

A wide-angle, low-angle photograph of a snowy mountain range at night. The sky is dark blue with visible stars. In the foreground, a small village with numerous lit windows is nestled in a valley. A large, brightly lit building with a red roof is prominent in the lower-left foreground. The background features several majestic, snow-covered mountain peaks under a dark sky.

MARVEL Retreat Pub Quiz

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Example puzzles

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2. Ceriotti

3. Pizzi

4. _____

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Round 1: All good things

Remember the round title!

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2. Which song opens with the following lyrics

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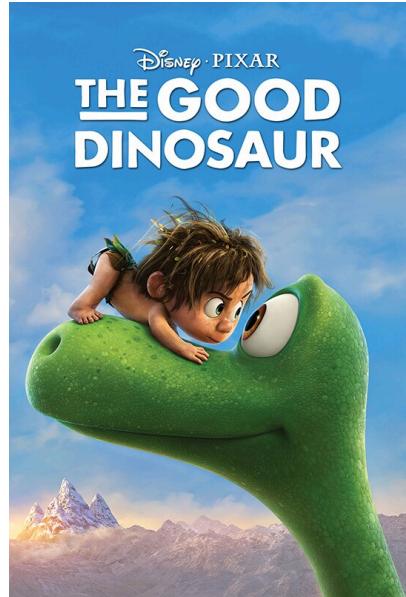
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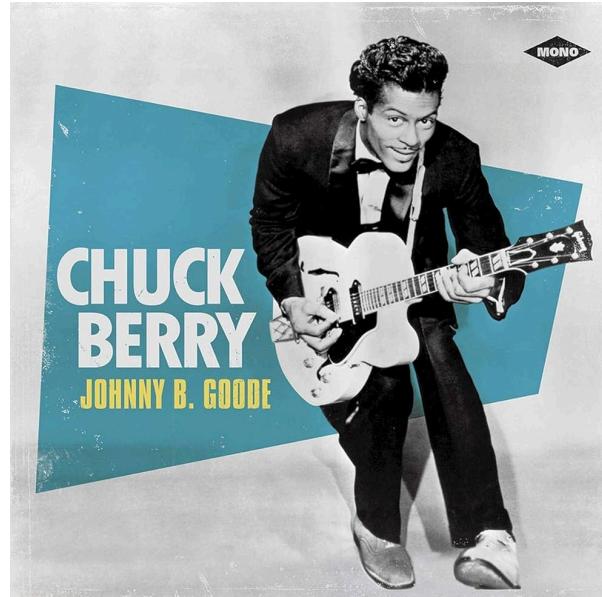
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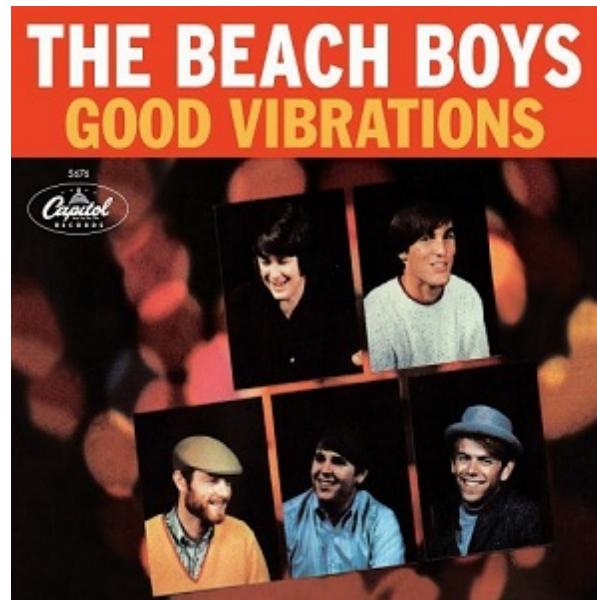
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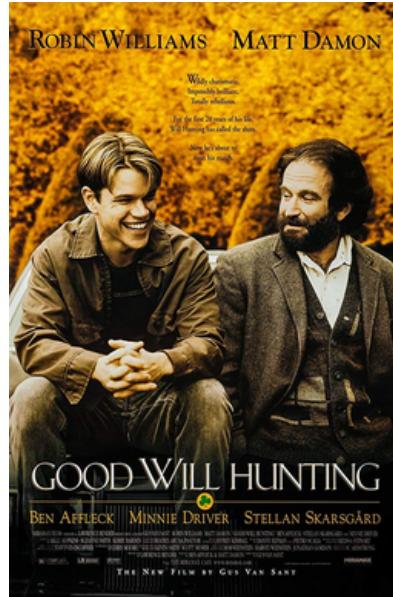
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Good Will Hunting

Round 2: Come to an end

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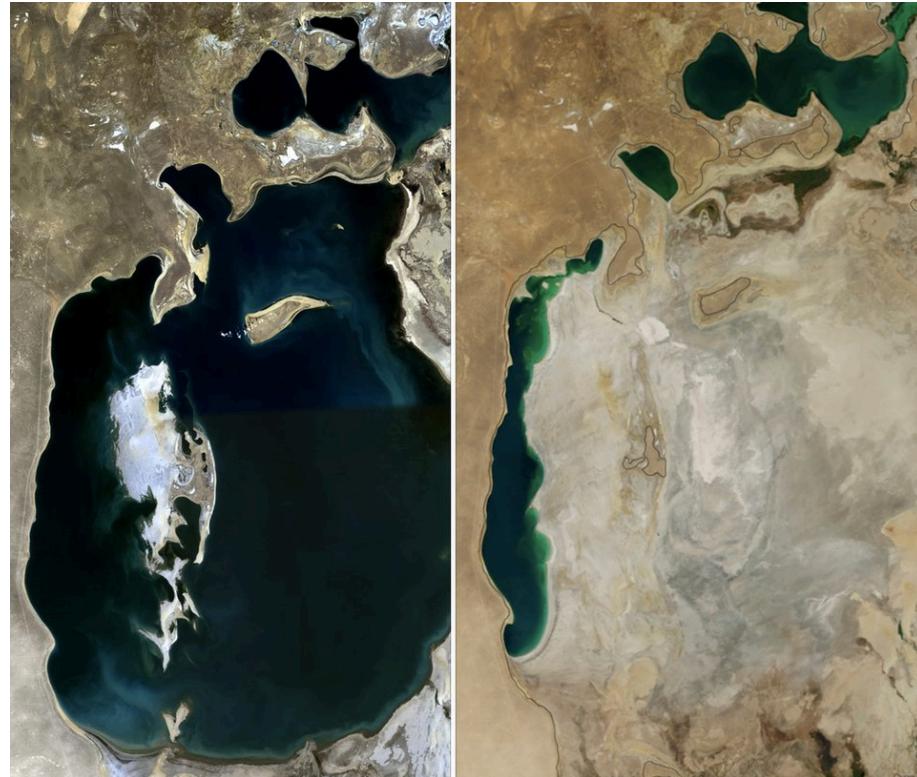


