

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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1. This man financed the Union Colony, a settlement that built an irrigation system in Colorado before its founder died in the Meeker Massacre. Through his agent Charles Anderson Dana, this person briefly employed Karl Marx, and he also promoted the North American Phalanx commune founded by Albert Brisbane. This man is shown leaning across the fence of a prison camp in one of two cartoons captioned "Let Us Clasp Hands Over the Bloody Chasm." Abraham (*) Lincoln explained his commitment to saving the Union in a letter responding to this man's call for the end of slavery, "The Prayer of Twenty Millions." This man, who controversially bailed Jefferson Davis out of prison, ran with Benjamin Gratz Brown in the 1872 election, which he lost to Ulysses S. Grant. For 10 points, name this man who said "Go West, young man" and served as the editor for the *New York Tribune*.

ANSWER: Horace Greeley

2. Types of these people, including glimmerers, rufflers, and palliards, are described in Thomas Harman's *Warning for Common Cursitors*. In 1558, threatening summons named for this sort of person were nailed on the doors of monasteries in Scotland. Simon Fish decried the wealth of the Catholic church in a pamphlet called the "Supplication for" these people. The "sturdy" variety of these people were often punished with branding and ear-boring. Abraham-men were a type of these people who (*) pretended to have lived in asylums such as Bedlam. Elizabeth I expelled a group named for these people from English ports, forcing them to capture Brielle under William de la Marck; that group was known as the "sea" type of these people and fought in the Dutch Revolt. For 10 points, name this sort of person who, in Tudor England, could legally receive alms if they were blind or disabled.

ANSWER: beggars [or Geuzen; prompt on vagabonds; prompt on rogue; prompt on synonyms]

3. In a book on this country's *Agrarian Origins*, Thomas Smith argued that its aristocracy was not abolished because it was revolutionary, as exemplified by activists called "men of spirit." The book *Outline of a Theory of Civilization* argues against the uniqueness of a notion from this country translated as "national character," a notion which later evolved to emphasize racial affinity in the 1920s. The John Whitney Hall Prize is named for a scholar of this country, study of whose classics was emphasized by the "national study" movement. (*) Iris Chang is best known for studying actions committed by this country whose omission from school textbooks is often protested by teachers. For 10 points, name this nation studied extensively by an anthropologist from the Office of War Information during World War II, during which it exploited comfort women.

ANSWER: Japan [or Nihon-koku; or Nippon-koku]

4. Jacob Burckhardt described this ruler as "the perfect type of the despot." This ruler spend his final years imprisoned at Loches after being betrayed by Swiss mercenaries who didn't want to fight each other at Novara. At this ruler's commission, the *trompe l'oeil* choir in Santa Maria presso San Satiro was built by Donato Bramante, who was this ruler's court architect. This ruler seized power by becoming regent for the seven-year old son of his assassinated brother Galeazzo Maria. This ruler was captured by (*) Louis XII and disparaged by Machiavelli for inviting the invasion of Charles VIII. This man was a major patron of Leonardo da Vinci and commissioned *The Last Supper*. Because of his swarthy complexion, this ruler was called "il Moro." For 10 points, identify this duke of Milan and head of the Sforza family in the late 15th century.

ANSWER: Ludovico Sforza [or Ludovico il Moro before mentioned; prompt on Sforza; only Ludovico is needed after "Sforza" is read]

5. A foreign traveler praised children in this state for their diligence in learning the Qur'an but complained that slaves and women here freely went around topless. The *Tarikh al-Sudan* records that this state's troops were split into two divisions, led by the *sanqara-zuma* and *farim-soura*, who were unable to aid its ruler Mahmud IV in its final battle. This state had four princely *maghan* clans and sixteen clans called "Carriers of Quiver" who were responsible for its defense; these clans all met in the (*) Gbara assembly. This empire, which lost the Battle of Djenne to Morocco, was ruled primarily by the Bambara and Mandinka ethnic groups. A poetic caste of *griots* passed down the story of how the founder of this empire's Keita dynasty won the Battle of Kirina over the sorcerer Sumanguru. For 10 points, identify this West African empire founded by Sundiata.

