "The Susie," George Costanza's answering machine message is a parody of the theme song to The Greatest American Hero.

What is Homer Simpson's legal middle name?

- c) Jay – In the episode titled "D'oh-in In The Wind" of The Simpsons, it is revealed that Homer's middle initial J. stands for Jay. This is a tribute to the cartoon characters Bullwinkle J. Moose and Rocky J. Squirrel.

Who does not battle Mecha Streisand?

- c) Roger Daltrey – In the South Park episode "Mecha-Streisand," a giant metal Barbara Streisand is battled by Sidney Poitier, Robert Smith, and Leonard Maltin, each representing a traditional foe of Godzilla.

### Science

How many pairs of ribs are in the human body?

- a) The number of days of Christmas – The human body has twelve pairs of ribs.

The distortion of a physical body in the presence of a strong gravity source is named for what type of food?

- b) A pasta - Spaghettification (sometimes referred to as the noodle effect) is the vertical stretching and horizontal compression of objects into long thin shapes in a very strong gravitational field.

A researcher with Osaka University predicts that what feature will fall off a world landmark due to pollution and erosion by the twenty-third century?

- c) The Great Sphinx's Head - Chikaosa Tanimoto, Executive Director and Professor of the Osaka University's San Francisco Center, has predicted that pollution and erosion will cause the head of the Great Sphinx will fall off within two hundred years.

The scale used for measuring wind speed is named for whom?

- a) A British admiral – Wind speed is measured using the Beaufort Scale. The scale is named for Sir Francis Beaufort, an Irish-born British admiral and hydrographer.

The only letter not included in the periodic table is also . . . ?

- d) Not a street in the District of Colombia – No elemental symbol includes the letter "J." Washington D.C. does not include a J Street. Though it is rumored that "J" was omitted from the city plan for the District as a slight to Chief Justice John Jay, it is more likely that it was not included because of its similarity in appearance to the letter "I."



## Games

What city provided the inspiration for the game of Monopoly?

- c) One named for an ocean – The Monopoly Board is based on features of Atlantic City.

The Nintendo Company owes a majority ownership in the Major League Baseball team of which of the following players?

- c) Ichiro Suzuki – Nintendo America is the majority owner of the Seattle Mariners, for which Ichiro Suzuki is a right fielder.

Ignoring blank tiles, which of the following words cannot be made with a standard game of Scrabble?

- d) Kick – A standard Scrabble game includes only one “K.” The other words are in the official Scrabble dictionary and can be spelled with the letters provided.

Which of the following was not included in the original Pokedex?

- d) The Longneck Pokemon – Girafarig, the longneck pokemon, did not appear until the second generation of Pokemon.

Which of these sets of siblings could not play the original Settlers of Catan?

- a) The Olsen Twins – The standard Settlers of Catan game requires at least three players.

## Literature

Who were the primary characters in *Tales of a Gallant Ninja*?

- b) The legendary sannin – The Characters Jiraiya, Orochimaru and Tsunade, in the animes Naruto and Naruto Shippuden were based on the characters of the same name in *Tales of a Gallant Ninja*. In the animes, these characters were referred to as the “legendary sannin.”

The longest word used by Shakespeare in his collective works appears in which play?

- a) The one with a clown named Costard – The longest word used in William Shakespeare’s plays was honorificabilitudinitatibus, which appeared in Love’s Labours’s Lost. Costard the Clown appears in this play.

From Cair Paravel, in what direction is Aslan’s country?

- c) East – Cair Paravel is the capital of Narnia in the literature of C.S. Lewis. In *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, Aslan’s Country was sought and reached by a voyage east across the sea.

Frank Baum named his fictional world after what?

- d) A piece of office furniture – The name for the world of Oz was derived from the label on a filing cabinet, “O-Z.”

The keeper of the Genie's Lamp in *1001 Arabian Nights* was from which nation?

- b) China – In *1001 Arabian Nights*, Aladdin was citizen of China. The Kingdom of China in the literature was an Islamic state.