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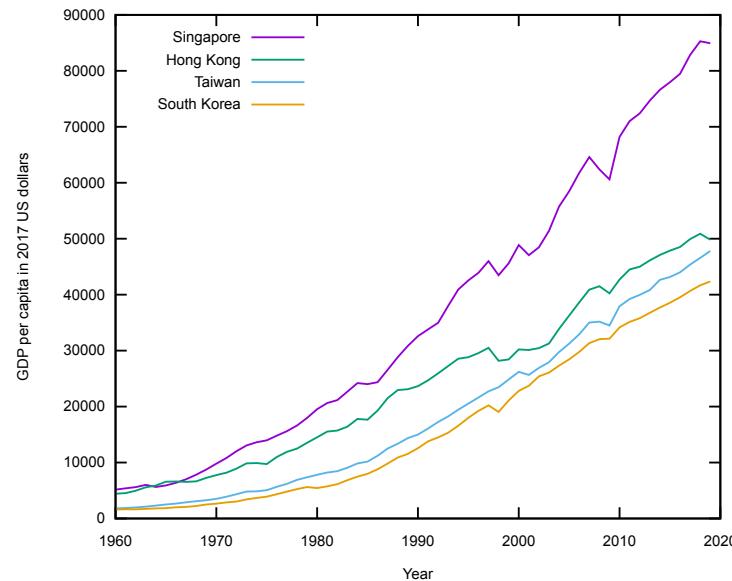
Norwegian Blue

**Round 3: Will it be a fairytale
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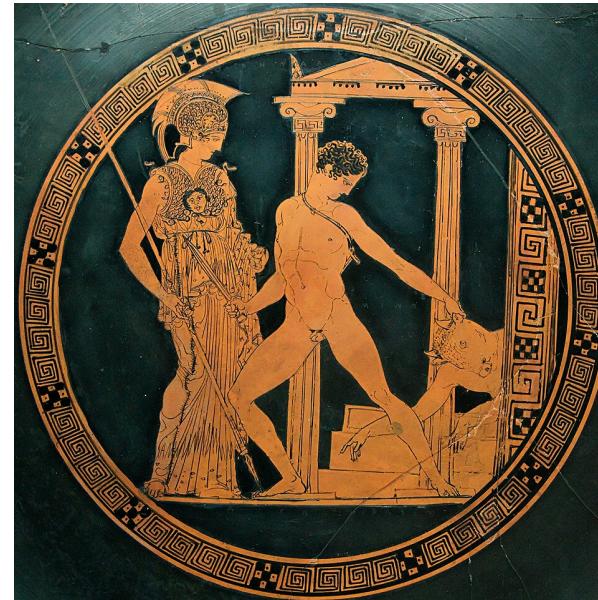


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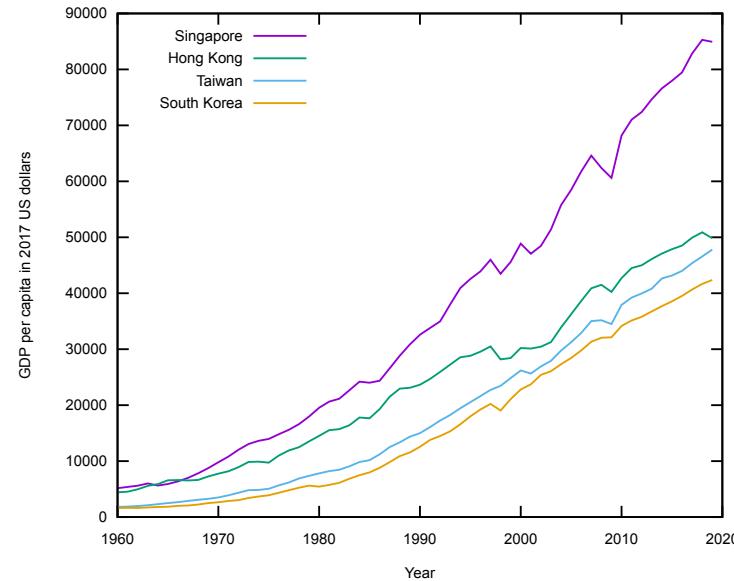


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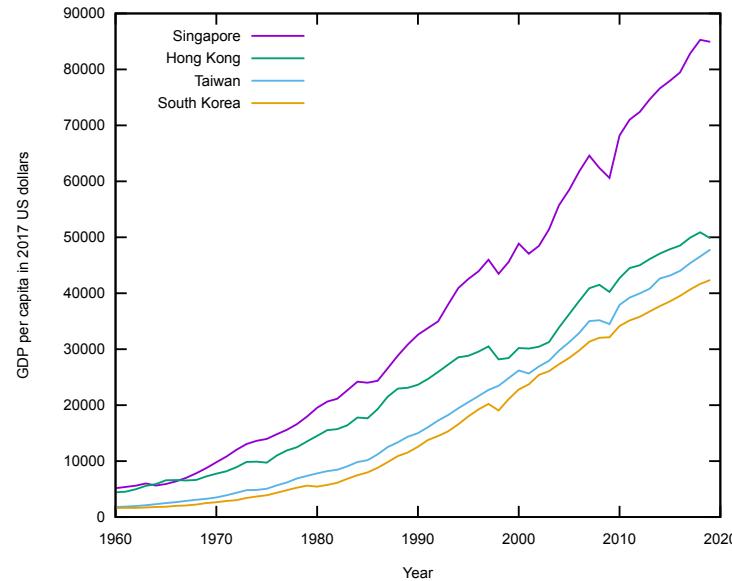