ANSWER: Mali Empire [or Malinke Empire; or Malinese Empire]

6. The central bank of this colony issued its official currency, a silver coin called the *piastre*. Deserters from the Black Flag army were incorporated into units of native riflemen raised in this colony who mutinied in February 1930. Followers of Spiritism started a mass religious movement in this colony called the Great Way of the Third Time of Redemption. Territories from this colony were ceded in 1940 to the dictator Phibun under pressure from (*) Japan, which launched operation Mei-Go, a coup d'état in this colony that established three indigenous empires here. This colony expanded following victory in a war sparked by the Paknam incident. All claims on this colony were relinquished at the Geneva Agreements in 1954, which followed the Battle of Dien Bien Phu. For 10 points, identify this French colony in Southeast Asia.

ANSWER: French Indochina [or the Indochinese Federation; or Indochine française; or Đông Dương thuộc Pháp; accept any of the following regions within Indochina: Kampuchea, Annam]

7. A Texas regulation which discriminated against people of this profession was the subject of a Supreme Court case that introduced the abstention doctrine. Geologist Clarence King pretended to have this job while living with his common-law wife Ada Copeland. People of this profession told stories about the mythical Daddy Joe. C. L. Dellums co-founded a union for this profession which was represented by the newspaper *The Messenger* and pressured the creation of the Fair Employment Practices Committee under (*) Executive Order 8802. That union of workers in this profession was led by the man who, with Bayard Rustin, planned the March on Washington, Asa Philip Randolph. For 10 points, name this profession organized in a “Brotherhood” union, a job mostly held by African-Americans who assisted passengers on Pullman sleeping cars.

ANSWER: Pullman porters [or sleeping car porters; prompt on answers like railroad workers or Pullman employees]

8. Hermann von Wissmann’s “Long Chronology” of kingdoms in this modern-day country is partly predicated on Assyrian records of a king from here named Karibilu. Eduard Glaser collected thousands of inscriptions from this country written in the *zabur* script, which was an alternative to monumental *musnad* writing. Much agriculture in what is now this country relied on a massive dam that was breached for the final time in 575 CE. Dhu Nuwas was a warlord in this modern-day country who was ousted from Zafar by (*) Axum. This modern-day country, which contains Mar’ib, the capital of the Sabaean kingdom, is identified as the frankincense and myrrh producing area that Romans called “Arabia Felix.” For 10 points, identify this modern-day country where most Old South Arabian languages were once spoken.

ANSWER: (Republic of) Yemen [or Jamhuriya al-Yamaniya]

9. An official in this city compiled his witty state documents in the *Variae* and glorified his employers in a history of rulers called the *Chronica*. Charlemagne imported porphyry columns from ruins in this city to decorate his Palatine Palace. A bishop of this city named Johannes brokered a peace treaty at which one of the parties stabbed the other to death, nominally to avenge the Rugii. While serving in this city, Cassiodorus was appointed as *magister officiorum*. An anti-iconoclast revolt against (*) Leo III was put down by Eutychius, the last exarch of this city under Byzantine rule. Odoacer was killed in this city, where famous mosaics of Theodora and her attendants were painted in the Basilica of San Vitale. For 10 points, identify this capital of Theodoric the Great and the late Western Roman Empire, a city in Northern Italy.

ANSWER: Ravenna

10. This ethnic group’s language and customs were adopted by a majority of the Uru people. A movement to create an independent state for this ethnic group called Qullasuyu is led by Felipe Quispe. The ruins of the Gate of the Sun are used for a celebration of this group’s New Year at Tiwanaku. This was the *smaller* [emphasize] of two rural ethnic groups targeted by a forced sterilization campaign in the 1990s that was funded primarily by USAID and the Nippon Foundation and carried out by the government of (*) Alberto Fujimori. A leader of coca-growing *campesinos* from this ethnic group leads the Movement for Socialism party and was elected president of Bolivia in 2005. For 10 points, identify this indigenous group of the *altiplano* whose members include Evo Morales.

