

Chicago Open History 2015: Quizbowl's New Chains Discovered

Round 9

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1. The first bishop of this region was an Augustinian friar who built two stone forts when the natives refused baptism and tithing, which led Celestine III and Innocent III to declare a crusade here. Berthold of Hanover initially led the crusade's forces in his role as the second bishop of this place, and his successor established this region's namesake (*) Brothers of the Sword. That order combined with the Teutonic Knights after the Battle of Saule and was documented in the *Chronicle of Henry*. One war in this region was sparked in part by the Treaty of Pozvol. Near the end of that war in this region, a commander known as "Thunderbolt" aided Stephen Bathory's siege of Pskov, which ultimately led to the Truce of Jam Zapolski and signaled Ivan IV's failure to secure this region. For 10 points, name this historic region on the Baltic Sea found in present-day Estonia and Latvia.

ANSWER: Livonia

2. Late in this man's life, James Buchanan appointed him Ambassador to Nicaragua and then to Costa Rica. Although this man's stake in the *Cahawba Press* proved unsuccessful, he established the *Columbus Enquirer* after serving as the secretary of Georgia Governor George Troup. After saving Thomas Rusk and Walter Lane, this man was promoted to colonel and his leadership of cavalry resulted in his appointment as interim Secretary of War. This man was almost unanimously elected to his highest office after the suicides of his opponents, Peter Grayson and James Collinsworth. He addressed his poem, "The Modest Petition of a Newspaper Editor" to the first holder of his highest position, whom he called "Chief of (*) San Jacinto." To reduce debt in his country, this man introduced the Redback. For 10 points, name this first Vice President under Sam Houston and second President of Texas.

ANSWER: Mirabeau B(uonaparte) Lamar

3. The head of this group's Science and Technology Agency was stabbed to death in front of an assembled reporter crew. This group currently earns money through owning computer software developers like Sol Systems. The Public Security Examination Commission rejected a 1997 request to disband this group under the Antisubversive Activities Law. A janitor discovered a burning paper bag this group left in a toilet, which contained sufficient hydrogen cyanide to kill 10,000 people. After its leader (*) Shoko Asahara was arrested, this group split into a group called the Circle of Light and another called Aleph. For 10 points, name this terrorist religious group which launched a 1995 sarin gas attack on the Tokyo subway.

ANSWER: Aum Shinrikyo (accept Aleph before "Aleph")

4. A popular song accused the losing commander at this battle of fleeing "like a frightened bird, chased from its nest in the morning." Due to differing speeds of advance, the battle line of one army had formed a V-shape at the beginning of this battle. The winning army at this battle began marching around the flank of their enemies at 4 AM; two hours later, the British pickets were surprised by a dawn assault from the east. Reinforcements that had been dispatched to aid the loser of this battle got lost shortly after leaving (*) Edinburgh Castle. The Hanoverian commander at this battle, John Cope, was later accused of cowardice, but cleared by a court-martial. For 10 points, name this first major battle of the Forty-Five, a victory for the Jacobites under Bonnie Prince Charlie.

ANSWER: Battle of Prestonpans

5. This historian's most recent book, which is titled after a poem by Anna Akhmatova, traces the long-distance relationship of a man imprisoned in a gulag and is called *Just Send Me Word*. His second book was the subject of harsh criticism by Richard Pipes, who alleged that it plagiarized from his work. Among the individuals chronicled in that book was the peasant Sergei Semenov, whose death illustrates this author's pessimistic view of the Russian Revolution. A later book by this man, which uses a microhistorical approach to examine the impact of state suppression on ordinary people in Stalinist Russia, is titled *The Whisperers*. In 2010, this academic was discovered to have left (*) reviews on Amazon.com under a false name in which he criticized other historians and praised his own work. For 10 points, name this British historian of Russia, the author of *A People's Tragedy*.

ANSWER: Orlando Figes

6. Accounts of this episode include a film subtitled *A Prayer for Rain* and a book by Dominique Lapierre and Javier Moro entitled *Five Past Midnight [here]*. The site of this event was originally built to produce Sevin, and possible causes of this event are that workers were given only 14 days of training and the plant's operating manual was written only in English. Warren Anderson faced manslaughter charges following this event and was declared a fugitive after returning to the United States. This event was caused by water entering (*) Tank 610, which contained excessive amounts of methyl isocyanate, which released toxic gases. The Union Carbide Corporation alleged that this event was a form of sabotage. For 10 points, name this 1984 incident that occurred in the capital of Madhya Pradesh, considered the world's worst industrial disaster.

ANSWER: Bhopal disaster (or gas leak)

7. One of this man's chief advisers was Akornion of Dionysopolis. Strabo records that he led expeditions against the Thracians and Illyrians, and claims that he convinced his people to live without wine. His court wizard, Deceneus, is named by Jordanes as the lawgiver of the Goths, and was apparently worshipped as a god. This ruler destroyed the Boii and Taurisci and sought an alliance with Pompey Magnus in 48 BC; after Pompey was defeated, Julius Caesar began planning an expedition against this man, but both Caesar and this ruler were assassinated before an invasion could be mounted. (*) For 10 points, name this first unifier of the Getae and Dacians.

