

**SHEIKH (Somewhat Hard Examination of In-Depth Knowledge of History):** "History is a nightmare from which I am trying to awake. Writing this set isn't helping."

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**Packet 1**

1. Historians such as Howard Dorgan, who created an Encyclopedia of *this region*, tend to define it more narrowly than a federal agency which uses a definition of it based on economic performance, and which was created partly in response to Harry Caudill's writings. Benton MacKaye popularized the idea of creating a landmark that connects most of this region. Inspired by reformers like Jane Addams, missionaries established "settlement schools" like Pine Mountain within this region to change its culture. Conflict with Quakers led to this region being largely settled by (\*) Scotch-Irish immigrants, who developed a special type of dulcimer. As part of the Great Society, a federal Regional Commission was established to promote development in this region, where westward-moving settlers often passed through the Cumberland Gap. For 10 points, identify this U.S. cultural region from which bluegrass originated, which is traversed by a major mountain trail.

ANSWER: Appalachia

2. In June 2009, this man's family was awarded \$15.5 million in a case brought in the U.S. under the Alien Tort Statute. After the murder of four chiefs, this man was arrested along with Paul Levera and seven others, with whom he formed an ethnic group's "Nine." This man wrote the memoir *A Month and a Day* recounting his detention by the government of Ibrahim Babangida. This leader of the (\*) Movement of the Survival of the Ogoni People led protests against land degradation due to the policies of Royal Dutch Shell, which prompted the government of Sani Abacha to have him put on show trial. For 10 points, identify this environmental activist who was executed in 1995, the Nigerian author of *Sozaboy*.

ANSWER: Ken Saro-Wiwa

3. A king of this name abdicated in favor of his son after a palace uprising partly caused by an unpopular prime minister who was thought to have an affair with Queen Maria Louisa. A Duke of Parma with this name built the Palace of Caserta as ruler of Naples and Sicily, which he took from Austria during the War of the Polish Succession. As ruler of a different kingdom, that man was the final European king to expel the Jesuits, doing so in 1767. The death of an extremely disabled king with this name known as (\*) "the Bewitched" caused the War of the Spanish Succession. Another ruler of this name faced the Revolt of the Comuneros, won the Battle of Mühlberg against the Schmalkaldic League, and abdicated in favor of his brother Ferdinand and his son Philip. For 10 points, give this name of the Habsburg ruler who controlled Spain while Holy Roman Emperor.

ANSWER: Charles [or Carlos]

4. A dove's nest supposedly inspired the name of a capital of this region that was constructed shortly after the conquest of the Babylon Fortress. The writings of Al-Makrizi are a primary source on battles in this region, such as the Battle of Nikiou. In Islamic historiography, Al-Muqawqis is identified as a ruler of this region who corresponded with Muhammad. The general Nicetas was sent to recover this region from the general Shahrbaraz during the reign of (\*) Heraclius I. This region was governed from Fustat after its conquest by Muslims led by Amr ibn al-'As, who took its cities of Pelusium, Bilbeis, and Damietta from the Byzantines. For 10 points, identify this region, the base of the Fatimid caliphate and home of the Copts.

ANSWER: Egypt [or Aigyptos; or Masr; accept any region within Egypt; prompt on general answers like "North Africa"]

5. Ctesias' description of one of these locations is regarded as more accurate than that of Clitarchus because he describes it as being situated on top of four vaults, rather than columns. The priest Berossus is cited as the source for a description of one of these locations by Josephus. The *char bagh* is a design pattern for one of these locations that separates it into four quadrants. Maecenas patronized the construction of the first of these locations in Rome on the Esquiline Hill. The (\*) Persian term *pairi-daeza*, a term for walled enclosures, was used to refer to these locations and is the origin of the word "paradise." Because the Median-born Queen Amytis missed her homeland, she supposedly requested that one of these locations be constructed by Nebuchadnezzar II. For 10 points, identify these locations, a "Hanging" example of which may have been in Babylon.