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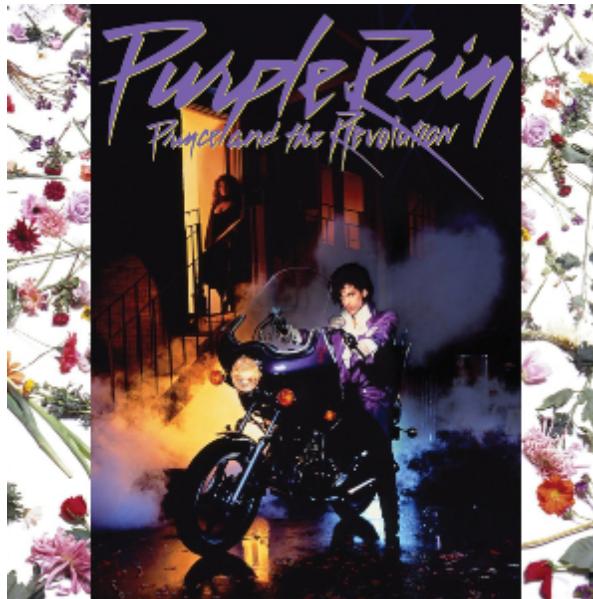
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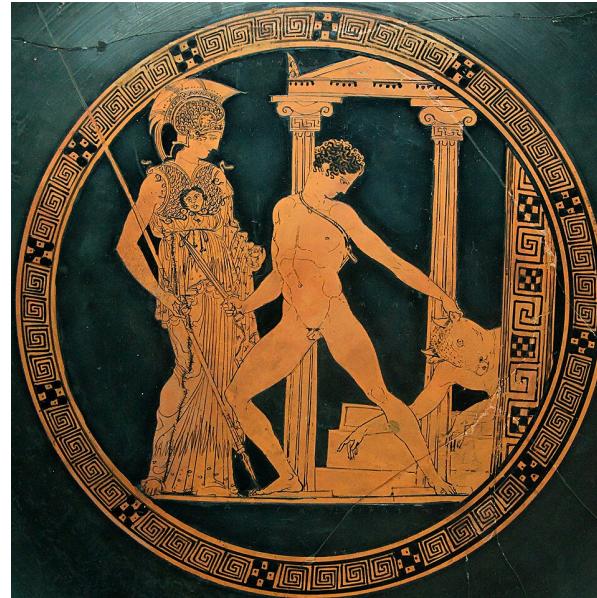
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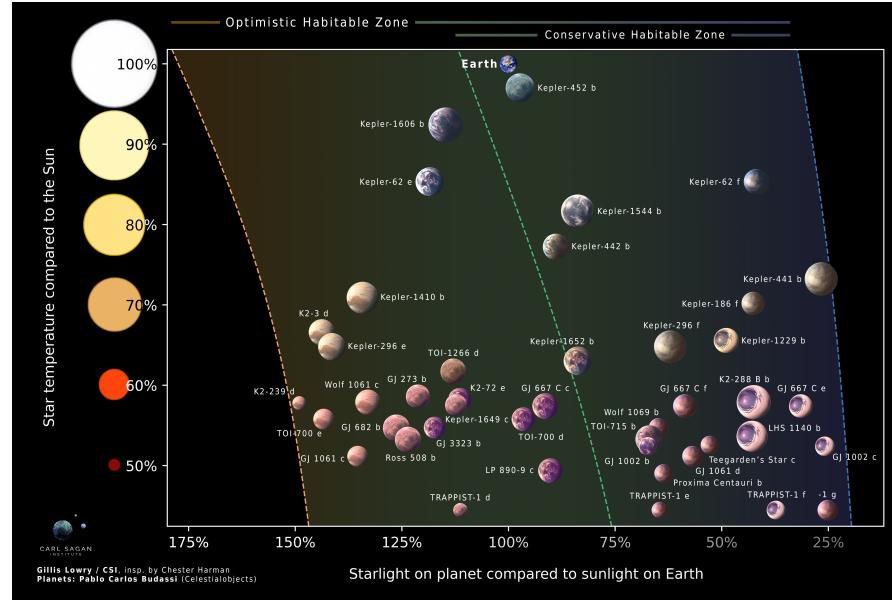
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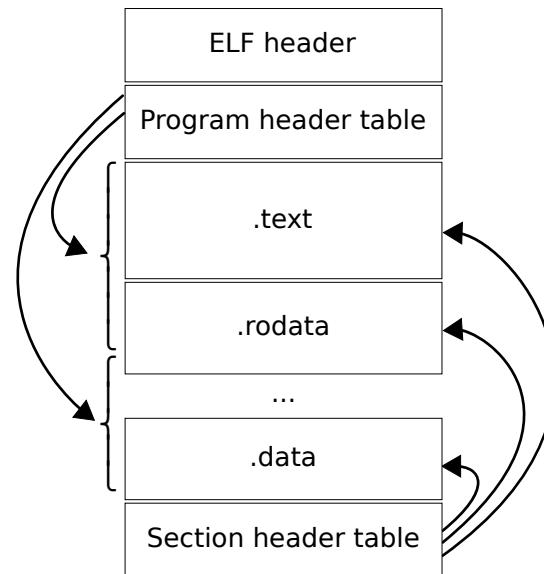
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Round 4: It's the final countdown

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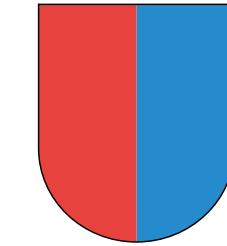
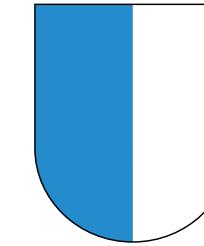
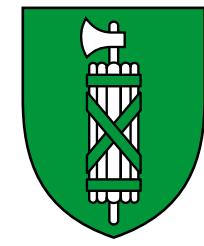
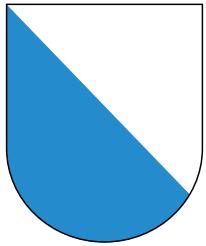
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2. Football clubs that have won the Champions League/European Cup the most times (i.e. at least twice; there are 13 such clubs)