ANSWER: Aymara people (the Quechua were the larger group targeted by the genocide)

11. This organization kidnapped Sergeants Clifford Martin and Mervyn Paice to blackmail the government into not carrying out three death sentences. Josef Klarman was a representative of this organization who organized illegal immigration from Romania. This organization’s views were promoted by the newspaper “Jerusalem Delivered” whose cover contained this group’s symbol, an arm grasping a gun near the words “This Way

Only.” This group received weapons and training from the Polish army thanks to the political influence of (*) Ze’ev Jabotinsky and, along with the Stern Gang, committed the Deir Yassin massacre. This group responded to Operation Agatha, or Black Sabbath, by carrying out the King David Hotel Bombing. For 10 points, identify this underground Zionist militant organization active in Mandate Palestine.

ANSWER: Irgun [or Etzel; prompt on Zionists or other dumb general answers]

12. A nomadic branch of these people was blamed for killing five Chinese miners near Loon Creek. After a period of starving in 1875, a leader of this tribe attempted to have them converted by Mormons, who also sent a mission to members of this tribe living in the Lemhi Valley. Washakie led a delegation of these people to the Treaty of Fort Laramie. The Tukudeka were a branch of these people known for their proficiency in hunting bighorn sheep. The U.S. Army killed or injured 410 members of this tribe in 1863 during the (*) Bear River Massacre. These people made peace with the United States under the leadership of Pocatello. The Hidatsa captured a woman of this tribe and sold her to Toussaint Charbonneau, a French fur trader who offered that woman as an interpreter. For 10 points, identify this Native American tribe to which Sacagawea belonged.

ANSWER: Shoshone people/tribe [accept Sheepeater Indians until “bighorn sheep” is read]

13. A pregnant woman billed as “the female Blondini” died walking across this place on a tightrope. Bovrils were introduced to this place after it was discovered that many victims of the “Princess Alice disaster” had died by poisoning. A personification of this place “introduces his offspring” to a crown-wearing woman in one cartoon, and an inventor is shown “giving his card” to this place in another cartoon. Alcohol was served in “fuddling tents” during the (*) frost fairs held on this place. Embankments were built around this body of water as part of a project headed by Joseph Bazalgette following a summer called “the Great Stink.” Edwin Chadwick suggested the flushing of sewage into this body, and water from this river was supplied by a pump that John Snow determined to be the source of a cholera epidemic. For 10 points, name this river that runs through London.

ANSWER: the River Thames [or Father Thames; prompt on London]

14. People who moved north to this country to replace German settlers are called *došljaci* or “Newcomers” and are often contrasted with old settlers called *starosjedioci*. Ethnic minorities attempted to obstruct this country’s first free elections by putting up barricades in the Log Revolution. The first female Prime Minister in Europe was a woman from this country who demanded autonomy during its so-called (*) “Spring.” Operation Backstop was an attempt to defend three protected areas in this country set up the UN. An 87-day siege in this country led to the capture of its city of Vukovar. This country gained independence from Yugoslavia under Franjo Tudjman. For 10 points, name this country whose majority ethnicity uses the Latin alphabet, in contrast to Serbian neighbors who speak the same language.

ANSWER: (Republic of) Croatia [or Socialist Republic of Croatia; or Republika Hrvatska; prompt on “Yugoslavia” until it is read]

15. A ruler of this name migrated with 12,000 monks to a region suffering from famine, where they built massive temples between the twin hills of Sravana Belgola. The realm of a ruler with this name was described as an utopia where fines replaced corporal punishment by the visitor Fa Xian. The scientist Varahamihira, who showed several trigonometric identities, was among the luminaries gathered by a non-Mughal ruler of this name called the Nine Gems. Coins showing the queen of a ruler of this name indicate the role his (*) marriage alliance to a Licchavi woman had in expanding his empire from Magadha. The Nanda nobleman Chanakya served as the tutor of a devout Jain ruler with this name who voluntarily abdicated in favor of his son Bindusara. For 10 points, identify this name of the founder of the Mauryan empire.