ANSWER: gardens [accept paradeisos or pairi-daeza until mentioned]

6. This kingdom is at the top of a list which was almost certainly produced for one of its kings, the Tribal Hidage. A coin minted in this kingdom strangely bore the words of the Shahada in Arabic, which its silversmiths had copied from a dinar. A ruler of this kingdom dealt with the troublesome bishop Jeanbert by having Lichfield declared an archbishopric by the pope. A leader of this kingdom defeated and dismembered a rival at the Battle of Maserfield, but was then killed by that rival's brother, (\*) Oswiu, at the Battle of Winwaed. For three hundred years, this kingdom had hegemony over the lands south of the Humber River. This kingdom's capital at Tamworth was established by a king who also dealt with Welsh raids by constructing his "dyke." For 10 points, name this Anglo-Saxon kingdom that was ruled by Penda and Offa and was located in the Midlands south of Northumbria.

ANSWER: Mercia

7. This book's speculative etymologies and interpretations of myth as history, such as its analysis of migration of the Danaids as described in *The Suppliants*, were attacked in an essay collection published by Mary Lefkowitz about this book "Revisited." This book cites Diodorus Siculus as a source that a founder of Athens named Erekhtheus was a colonist. Like *Stolen Legacy*, this book's second chapter argues that gentile philosophy is rooted in the Hermetic tradition. This book concedes that migrants from the north brought Indo-European languages in its (\*) "Revised Ancient Model," contrasting with the "Aryan Model" advanced by German romanticists, who this book argues downplayed the extent and influence of Egyptian culture. For 10 points, name this book by Martin Bernal which argues for a strongly African and Semitic origin of Greek civilization.

ANSWER: Black Athena: The Afroasiatic Roots of Classical Civilization

8. A shocking photo of the aftermath of this event was published on the front cover of the *Chicago Defender*. Several months after this event, the perpetrators confessed their actions and sold their story to *Look* magazine for \$4,000. The jury took only 67 minutes to acquit in the trial following this event, regardless of Hugh White's promise of a vigorous prosecution and Moses Wright's accusations. The mother of the victim of this event insisted on displaying him in an (\*) open casket to show the brutal damage done to him, such as gouged-out eyes. Medgar Evers became prominent because of his investigations into this event, whose victim was dragged out of the Tallahatchie River three days after being taken to a barn and shot. For 10 points, identify this 1955 event in which two white Mississippians killed a black teen for flirting with a white woman.

ANSWER: murder of Emmett Till [accept anything indicating someone killing Emmett Till; accept the murder trial about Emmett Till until "following this event" is read]

9. A leader of this country supported a female biologist who advocated spontaneous generation and claimed that old age could be postponed with soda baths. A linguist from this country, Dr. Marr, argued that languages derive from the syllables "sal," "ber," "yon," and "ros" as part of a theory which stated that Semitic-derived "Japhetic" languages once dominated Europe. In this country, a slow-progressing form of schizophrenia called (\*) "sluggish schizophrenia" became a popular diagnosis. A scientist from this country believed that vernalized plants could pass their acquired traits to descendants, a theory similar to Lamarckism which he called Minchurinism; that man was Trofim Lysenko. For 10 points, name this country where "bourgeois pseudoscience" was condemned under leaders like Joseph Stalin.

ANSWER: Soviet Union [or USSR; prompt on "Russia"; prompt on "Ukraine"]

10. Towards the end of this period, it became common for people to shout "ain't it a fine idea" while dancing in the streets and cross-dressing. The collections of Philipp Franz von Siebold contain items from this period, during which the *New Book on Transitive Effects* coined native terms for "centrifugal force" and "gravity." Early in this period, a man called the "Crimson Demon of War" and a warrior who carved a sword out of an oak paddle defended a castle guarding an infant. Its end is known by a term meaning "closing of the (\*) curtain." Nobility were forced to alternate residence between their estates and the capital during this period, in which Dutch Learning became popular; the Dutch themselves, however, were confined to Nagasaki as part of the *sakoku* policy of isolation. For 10 points, name this period during which Japan was governed by Ieyasu's descendants.

