

**Modern World Tournament 2014
Round #3 Bonuses**

1. Jimmy Carter penned a book in which he claimed to support peace over this concept in Palestine. For 10 points each:

[10] Give this term, often used to describe Israel despite it having no legislation resembling the Population Registration Act, Group Areas Act, Mixed Marriages and Immorality Act or other South African laws.

ANSWER: apartheid state

[10] The closest approximation of apartheid-style economic exploitation is in this rapidly urbanizing country, where the BBC wrote about “peasant apartheid” denying peasants and migrant workers public healthcare, education, housing, and employment thanks to its household registration system.

ANSWER: PRC [or People’s Republic of China; accept Mainland China or Dàlù or Communist China or really anything that indicates we’re not talking about Taiwan; prompt on China or Zhōngguó with, “Which one?”]

[10] Peasants are de facto second class citizens in China because of this household registration system, which distinguishes them from urban elites. Analogous systems in Japan and Korea are the koseki and hoju systems, which they also tie to citizenship.

ANSWER: hukou system [prompt on family registration system]

2. These municipalities are often some of the strongest parts of Russia’s Red Belt, places that tend to vote predominately for the Russian Communist Party. For 10 points each:

[10] Name these municipalities, which are typically filled with universities and colleges. Examples include Obninsk, Koltsovo, Dubna, Reutov and Korolyov, home of the Russian space program.

ANSWER: naukograds [accept translations like science cities]

[10] Roscosmos operates the Baikonur Cosmodrome, the largest space port in the world. One of its launch pads is named after this Russian cosmonaut, the first man to enter outer space.

ANSWER: Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin

[10] In this 1999 sci-fi spinoff of Sid Meier’s *Civilization* sci-fi series, Prokhor Zakharov leads the University of the Planet faction, which is a giant naukograd. Other factions in this game include Morgan Industries, the Lord’s Believers and the Human Hive.

ANSWER: *Sid Meier’s* Alpha Centauri [accept SMAC]

3. This man practiced cannibalism and human sacrifice before every battle and once believed that not wearing clothing would make him impervious to bullets. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this African warlord, who eventually converted to Christianity and pacifism in order to preach forgiveness and redemption. Before that, his persona inspired a character from *The Book of Mormon* musical.

ANSWER: Joshua Milton Blahyi [or General Butt Naked]

[10] General Butt Naked fought on Roosevelt Johnson’s side during this West African nation’s Civil War. This nation was founded under the auspices of the disastrous American Colonization Society.

ANSWER: Republic of Liberia

[10] This politician won actually fair presidential elections in Liberia in 2005 and 2011, promising to work towards healing the nation after its brutal civil wars. She really has her work cut out for her.

ANSWER: Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

4. A prison in The Philippines organized twenty thousand people to simultaneously perform the Hare Hare Yukai dance from the ending to the anime adaptation of this series. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this physics-inspired light novel series, which features Kyon, Mikuru, Yuki, and Itsuki, members of the SOS club, whose president, the title character, is God.

ANSWER: *The Melancholy of* Haruhi *Suzumiya*

[10] If you’re a boss, you’ll use the handrails in this arcade game series in order to step on the signs much higher. This game series is the best-known installment of Konami’s Benami rhythm game lineup.

ANSWER: DDR [or Dance Dance Revolution]

[10] This genre of Japanese dance inspired by Italian Eurobeat songs generally relies on extensive arm movements in addition to more synchronized group dancing.

ANSWER: **Para Para**

5. Answer some questions about fictional characters who are laughably good at military strategy and tactics, for 10 points each.

[10] In the Independent Path of the second installment of this series, Erwin backstabs his way through everyone, annihilating the Demons, the Empire, the Light Alliance and even Goddess Lushiris herself.

ANSWER: **Der Langrisser** [accept **Langrisser II**; accept **Warsong**]

[10] In this series, the Lord General of the Imperial Guard, Castellan Usarkar Creed, is renowned for his “tactical genius” ability, which do ridiculous things like conceal city-sized tanks behind things like lamplights and poles.

ANSWER: **Warhammer 40K** [or **Warhammer Forty Thousand**; accept **WH40K**; prompt on partial answer]

[10] In a series by Orson Scott Card, this boy becomes a tactical genius at a ludicrously young age, going through a training from hell before he is tricked into almost completely annihilating the Buggers.

ANSWER: Andrew “**Ender**” **Wiggin** [accept either part]

6. With over one hundred billion dollars in combined market capitalization and almost half a million employees, this giant industrial conglomerate is likely the best known company in India. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this grouping of over one hundred similarly named companies run by a namesake family. The best known company in this conglomerate is its “Motors” division.