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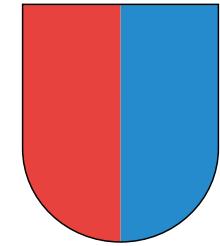
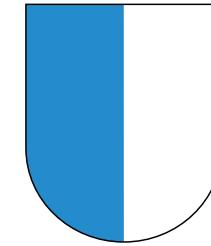
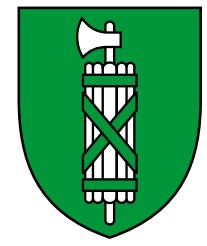
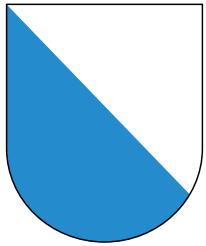
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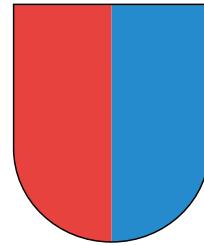
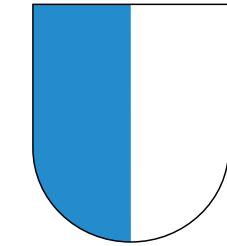
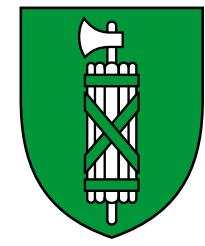
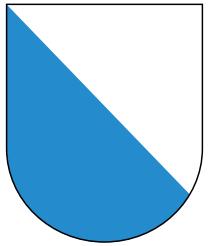
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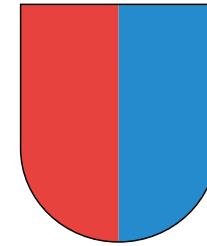
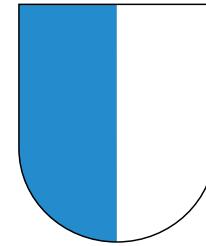
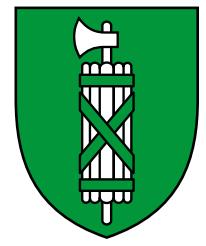
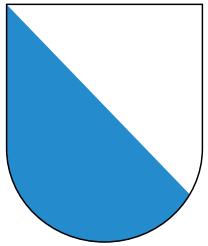
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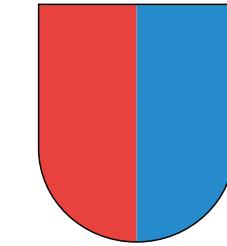
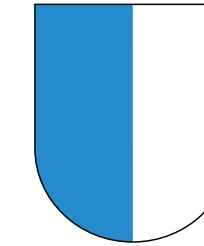
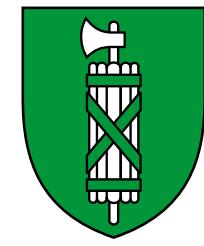
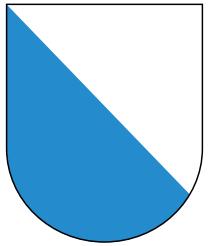
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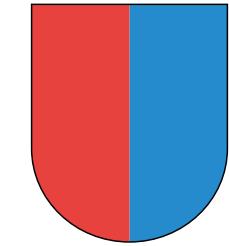
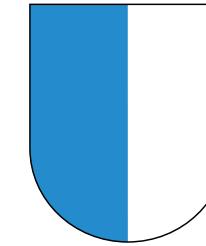
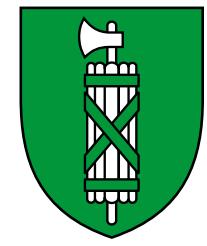
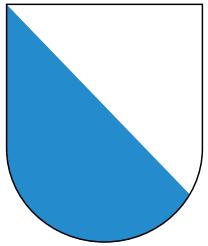
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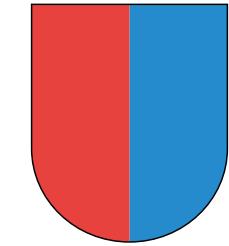
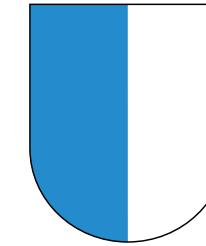
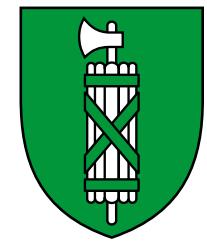
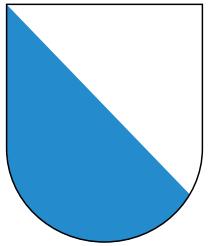
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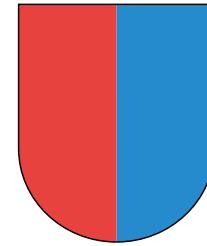
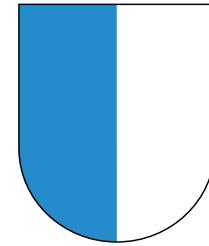
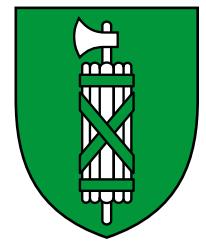
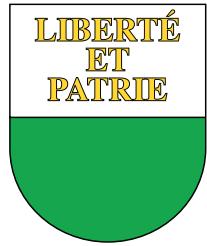
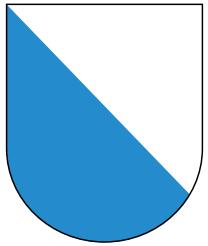
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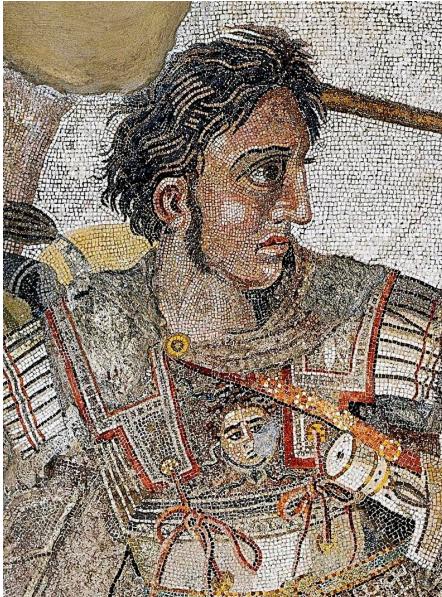
Round 5: 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, ...

