

The Death Packet
Around 90 tossups

The sequel to this book was the posthumously published *Hayduke Lives!* The main characters of this book are the Mormon river guide “Seldom Seen” Smith, the young Bonnie Abbzug, and the former Vietnam veteran George Hayduke. Dedicated to destroying the Glen Canyon Dam, the title group’s actions inspired real life groups like Earth First! For 10 points, name this book by Edward Abbey about environmental saboteurs.

ANSWER: The **Monkey Wrench Gang**

In the film *Daffy Duck’s Quackbusters*, J.P. Cubish dies from this. When told Charles II had taken the throne, Thomas Urquhart died in this manner. In the *Seinfeld* episode “The Stand-In,” Jerry’s friend Fulton dies in the hospital in this manner. This method of killing is inadvertently devised by Ernest Scribbler in a Monty Python sketch. For 10 points, name this way of dying which also killed someone watching *A Fish Called Wanda*.

ANSWER: **Laughing yourself to death**

This man was traditionally said to have been killed when his supporters threw so many hats and shirts and cloaks onto his head that he suffocated. He formed the Council of Four Hundred and declared that all free men with military equipment could vote. He posted his laws on wooden tablets, although all of them were eventually revoked by Solon. For 10 points, name this man who had an extremely harsh legal code while leading Athens.

ANSWER: **Draco**

This man’s last words were meant to replicate “a child babbling to his mamma and his papa” and contained such phrases as “I expect to see most glorious things—beyond all earthly conception.” That work repeats the phrase “Glory hallelujah!” and is titled “I am going to the Lordy, I am so glad.” He called the jury who convicted him “consummate jackasses.” For 10 points, name this so-called “disgruntled officer seeker” who killed James Garfield.

ANSWER: Charles **Guiteau**

This man’s younger brother was killed when he thrust his spear into an elephant carrying a ruler, which resulted in the elephant falling on him and crushing him. This man was killed in the Battle of Elasa and defeated Nicanor at the battle of Emmaus. Defeated in the Battle of Beth-zachariah, this opponent of Antiochus Epiphanes was the son of Matathias. For 10 points, name this Jewish hero whose efforts are commemorated at Hanukkah.

ANSWER: Judas **Maccabeus**

The killer of this person was executed through “scaphism,” which involved being fastened within a pair of boats and forced to ingest honey, which resulted in insects effectively consuming the victim until dehydration kicked in. That killer was Mithridates, who had accidentally slain him at the Battle of Cunaxa, which pleased Artaxerxes. For 10 points, name this leader of Xenophon’s “Ten Thousand,” an ill-fated son of Darius II.

ANSWER: **Cyrus the Younger**

This was how the notoriously cruel Prince Popiel II was supposed to have died, while hiding in a tower near Lake Goplo. The Archbishop of Mainz, Hatto II, is also said to have died in this manner in a tower on an island in the Rhine. Longfellow’s poem “The Children’s Hour” alludes to this type of death following a line stating “They almost devour me with kisses.” For 10 points, name this type of death, which involving a similar animal, is how most characters die in the film *Willard*.

ANSWER: **eaten by mice** [accept **eaten by rats** or **eaten by rodents**]

This woman declined to sell her amputated leg to a showman after suffering an injury while jumping off a parapet. She reportedly slept in a coffin instead of a bed and once worked as a nurse during the Franco-Prussian War. Noted for her friendship with men like Victor Hugo and Gustave Dore, she lost her leg after a production of *Tosca*. For 10 points, name this French actress, known as the “Divine.”

ANSWER: Sarah **Bernhardt**

This man reportedly died after watching a donkey eat some figs, which prompted him to say “give the donkey a drink of pure wine,” making him die in a fit of laughter. Born in Cilicia, he succeeded Cleanthes as head of the institution he is associated with, and was himself succeeded by Zeno of Tarsus. For 10 points, name this man who led the Stoic school and expounded upon Zeno of Citium’s views through works like *Logical Questions*.

ANSWER: Chrysippus

Before this event, its perpetrator wrote a letter hoping “that the effusion of blood may be prevented,” although he later wrote he was “persuaded that this is a righteous judgement of God on these barbarous wretches.” Many who surrendered were killed at a windmill, while others died when St. Peter’s Church was burned. Arthur Aston was killed by being beaten to death by his own wooden leg. For 10 points, name this incident when Oliver Cromwell’s forces attacked an Irish town.