ANSWER: **Tata** Group [be nice and accept anything with **Tata** in it]

[10] Tata Motors controversially attempted to build a factory in Singur, which is in the Hooghly district of this state. After several protests, they recently moved the factory to Gujarat instead after being invited by Narendra Modi.

ANSWER: **West Bengal** [prompt on **Bengal**]

[10] The Tata plant at Singur planned to build this car, almost certainly best known for being the cheapest new car sold anywhere in the world at only twenty-five hundred dollars for a new model.

ANSWER: Tata **Nano**

7. In an expected act of maturity, ambassadors from these two countries compared each other to Voldemort before descending into an argument over which country resembled Voldemort more. For 10 points each:

[10] Name these two nations, which regularly throw bitch-fests that nobody else cares about. By nominal GDP, they are the second- and third-largest economies in the world.

ANSWER: People’s **Republic of China** and **Japan** [for PRC, prompt on **China** or **Zhōngguó** with, “Which China?”; accept **Mainland China** or **Dàlù** or **Communist China** or really anything that indicates we’re not talking about Taiwan; for Japan, accept **Nippon-koku** or **Nihon-koku** or goofy nicknames like **Land of the Rising Sun**]

[10] The Chinese ambassador compared this institution to a horcrux, which is odd because it’s not hidden anywhere. Rather, it is a large shrine in Tokyo that honors Imperial Japanese war dead, including several Class A war criminals.

ANSWER: **Yasukuni** Shrine

[10] The last time Mainland China and Japan had a bitchfest, Beijing put pressure on local producers to make these commodities more expensive for Japanese buyers. China has 95% of the world’s supply, mostly in Inner Mongolia.

ANSWER: **rare earth metals** or **rare earth elements** [prompt on **lanthanides** or inner transition **metals**]

8. This currency was pegged at twenty-five to the US dollar, but when Chavalit Yongchaiyudh refused to devalue it, an attack by speculators ensued. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this currency, whose precipitous drop in value sparked a massive financial crisis in 1997.

ANSWER: **baht**

[10] The baht is the currency of this nation, where multiple members of the Shinawatra family have been Prime Minister, including the businessman Thaksin.

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Thailand** [or Ratcha Anachak **Thai**]

[10] In February 1997, trading in the shares of this then-largest finance company in Thailand was suspended. Its value fell 70% when trading resumed due to the failure of a deal for it to be acquired by a smaller bank.

ANSWER: **Finance One**

9. Your friend Bruce Aretong is a South Korean computer scientist who wants to immigrate to the US and work for the Wig-Wag Company. Answer the following about Bruce’s application for US residence, for 10 points each.

[10] The identification Bruce will have to carry if he is a lawful permanent resident is referred to by this term. It used to actually be literally true because of its strange coloring, but now it's only a figure of speech.

ANSWER: green card

[10] As a computer scientist, Bruce might apply for this visa for skilled workers, the visa most commonly applied for. Almost every immigration reform package advocates vastly increasing the number of these visas issued.

ANSWER: H-1B visa [prompt on H1]

[10] Bruce could also go for an EB-5 visa, even though they are almost exclusively utilized by Chinese nationals. Name something that Bruce must do in order to qualify for an EB-5 visa.

ANSWER: invest one million dollars [or invest five hundred thousand in anything specific or create ten jobs; prompt on being rich or equivalents; prompt on invest money or create jobs or equivalents with, "How much?" or "How many?" respectively; obviously, descriptions are acceptable and you should be generous]

10. Some fat fuck banker in this game tells you to get a sled but it'll just get stuck at random points and be totally useless. So will he, so you should get Sadie or Linda instead. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this video game where you can get into the HALL OF FAME and laugh at the other kiddies if you are sagacious enough to pick No. 1 Below Bonanza Creek.

ANSWER: The Yukon Trail

[10] Honestly, the stupidest way to die in this other MECC game wasn't from dysentery, but rather from trying to ford the river. You could also starve after failing to carry 60k pounds of meat, thus hunting the buffalo into practical extinction.

ANSWER: The Oregon Trail

[10] This game by the Learning Company was also the shit. In it, you control the Super Solver, who uses his excellent understanding of engineering and mechanics in order to defeat Morty Maxwell in automotive, aeronautic, and energy races.

ANSWER: Super Solvers: Gizmos & Gadgets

11. This politician recently denied allegations that she was involved in the Pedophile Information Exchange and its attempt to draft legislation lowering the age of consent to 10. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this longest-ever serving female member of Parliament, who represents Camberwell and Peckham. She succeeded Gordon Brown as acting leader of the Labour Party in 2010.