*The answers to this round are the numbers 1 through 8
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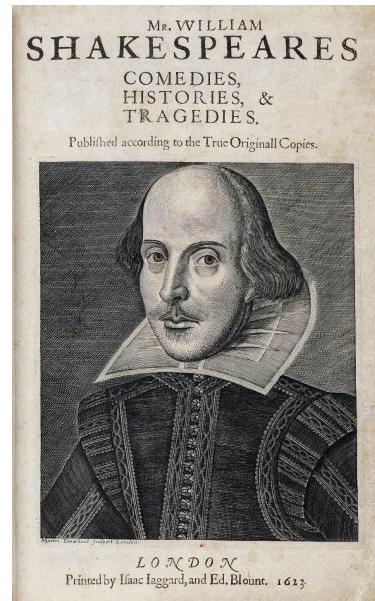
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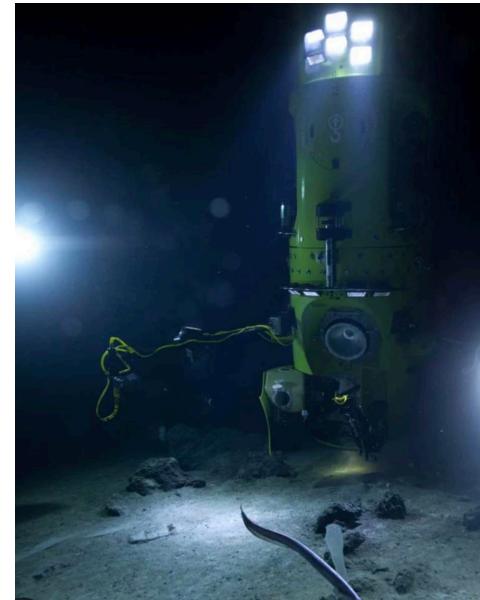
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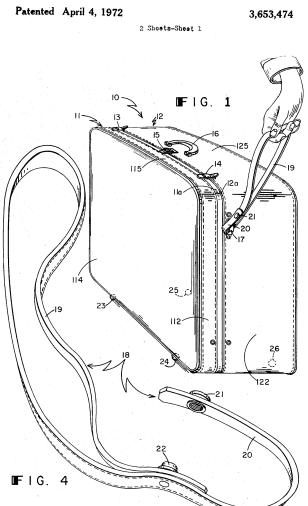
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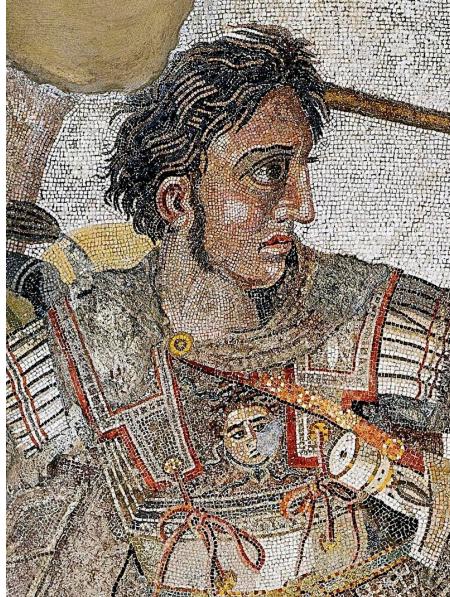
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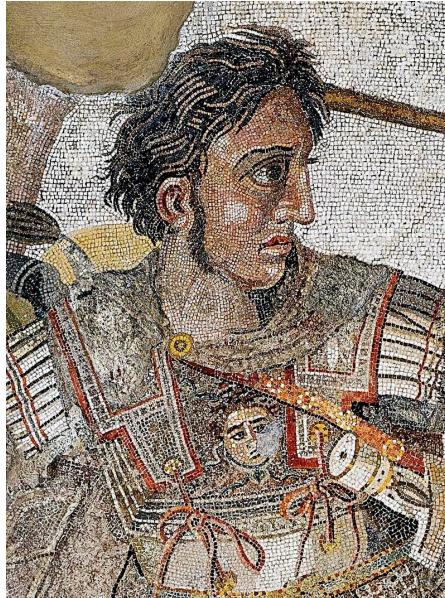
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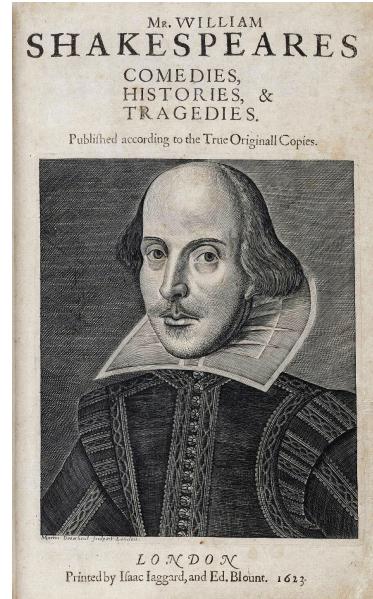


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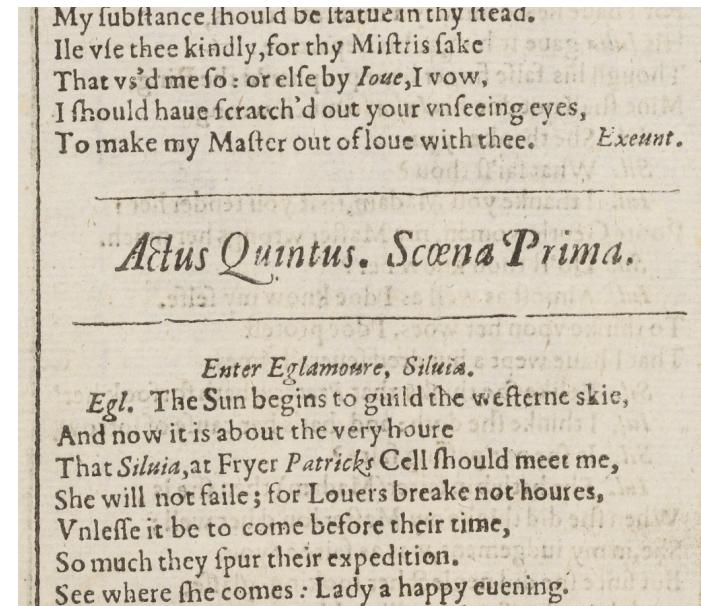