ANSWER: Burebista

8. A key witness in this event was later discredited because he was convicted of fraud related to Capital Management Services. Jim Guy Tucker was convicted of mail fraud as a result of this event. David Hale testified that he was pressured into making a loan to the owner of the Madison Guaranty bank, whose failure prompted an investigation into this event and the hiring of the (*) Rose Law Firm. An investigation into this event was launched after it was discovered that Jim and Susan McDougal had involved the then-governor and First Lady of Arkansas in a failed business venture. This event was investigated by Kenneth Starr, who also examined the death of Vince Foster. For 10 points, name this real estate scandal which embroiled the Clintons in the 1990s.

ANSWER: Whitewater scandal (or Whitewatergate)

9. According to legend, this polity was founded either by Aqualtune or by her son. It likely came into being as part of the consolidation of numerous *mocambos*. The best-known ruler of this polity came to power by poisoning his uncle in order to prevent the signing of a peace treaty. Its first recorded king was likely born in Angola and was known by a name that may have meant "great lord" in Kimbundu. That king, Ganga Zumba, was killed by Zumbi after he began negotiations with the (*) Portuguese colonists from whom many residents of this polity had escaped. For 10 points, name this largest *quilombo*, a Brazilian community of escaped slaves also known as Angola Janga.

ANSWER: Palmares

10. This book claims that its subject was “too much a Puritan” to be a “careless libertine” and notes that there is no manuscript evidence for the text of a novel supposedly smuggled by Sidney Rigdon. This work’s author later wrote psychobiographies of Thomas Jefferson and Richard Nixon. This book dismisses claims that a work published by its subject was authored by Solomon Spaulding, instead suggesting that the contents of that work, such as the belief that Native Americans were descended from (*) Israelites, reflected popular beliefs in 19th-century frontier America. Upon publication, this book drew criticism for one of its appendices, which contains a detailed but perhaps inflated list of its subject’s possible plural wives. For 10 points, identify the first book written by Fawn M. Brodie, a biography of Joseph Smith.

ANSWER: No Man Knows My History

11. In 1672, this man became commander of his country’s forces in Barbados and also became a major in Prince Rupert’s regiment of dragoons. Due to a dispute over collecting customs duties, this man had Philip Carteret arrested. This man controversially tried to claim the fort at Old Saybrook and allegedly tried to escape imprisonment on Castle Island dressed as a woman. Unpopular measures put forth by this man include Episcopalian worship in the Old South Meetinghouse, strict enforcement of the Navigation Acts, and the suppression of town meetings. Simon Bradstreet, inspired by the (*) Glorious Revolution, led the 1689 Boston revolt that overthrew this man. For 10 points, name this Governor of the Dominion of New England.

ANSWER: Edmund Andros

12. This ruler was responsible for the reconstruction of the Hexamilion. He adopted the family name of his mother, Dragases, although he ruled under his father’s surname. On the death of his brother, he was crowned in Mistra; unusually, he did not have a second coronation when he reached his capital. While in the Peloponnesus, he extorted tribute from the ruler of Athens, which prompted a punitive expedition by that ruler’s overlord. After this man’s death, legends sprang up that he had been turned to stone and buried near the Golden Gate. He submitted to the authority of the (*) Pope in an attempt to gain military support from Italy. A head believed to be this man’s was displayed in the Hippodrome after his capital fell. For 10 points, name this last Byzantine emperor who died at the fall of Constantinople in 1453.

ANSWER: Constantine XI Palaiologos

13. The Washington, DC-based Riggs Bank was fined after this man’s nephew deposited several hundred million dollars from his country’s treasury into the bank. This man was executed at the Black Beach Prison after his nephew’s coup; his nephew served as the president of the African Union for most of 2011. This man gathered most of his country’s treasury and hid it in a personal fortified villa. This man’s questionable decisions include banning boats and fishing and outlawing the word “intellectual,” leading to comparisons with Pol Pot. This man had political opponents shot by soldiers wearing Santa Claus costumes in a (*) Malabo stadium. For 10 points, name this repressive dictator of Equatorial Guinea.

ANSWER: Francisco Macias Nguema (or Masie Nguema Biyogo Ngué Ndong)

14. One book about this event is an oral history entitled *The Order Has Been Carried Out*. An earlier book about this incident by Robert Katz led to an unsuccessful libel lawsuit concerning his allegations that Pope Pius XII failed to prevent it from taking place. The perpetrators of this incident were originally given the impossible order to murder ten Italian political prisoners for every German killed in a guerrilla attack. As a result, local Jews were also killed to reach the requisite number. In order to avoid logistical issues associated with burial, this event took place (*) underground, after which its location was sealed. For 10 points, identify this massacre of 355 Italians by German police in a cave in Rome.