ANSWER: siege of Drogheda

This man’s last words were “Damn, this is funny,” after he noticed his bootless feet, believing he would never die with his boots off. One book, now called a hoax, claims he killed Johnny Ringo with a rifle shot at a distance. His long-time romantic partner was a woman known as “Big Nose Kate.” This man was released by Bat Masterson after being arrested for murdering Frank Stilwell. For 10 points, name this tubercular dentist and buddy of Wyatt Earp.

ANSWER: John Henry “Doc” Holliday

One king of this country died in 1771 after having consumed a huge meal and 14 servings of his favorite dessert, thus being remembered as “the king who ate himself to death.” This country was forced to cede areas east of the Kymi River in the Treaty of Turku. Its Hat administration was supplanted by the liberal Cap opposition. For 10 points, name this country ruled by Adolf Frederick and Gustav III from the House of Holstein-Gottorp.

ANSWER: Sweden

The Fieschi Letter claims this man escaped execution and fled to Italy. He established Oriel College at Oxford and King’s Hall at Cambridge. He was reportedly slain by having a red-hot poker thrust into his anus. This man was infatuated with both Piers Gaveston and Hugh Despenser, and was eventually deposed by his wife Isabella and her lover Roger Mortimer. For 10 points, name this ruler who got his ass kicked by Robert the Bruce at Bannockburn, the son of Edward I.

ANSWER: Edward II

This figure stated “Nature itself refuses to respond to such a charge laid against a mother” after being accused of having incestuous relations with her son. Her final words were “Pardon me, sir, I meant not to do it” after stepping on a man’s foot shortly before her death. That man was Henri Sanson, who killed this woman at the modern-day Place de la Concorde. For 10 points, name this woman, the queen of Louis XVI of France.

ANSWER: Marie Antoinette

This man died after sticking a piece of whale bone through his urinary tract to relieve a blockage. After leaving the U.S. Senate, he led the Erie Canal Commission from 1810 to 1813. Noted for his affairs, he had a wooden pegleg and worked as a spokesman for the Continental Army in Congress. Along with James Wilson and Robert Morris, he represented Pennsylvania at the Constitutional Convention and drafted much of the preamble. For 10 points, name this American inexplicably named “Gouverneur.”

ANSWER: Gouverneur Morris

This man died after accidentally swallowing a toothpick while on a cruise to South America. The president of a paint manufacturing firm, he suffered a mental breakdown in 1912 and disappeared for four days. Ernest Hemingway mocked him with the book *The Torrents of Spring*, which satirized his book *Dark Laughter*. For 10 points, name this author of the short story “Hands,” which appeared in *Winesburg, Ohio*.

ANSWER: Sherwood Anderson

This man wrote the book *The Ordeal of Woodrow Wilson* and appeared at the 1960 Republican National Convention, joking “Apparently, my last three good-byes didn’t take,” a reference to the fact that the previous three conventions were treated as his last due to his poor health. The head of a namesake commission to reorganize the executive departments, for 10 points, name this president who was turned out of office by Franklin Roosevelt.

ANSWER: Herbert Hoover

This man managed the Fort Wayne Daisies in 1952 in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. In his final season, he oddly pitched nine games for the Phillies in 1945, and died in 1967 when he choked to death on a

piece of meat. Until A-Rod, he was the youngest man to reach 500 home runs and won three career MVP awards. For 10 points, name this slugger known as "Double X," a first baseman for the Athletics and Red Sox.
ANSWER: Jimmie Foxx

This man died after accidentally shooting himself with a pistol at a trial in an effort to demonstrate how someone may have accidentally shot himself. The "Birchard Letter" offered a deal to free this man, who ran a gubernatorial campaign while living in Windsor, Ohio. Offered as the Democratic Secretary of War in the 1864 election, this man was arrested after blasting "King Lincoln." For 10 points, name this Copperhead who was eventually deported to the Confederate States.
ANSWER: Clement Vallandigham

This man's last words were to his executioner: "Don't forget to show my head to the people. It's well worth seeing." Before his death, he grumbled "better be a poor fisherman than meddle with the government of men." He coined the phrase "We need audacity, and yet more audacity, and always audacity!" His death was the focus of a Georg Buchner play. For 10 points, name this man whose only regret was that he was killed "before that rat Robespierre."
ANSWER: George Danton