8 (Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden and the United States)

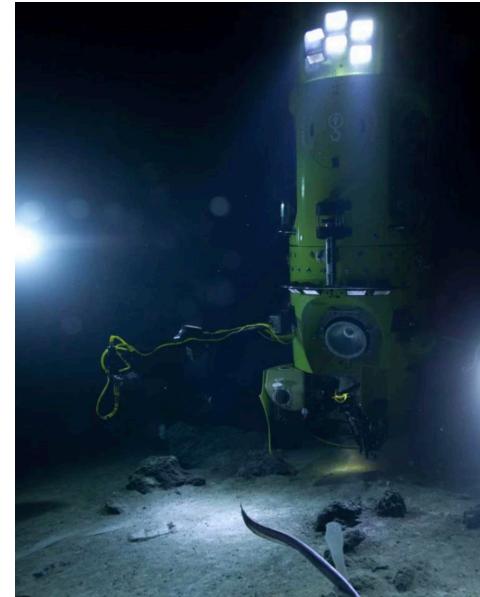
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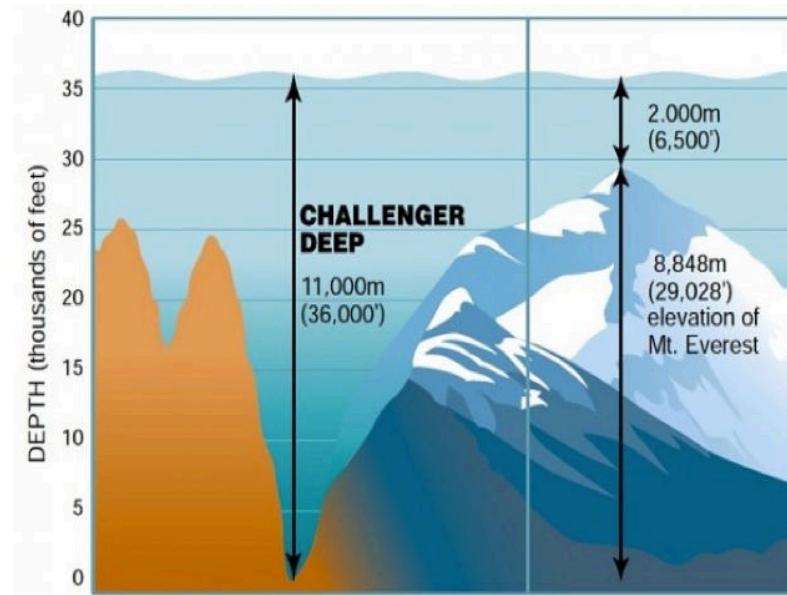
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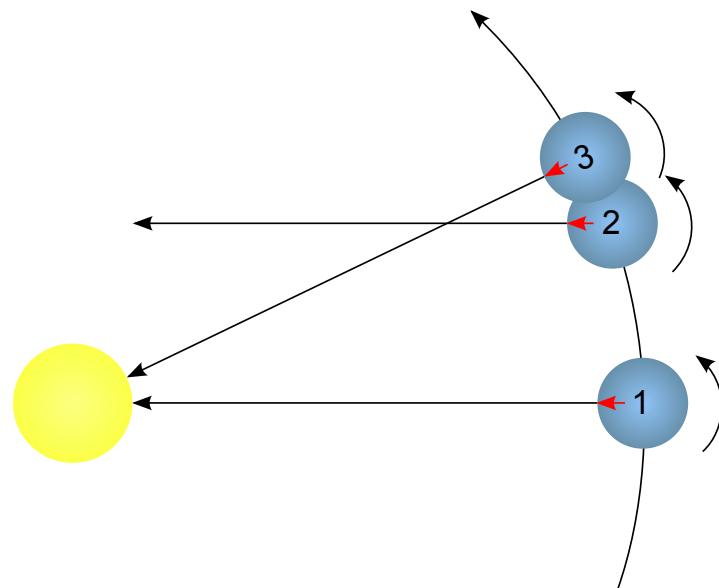


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6 (it rotates slightly more than 360° each solar day)

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3 (73 episodes across eight seasons with runtimes of 50 to 83 minutes for a total of 70 hours and 14 minutes)

Round 6: The final round

1. What object has a deck, a leash, a stringer and a tail?

2. Which classical composer changed his first name into French when he was young? He was born in 1865 and helped develop the modern form of symphonies and symphonic poems.