ANSWER: Edo period [or Tokugawa shogunate; accept Bakumatsu until "New Book" and anti-prompt after]

11. The go-ahead to begin this event was given after the positive reception at Dijon of the envoy Anselm of Havelberg, who was sent from a Reichstag meeting at Frankfurt. Following this event, the Northern March was granted to the founder of the House of Ascania who, ten years later, established the March as the Margraviate of Brandenburg. The Obodrite leader Niklot was forced to pay tribute after this event, during which he razed his own castle at Dobin. Participants in this campaign included (\*) Conrad the Great, Albert the

Bear, and Henry the Lion; their forces, after being sanctioned by Eugenius III, devastated the regions of Pomerania and Polabia. For 10 points, identify this theater of the Second Crusade, a campaign by German princes against pagan Slavs.  
ANSWER: Wendish Crusade [prompt on “Second Crusade”]

12. The author of this document later proposed the creation of a “minister-guardian” to oversee voluntarism in his book *Voluntary Action*. This document outlines three methods for achieving security and three major assumptions, the third of which is the maintenance of employment, which this document’s author addressed in *Full Employment in a Free Society*. This document identified squalor, ignorance, want, idleness, and disease as the “Five Giant Evils” plaguing society. This document (\*) advocated the creation of a system that protected the population “from cradle to grave,” an idea implemented by Aneurin Bevan and other members of the Clement Attlee administration. For 10 points, name this 1942 parliamentary report, which influenced the creation of the National Health Service and the British welfare state.

ANSWER: “Beveridge Report” [or *Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Social Insurance and Allied Services*; accept *Full Employment in a Free Society* until “three methods” is read]

13. Following this event, future Bank of America founder Amadeo Giannini hid the gold from his Bank of Italy vaults in an orange cart and began offering loans in the streets. Labor Secretary Victor Metcalf unsuccessfully tried to reverse a policy of school segregation that was announced after this event. This event postponed the graft trial of a lawyer who collected money from brothels known as “French Restaurants” Abe Reuf. The use of faked paperwork to create (\*) “paper sons” and “paper daughters” began after birth records were destroyed in this event. During this event, the Committee of Fifty was established by Mayor Eugene Schmitz, who also ordered looters to be shot on sight. After this event, several buildings were blown up in an attempt to stop a fire that destroyed areas like Chinatown. For 10 points, name this 1906 natural disaster that leveled a California city.

ANSWER: San Francisco Earthquake of 1906 [or 1906 Earthquake; or San Francisco fire of 1906; prompt on partial answers]

14. Due to concerns that educated women were not getting married, this country gave housing priorities to them in the Graduate Mothers’ scheme, part of its reversal of the overly successful “Stop at Two” population control plan. Gerrymandering, rather than ensuring minority representation, is sometimes cited as the reason this country created Group Representation Constituencies. Sustainable “New Towns” were developed by this country’s public housing program, which serves 80% of its citizens and was encouraged by the Dutch economist (\*) Albert Winsemius, who helped design its liberal economic policy. This country’s Racial Harmony Day celebrates the general success of the policies of its People’s Action Party in getting Tamils, Malays, and Chinese to get along. For 10 points, identify this country led by Lee Kuan Yew.

ANSWER: (Republic of) Singapore [or Republik Singapura]

15. After quoting Tennyson in a concession speech, this politician said “For me, this campaign just ended a few hours ago” and that “the work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives, and the dream shall never die.” This man’s poll numbers tumbled after he fumbled Roger Mudd’s question “Senator, why do you want to be President?” This man won the New York primary over the incumbent President by playing up the anti-Israel stances of that man’s administration. Joyce Carol Oates’ novel *Black Water* fictionalizes a (\*) scandal involving this politician, who did not hold Jimmy Carter’s arm after conceding at the 1980 Democratic National Convention. This man’s early plans to run for President were torpedoed by the Chappaquiddick incident, in which Mary Jo Kopechne died in a car crash. For 10 points, name this long-time Senator from Massachusetts.