ANSWER: Harriet Ruth Harman

[10] Harman nominated this MP from Hackney North and Stoke Newington in the 2010 leadership elections. This daughter of Jamaican immigrants claimed the British invented racism and "blonde, blue-eyed Finnish girls" were unsuitable as state employees due to their race.

ANSWER: Diane Julie Abbott

[10] The actual winner of the 2010 leadership elections was this current opposition leader and leader of the Labour Party. He will almost certainly become Prime Minister in 2015.

ANSWER: Edward Samuel Miliband [prompt on "Miliband;" accept Red Ed]

12. Films from this nation include *The Death of Mr. Lazarescu*, *California Dreamin'*, *The Paper Will Be Blue*, and *4 Months, 3 Weeks, 2 Days*. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this nation where the author of *Fantasies of Salvation* and *Stalinism for All Seasons* led a namesake Presidential Commission for the Study of the Communist Dictatorship.

ANSWER: Romania

[10] This Jewish-Romanian convert to Lutheranism founded Voice of the Martyrs. In 2006, this opponent of Nicolae Ceaușescu was voted the fifth-greatest Romanian ever, just ahead of Ion Antonescu.

ANSWER: Richard Wurmbrand

[10] Ceaușescu inspired this series's Nicolae Carpathia, a President of Romania and Antichrist who goes on to lead the Global Community. This apocalyptic book series, which has been spun off into games and action movies, was created by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins.

ANSWER: Left Behind

13. This actor was paid only 300,000 dollars to play the dance instructor Thomas Leroy in *Black Swan*, which generated 330 million in worldwide revenue, but made two million for *Mesrine* despite even though it made only thirty million worldwide. For 10 points:

[10] Name this actor, who also played Francois Toulour in *Ocean's Twelve* and *Ocean's Thirteen*.

ANSWER: Vincent Cassel [accept Vincent Crochon]

[10] Cassel makes a lot more money from films made in his home country, even though they are far less profitable, because of this pathetically crony-capitalist government agency that funnels billions to local film studios.

ANSWER: CNC [or Le Centre national du cinéma et de l'image animée; or Centre national de la cinématographie; or National Center of Cinematography and the Moving Image]

[10] The CNC is a government agency in this nation, which also spends a lot of money to protect the "purity" of its national language from loanwords, causing that language to lose ground to English in much of West Africa.

ANSWER: France [or French Republic; or Republique Francaise]

14. This political scientist wrote a book asking "Who Governs?" a certain nation, calling it a "Developmental State." For 10 points each:

[10] Name this writer best known for his essentially untrue thesis that MITI was responsible for a certain nation's supposed economic miracle.

ANSWER: Chalmers Ashby Johnson

[10] MITI was one of the most influential government departments in this nation, which actually abolished MITI in 2001 and replaced it with METI, because it was more or less useless.

ANSWER: Japan [accept Nippon-koku; or Nihon-koku or goofy nicknames like Land of the Rising Sun]

[10] Chalmers Johnson also recently penned *Blowback*, which argues that this nation tried to establish an Empire and was responsible for the inevitable blowback, or terrorist attacks, it incurred.

ANSWER: United States of America [accept clear-knowledge equivalents]

15. Richard Ravitch was a key negotiator in the attempt to stop this action, which was sparked after the Senate Judiciary Committee voted down an anti-trust bill 10-7. For 10 point eachs:

[10] Name this strike ended by a court ruling issued by Sonia Sotomayor.

ANSWER: 1994-1995 MLB strike [accept Major League Baseball strike]

[10] This baseball team was more or less annihilated by the MLB strike by losing most of its best players and its fanbase. Eventually, this team folded up in order to become the Washington Nationals.

ANSWER: Montreal Expos [or Les Expos de Montréal (accept any underlined portion)]

[10] One thing that screwed the Montreal Expos was their inability to retain this Dominican-American player in 1997, one of the best outfielders of the 1990's.

ANSWER: Moisés Rojas Alou

16. From Will's experience in Costa Rica, it's not particularly uncommon for housewives in Spanish-speaking countries to watch these programs for damn near half the day. For 10 points each:

[10] Name these ridiculously popular serial dramatic TV programs from Latin America. They are often incorrectly referred to as "Spanish soap operas" and can be watched on Univision in the US.

ANSWER: telenovelas

[10] Telenovelas have been criticized for disproportionately depicting the lives of people of this ethnicity.