3. The “Caspian Sea Monster” holds the record for being the longest what in the world?

4. Of the nine central Star Wars films, which has the lowest rating on Rotten Tomatoes?



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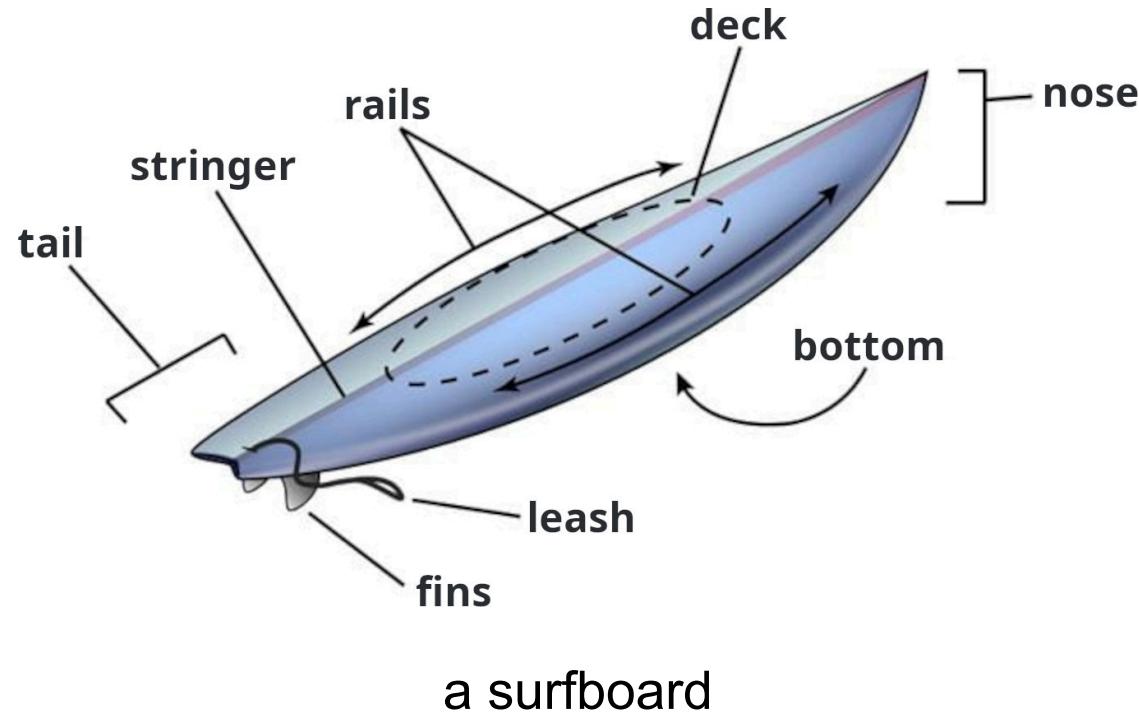


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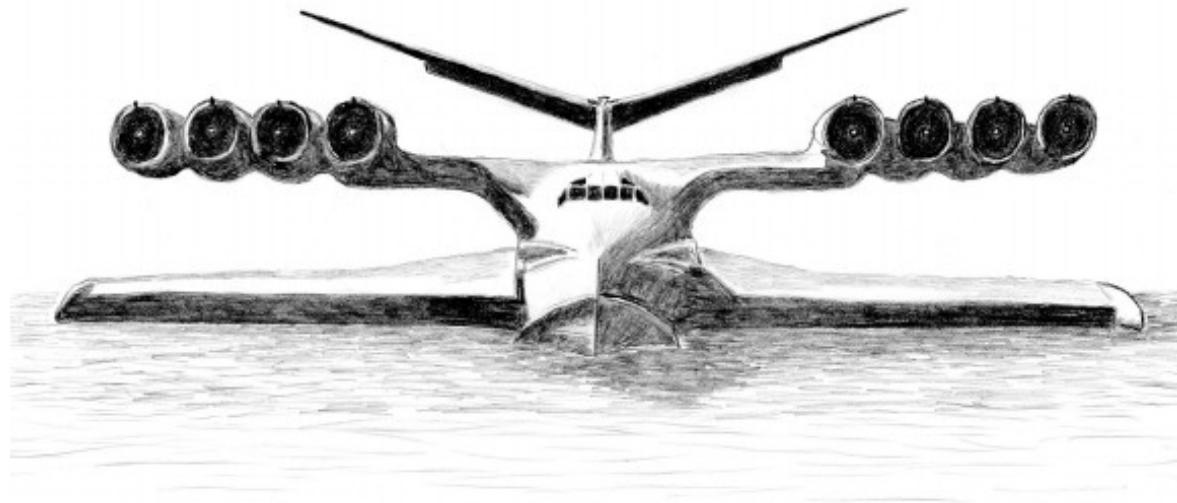
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aircraft/fixed wing vehicle

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Adventure Time

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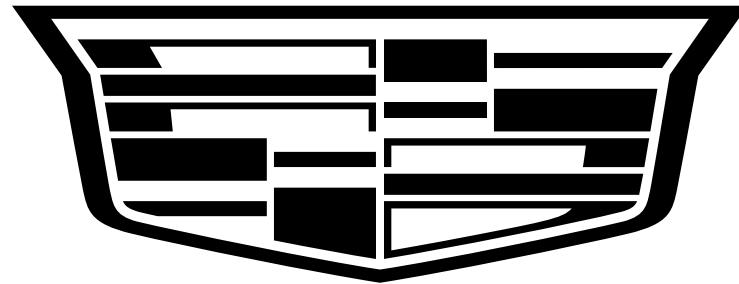


Whales (specifically, five toothed-whale species including orcas and belugas)

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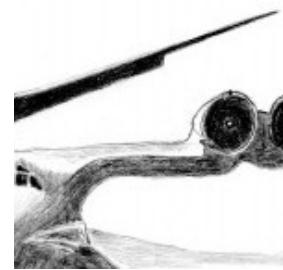
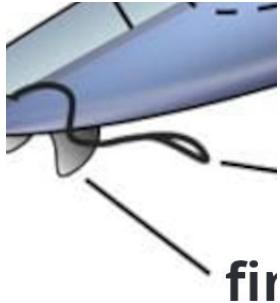


CADILLAC
FORMULA 1 TEAM

Cadillac

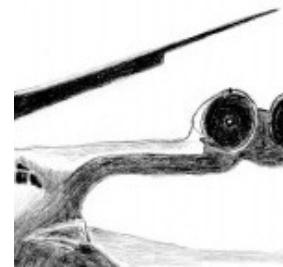
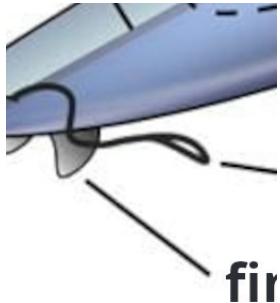
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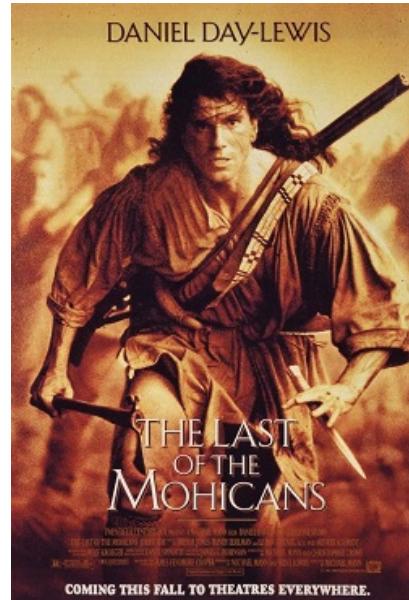
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The Last... scene

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The Last of the Mohicans

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2.