ANSWER: Fosse Ardeatine massacre (or Ardeatine caves massacre)

15. This speech makes the point that sovereignty restrictions are not based on “feelings of honourable justice.” The deliverer of this speech hopes to never “penetrate the veil” to see “what lies behind” the curtain. This speech opens by presenting the image of a mariner lost at sea and compares it to the current debate concerning a bill on unsold land introduced by Samuel Foot. This speech ends by declaring (*) “liberty and union, now and forever, one and inseparable.” For 10 points, identify this speech in which Daniel Webster declared that the government was “made by the people, made for the people, and answerable to the people” as part of a debate with a South Carolina politician.

ANSWER: Webster’s Second Reply to Robert Hayne (prompt on “Webster-Hayne debates”)

16. Jean-Nicolas Trouille aided this group in naval matters, and Jean-Baptiste Drouet was implicated in Gracchus Babeuf’s Conspiracy of the Equals before becoming a secretary for this group. Members of this body were replaced every three years and had to be at least 30 years old, whereas members of its counterpart had to be at least 40 years old. This body’s main responsibility was drafting laws, and any laws that were vetoed by the upper house could not be reintroduced for another year. On the 19th of (*) Brumaire, grenadiers interrupted this body as they discussed the resignation of Paul Barras, and this group soon after disbanded. This group was responsible for nominating potential Directors, five of whom were selected by the Council of Ancients. For 10 points, name this lower house of the French Directory.

ANSWER: Council of Five Hundred (or Conseil des Cinq-Cents; prompt on “(French) Directory” before “Directors”)

17. This man created the khaki uniform when he helped form the Corps of Guides with Sir Harry Burnett Lumsden. He first saw action with the British East India Company in the First Anglo-Sikh War. At the beginning of the Sepoy Mutiny, he became famous for carrying dispatches through hostile territory from Karnal to Meerut. Subsequently, he was made the commander of a namesake (*) regiment of irregular cavalry, which he led at the siege of Delhi. The day after his best-known feat, he personally executed three Mughal princes. For 10 points, name this British officer who accepted the surrender of the last Mughal emperor, Bahadur Shah II.

ANSWER: William (Stephen Raikes) Hodson (accept Hodson’s Horse)

18. The Doyle expedition to the island of Yeu was Britain’s clumsy attempt to intervene in this conflict, which was considered as a form of anti-bourgeois coalition warfare in an early study by Charles Tilly. The fighters of this rebellion drew their title from the sons of a clog merchant said to be talented at impersonating the cry of the tawny owl. The “Chouans” fought against Kleber’s troops from the Rhineland during this event. After this revolt lost control of (*) Nantes, the city’s harbor became the site of the Noyades, where non-juror priests were drowned en masse in boats. After the Battle of Savenay, General Westermann became known as “the butcher of” this uprising, which resulted in 10 times as many deaths as the Reign of Terror in Paris. The “Infernal Columns” helped suppress, for 10 points, what royalist uprising of rural western France?

ANSWER: Vendée War/Uprising/Insurrection (or Vendéan Uprising)

19. This ruler was imprisoned on the island of Martana on the orders of her cousin. She was criticised for having her son educated by old men instead of letting him mingle with warriors. At one point, fearing that she might be overthrown, she sent a shipful of gold to Epidamnus in order to prepare a refuge there. When her son Atalaric was dying, she began planning to surrender the kingdom to the Byzantine Empire in an attempt to secure her position. She was removed from power by (*) Atalaric’s successor, Theodatus, who imprisoned her to prevent her from conspiring with Justinian. For 10 points, name this granddaughter of Theodoric the Great, an Ostrogothic queen whose murder precipitated Belisarius’ invasion of Italy.

ANSWER: Amalasuntha

20. The target of this event said its perpetrators were “as stupid as they could be” and that he could have “organize[d] a better program than the one they put on”. This action’s perpetrators were inspired by the failed revolts of Pedro Albizu Campos, who was arrested after a shootout in reaction to this event. One participant in this event was shot in the head by Leslie Coffelt, and another was shot in the chest and later had his death sentence commuted. This action took place on November 1, (*) 1950 outside Blair House and was perpetrated by Oscar Collazo and Griselio Torresola to bring attention to the Puerto Rican nationalist movement. For 10 points, name this event which threatened the life of the 33rd President.

ANSWER: **attempted assassination of** Harry S. **Truman** (accept equivalents indicating attempted killing, shooting, etc. of Truman)

TB. This country's pirates, the Corsairs of Senj, were sponsored by the Habsburgs to attack the Republic of Venice, prompting the Uskok War. This country became an autonomous region of the Kingdom of Hungary as a reward for its ban's alliance with General Heynau in the suppression of Kossuth's revolt. General Jelacic once led this country, which formed its official language from the “Shtokavsky” dialect, written in the (*) Latin alphabet. Ante Pavelic led a government in this country that operated the Brickyards camp as part of the concentration camp of Janesovac. When this nation declared independence, it was home to the breakaway Republic of Serbian Krajina. For 10 points, name this nation that was ruled by the Ustaša, whose people are generally Catholic, unlike their neighbors the orthodox Serbs.

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