ANSWER: Chandragupta [or Chandra Gupta (I or II); or Skanda-Gupta; accept Vikramaditya]

16. In this city, two members of the “Geneva Club” were arrested for stealing two silver candlesticks and a sack of coins from Robert Hogg. This city’s Judge Daniel Horsmanden ordered the hanging of John Ury, an itinerant teacher suspected of being a Roman Catholic priest because he could read Latin. In this city, Chief Justice Lewis Morris was dismissed for dissenting in a suit, prompting his “Morrisite” allies to found a *Weekly Journal*. In this city, the elaborate testimony of an indentured servant named Mary Barton led to thirteen (*) slaves being burned at the stake for supposedly conspiring to burn this city down. This city, the site of trials over that fictional “Negro’s Plot” in 1741, was where lawyer Andrew Hamilton defended a man accused of libel against Governor William Cosby. For 10 points, name this city where the Zenger Trial occurred.

ANSWER: New York City

17. The giant Mingtang ceremonial hall built during this ruler's reign was burned down by a jealous lover. The monk Huaiyi authored a Buddhist commentary claiming this ruler was an incarnation of Maitreya. This ruler's preferred method of torture, in which the victim was dismembered and forced to sit in their own excrement, was known as the "human pig." This ruler constructed the Cave of Ten Thousand Buddhas in the (*) Longmen Grottoes, where a massive statue of this ruler can be found. The Zhang brothers were favorites of this ruler, who seized full power after the death of Gaozong and established the Zhou dynasty while ruling on behalf of her son Ruizong. For 10 points, name this empress who interrupted the rule of the Tang dynasty.

ANSWER: Empress Dowager Wu Zetian [or Empress Wu; or Wu Zhao; or Empress Wu of the Zhou dynasty; only Wu is needed after "Empress" is read]

18. A recent history by Giles Milton describes the encounter of these people with a Cornish boy named Thomas Pellow. The town of Baltimore in Ireland was once emptied by one of these people, Jan Janszen, who also served as president of the Republic of Salé. Simon the Dancer was known for becoming one of these people, as was a man called "Birdy," Jack Ward. These people operated warehouses called *bagnios* where their laborers spent the night. A man who began his career as one of these people later defeated (*) Andrea Doria at the Battle of Preveza. Miguel de Cervantes spent five years as a slave after being captured by these people, and Hayreddin Barbarossa was one of these people before becoming an Ottoman admiral. For 10 points, name these people whom Stephen Decatur fought at the Battle of Tripoli, marauders who operated off a namesake North African coast.

ANSWER: Barbary pirates [or Barbary corsairs; prompt on pirate or other synonyms]

19. Holders of this position made a ceremonial declaration of war after entering office each fall during the autumnal equinox, were required to swear monthly oaths, and had the power to fine people on the spot. In *Politics*, Aristotle claims that holders of this position were too powerful and were vulnerable to bribery because they could be chosen from among the poor. Though they lacked military authority, two holders of this position accompanied every campaign. The holders of this position frequently consulted the (*) *gerousia*, a council of elders, over interpretation of the law. The five elected holders of this position, who presided over the *krypteia*, were elected to serve alongside members of the Agiad and Euryontid lines, who ruled as the city's two kings. For 10 points, identify this position created by Lycurgus, the elected leaders of Sparta.

ANSWER: ephors (of Sparta) [prompt on "leaders of Sparta" and do not accept "kings of Sparta"]

20. Partly because this politician was kept out of policy decisions, he spent a lot of his time with friends Bob Hope and Frank Sinatra at his house in Palm Springs, California. During a riot, this politician called upon black leaders to "publicly repudiate black racists." This man said news broadcasters represented an "unelected elite" who unfavorably subjected his party to instant criticism. This politician inspired a fashion craze when an entrepreneur ripped off a Mickey Mouse product and introduced (*) watches named for him. The discovery that this man owed \$268,482 to the state treasury triggered the first implementation of the 25th Amendment. Though his father was a Greek-American Democratic ward leader in Baltimore, this man became a Republican and was elected Governor of Maryland. For 10 points, identify this Vice President to Richard Nixon.

ANSWER: Spiro Agnew