ANSWER: Ted Kennedy [or Edward Moore Kennedy; prompt on “Kennedy”]

16. An alliance mediated by Akornion between Pompey and a holder of this position is mentioned in the Decree of Dionysopolis, which implies that holder of this position lived in Argedava. The first holder of this position was advised by Deceneus, a priest of the demigod Zalmoxis. The name of a non-Goth holder of this position, Scorilo, is given in the corrupted form Coryllus in a list provided by Jordanes. One holder of this position was betrayed by a nobleman who showed where that holder’s (\*) gold was located, as well as the water supply of a besieged city. According to the official Protochronism of Nicolae Ceausescu, this position’s first holder, Burebista, was the first ruler of a Romanian state. The final holder of this position ruled from Sarmizegethusa. For 10 points, identify this position held by Decebalus, whose defeat is commemorated on Trajan’s column.

ANSWER: kings/rulers of Dacia [accept anything indicating that the person in question rules Dacia or the Getae, since “Geto-Dacian culture” is a thing and the two groups are often grouped; do not accept “Gothic kings”]

17. A metaphor involving this sort of place was used in a speech attributed by Simon Le Moyne to a man called the Flemish Bastard. Rituals conducted in these places included the sacrifice of a white dog in midwinter and the “roll call” part of the Condolence Ceremony. A religion named for this sort of place was revealed to a man in a coma by four messengers, who told him that alcohol, witchcraft, poison, and abortion were the “four evil words.” That religion named for this sort of place was based on the Good Message, or the Code of Handsome Lake. These (\*) structures were owned by Clan Mothers, who enforced the Great Law of Peace. A metaphorical one of these structures was said to have its central fire and wampum records kept by the Onondaga, its western door guarded by the Seneca, and its eastern door guarded by the Mohawk. For 10 points, name these lengthy, bark-covered buildings built by the Iroquois.

ANSWER: longhouses [accept chimneys until “conducted in” is read since Wikipedia apparently calls that the “Chimney speech”]

18. “Mimana” is thought to be a location in this region conquered by a legendary empress. This region’s unification is the subject of a 50-volume history that laments that the author’s countrymen are experts on the classics, but cannot discuss his country’s history, and attributes moral superiority to conquerors of the Gaya state. Scythian art is thought to have influenced a number of artifacts from this region with bead-shaped jewels on them that have been designated National Treasures; those (\*) gold crowns were made by a kingdom that employed the Flower Knights. This region’s north was ruled by the Balhae kingdom, which was defeated by the Khitan Liao. Its history is recounted in the Samguk Sagi, which recounts the downfall of Baekje and Goguryeo during its Three Kingdoms Period. For 10 points, name this region unified by the Silla kingdom.

ANSWER: Korea [or the Korean peninsula; or Hanguk; accept any specific region within Korea; accept Gaya confederacy/Kaya confederacy/Kara confederacy until mentioned]

19. Viewing the American South as a model of colonial development, officials from this country collaborated with the Tuskegee Institute to increase cotton output in its colonies. Doctors from this country collected skulls from a camp its military established on Shark Island. A Blue Book denouncing this country’s policy provoked outrage at what revisionists from this country called the “colonial guilt lie.” This country’s Foreign Secretary summarized its policy with the phrase (\*) “We wish to throw no one in the shade, but we demand our own place in the sun.” A man who claimed to turn bullets into water led the Maji Maji rebellion against this country, whose forces carried out a genocide against the Namaqua and Herero peoples in its colony of South West Africa. For 10 points, identify this nation which aggressively pursued colonialism under Wilhelm II.

ANSWER: Germany [or Kaisertum Deutschland; or the German Empire]

20. Landowners and laborers both fled this island *en masse* rather than produce crops for export under the restrictive 1826 Rural Code. Migrant workers on this island formed communities called *bateyes*. Factions from this island’s Cibao region opposed an attempt to unify part of it with Gran Colombia. The near bankruptcy of a government on this island prompted Pedro Santana to ask for it to be re-colonized. An independence movement on this island called La (\*) Trinitaria was led by Juan Pablo Duarte. The American Colonization Society promoted mass immigration to this island in the 1820s after its unification. Slavery was abolished throughout this island by Jean-Pierre Boyer. For 10 points, identify this island which, after 1844, was divided between Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

ANSWER: Hispaniola [or Santo Domingo; or Saint-Domingue; or Haiti]