ANSWER: white people [or Europeans; or Caucasians; or criollos; or any number of things like that; do not accept mestizos]

[10] Attempts to import telenovelas into this country have been spearheaded by the company Grundy UFA, which is responsible for *Bianca: Paths to Happiness*. Other TV programs from this country include *Storm of Love* and *Lena-Love of My Life*.

ANSWER: Federal Republic of Germany [or Bundesrepublik Deutschland]

17. Answer some questions about problems with incarceration in this country, for 10 points each.

[10] The phenomenon of these institutions sometimes even intentionally funnelling people into the criminal justice system has been described as a "pipeline to prison."

ANSWER: schools [accept any reasonable equivalent]

[10] The "pipeline to prison" is linked to this type of school disciplinary policy, which punishes all violations of a rule without exception, regardless of intention or ignorance. An example would be expelling a student for bringing a butter knife to school.

ANSWER: zero-tolerance policy [accept no-tolerance; accept zero-strike; accept no-strike]

[10] This amusingly nicknamed but really awful 2008 scandal involved two Pennsylvania judges being given kickbacks by an owner of a for-profit prison in exchange for sentencing students for minor offenses, such as mocking a principal on MySpace.

ANSWER: “**kids for cash**” scandal

18. In the aftermath of a terrorist attack or at the beginning of a foreign war, political support for the incumbent government often tends to dramatically rise. For 10 points each:

[10] Give the term in political science that refers to this phenomenon.

ANSWER: **rally around the flag** effect [or **rally around the flag** syndrome or really anything that seems similar]

[10] In international relations, the rally ‘round the flag effect is interpreted as reason for these kind of military actions, foreign policy decisions undertaken by leaders in order to increase their domestic popular support.

ANSWER: **diversionary** intervention [or **diversionary** foreign policy or **diversionary** intervention or just anything with **diversionary** in it]

[10] This politician’s use of diversionary foreign policy has been demonstrated by his close reliance on domestic political advisors, such as David Axelrod and Jim Messina, in order to engage in poll-tested aerial murder.

ANSWER: Barack Hussein **Obama** Jr.

19. Answer the following about the economy of Israel, for 10 points each.

[10] This coastal concentration of high-technology companies is considered Israel’s counterpart to a high-tech area in the San Francisco Bay Area. It contains the Matam high-tech park and the Diamond Exchange District.

ANSWER: **Silicon Wadi** [prompt on **Silicon Valley**]

[10] Israel is a major center for this sort of finance, which provides funding to high-risk, high-growth-potential startup companies. The Forbes Midas list ranks companies that provide this service.

ANSWER: **venture capital**

[10] Israel has made good use of the Negev Desert by installing thousands of these assemblies of photovoltaic cells. They provide the energy used for 90% of Israel’s water-heating needs.

ANSWER: **solar panels**

20. During this country’s massive property bubble, over 10% of the population was employed in construction, but a massive crash sent unemployment north of 25%. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this country, where the José Zapatero and Mariano Rajoy administrations have failed to effectively solve a host of economic problems, and have encountered strong resistance to relatively weak austerity measures.

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Spain** [or Reino de **España**]

[10] This Spanish bank, the largest in the Eurozone by value, has oddly not been hurt too badly by the massive economic downturn in Spain due to its geographic diversification. It is led by Emilio Botín and Javier Marín.

ANSWER: Grupo **Santander** [or **Santander** Group; DO NOT READ THIS ALTERNATIVE ANSWER OUT LOUD but accept **Santander** S.A.]

[10] Santander is an example of this kind of company, common in civil-law jurisdictions and functionally equivalent to a public limited company in English common-law. Its name comes from the fact that shareholders are kept secret.

ANSWER: **S. A.** [accept full-length names like **Sociedad Anónima** or **Société anonyme** or **Società anonima** from all sorts of Romance languages; also accept translations like “**anonymous society**”]

TIEBREAKER

21. In 2006, he was ultimately defeated in a razor-thin contest by former Reagan cabinet official Jim Webb, largely because the media took a word he uttered and randomly made up a lie that it was a racial slur. For 10 points each.

[10] Name this man, whose 2006 Senate defeat gave Democrats a very narrow control of the Senate. He ran again in 2012 and narrowly lost to Tim Kaine.

ANSWER: George Felix **Allen**

[10] George Allen was savaged by the media for using this word, which was just gibberish that he made up. The media insisted that it was a common racial slur, an actual straight-out lie.

ANSWER: **macaca**

[10] Jim Webb, Tim Kaine, and George Allen are all from this state. Other people from this state include Mark Warner and American hero Ken Cuccinelli.

ANSWER: Commonwealth of **Virginia** [or **VA**; accept goofy nicknames like **Mother of Presidents** and **Old Dominion**]