The Last Duel

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The Last House on the Left

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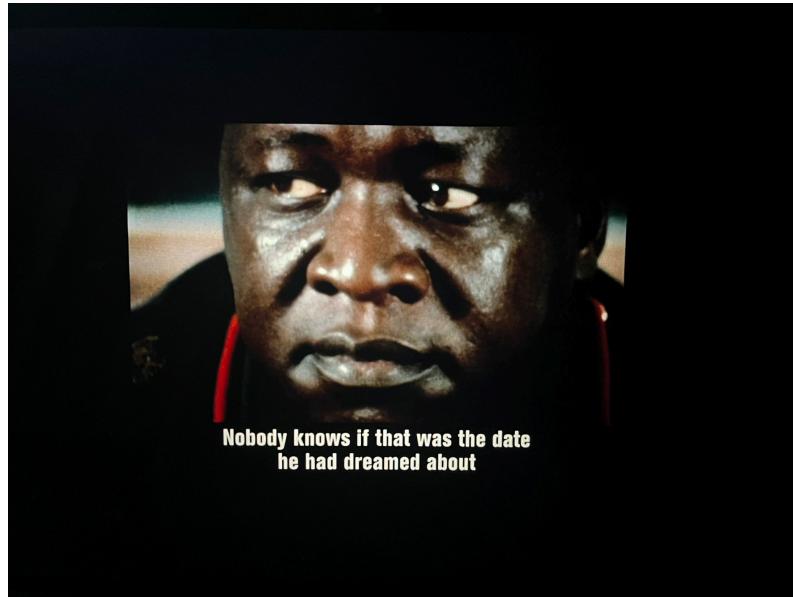


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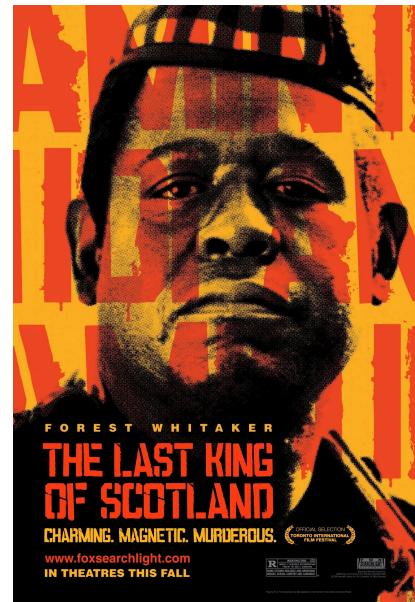
The Last Airbender

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Nobody knows if that was the date
he had dreamed about

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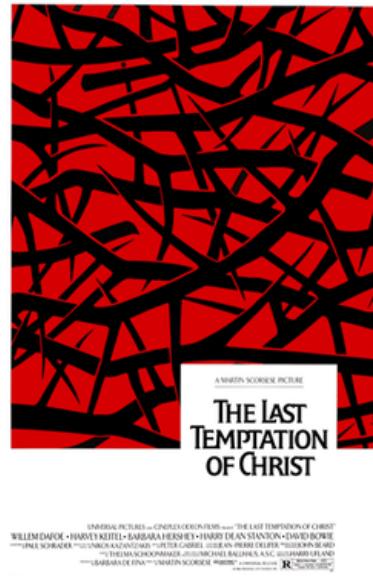


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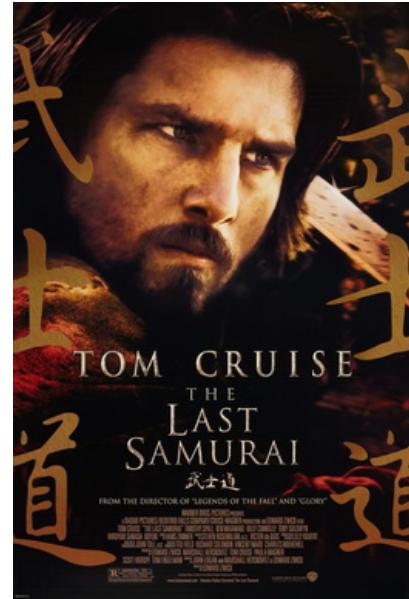


The Last Temptation of Christ

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7.



The Last Samurai

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8.



The Last Emperor

The last piece of the puzzle

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_____ stop me now

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200 degrees, **that's why they call me Mr. Fahrenheit**

I'm travelling at the speed of light

I wanna make a supersonic man out of you/woman of you

Don't stop me now

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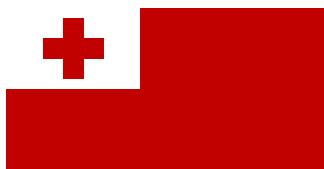
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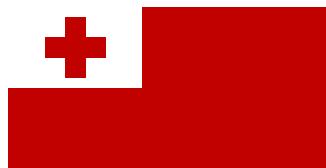
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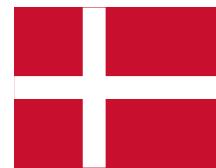
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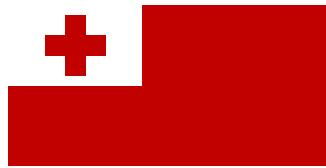


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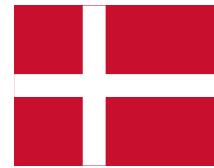
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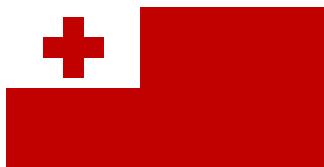
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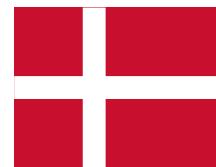
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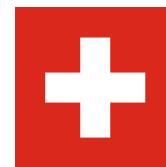
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**e.g. The Swiss like
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**Please add up your total score
and bring up your answer sheets**

Our winner, with a score of , is...



PUB QUIZ
CHAMPION!

QUIZ NIGHT

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