This man is believed to have been killed in a ranching dispute by Jesse Wayne Brazel. He served several years as a customs collector in El Paso, but embarrassed Teddy Roosevelt by showing up at a function with a gambler friend. This man killed a criminal in the dark at Pete Maxwell's house at Fort Sumner. He served as a sheriff in the Lincoln County War, working for New Mexico Governor Lew Wallace. For 10 points, name this killer of Billy the Kid.
ANSWER: Pat Garrett

The Julian Barnes novel *The Porcupine* is based on a leader of this country. This country created an Apple II clone computer called the "Pravets." An agent of this country used an umbrella to shoot a ricin-filled pellet at a dissident living in England in 1978. The only Eastern Bloc nation to locally produce Coca-Cola, it was led for decades by Todor Zhivkov. For 10 points, name this country, whose capital is located at Sofia.
ANSWER: Bulgaria

Assuredly erroneous accounts of this man's death say he died after slipping on the pavement and biting his tongue, resulting in gangrene. He was reportedly hired to suppress the Cuban Revolution and later wrote the book *The Spy of the Rebellion*. He obsessively tried to track down Jesse James at his own expense, but to no avail. For 10 points, name this man who foiled the Baltimore Plot and founded his namesake detective agency.
ANSWER: Allan Pinkerton

This man's wife wrote the biography *This Timeless Moment* about him. This non politician died on the same day as C.S. Lewis and John F. Kennedy. As he was dying, he wrote a request to his wife in which he asked for a LSD injection. This man wrote how the Bates Method helped him to improve his eyesight in *The Art of Seeing*. For 10 points, name this author who wrote such books *Antic Hay* and *Crome Yellow*.
ANSWER: Aldous Huxley

While writing about the death of one of this country's leaders, Winston Churchill wrote "it was a monkey bite that caused the death of those 250,000 people." Churchill was referring to one of this country's rulers being attacked by monkeys while walking through the Royal Gardens. That leader was Alexander, whose successor kicked off a war ended by the Treaty of Lausanne. For 10 points, name this country which lost a war to Turkey in 1922.
ANSWER: Greece

The director of this 1971 film was later killed after walking into a helicopter's rotor blades while filming *World War III*. In 2009, Tim Burton picked it as the film he'd like to have if trapped on a desert island, and Whoopi Goldberg claimed it was one of the first films to feature an interracial kiss, between Rosalind Cash and the star. The protagonist is nearly burned at the stake in Dodger Stadium by the "Family," a cult of albino mutants. For 10 points, name this film starring Charlton Heston, an adaptation of the novel *I Am Legend*.
ANSWER: *The* Omega Man

The first play by Oscar Wilde was influenced by the plots to kill this man. This man was known for walking his Irish setter, "Milord," and he once avoided being killed in an explosion under his dining room by being late for dinner. In

another incident, he ran in a “zigzag pattern” to avoid being shot by a student named Soloviev. He was given a bulletproof carriage by Napoleon III, but was still killed by a bomb in 1881. For 10 points, name this czar assassinated by the People’s Will.

ANSWER: **Alexander II**

This man died after suffering a stroke caused by reading a premature obituary that claimed he died “broke, alone, and unpopular.” The founder of the Edelweiss Amusement Company, this man praised Theodore Bilbo’s efforts to deport black Americans. Accused of being a member of the KKK for having attended Klan conferences, this man was busted on mail fraud charges. For 10 points, name this founder of the Black Star Line, a leader of the “Back to Africa” movement.

ANSWER: Marcus **Garvey**

This was effectively how Boeing engineer Kenneth Pinyan died in 2005 while near the city of Enumclaw. The topic of the documentary *Zoo*, this activity was thus made illegal in Washington State. The man videotaping this activity, James Michael Tait, was charged with trespassing. For 10 points, name this activity, of which urban legends also associate with the death of a ruler who was the lover of Grigory Potemkin, Catherine the Great.

ANSWER: **having sex with a horse**

This man died on a location called “Fairfield” where he mused “I have always desired to die on Sunday.” Shortly before his death, he deliriously said “Pass the infantry to the front rapidly! Tell Major Hawks,” before saying “Let us cross over the river, and rest under the shade of the trees.” Killed by Major John Barry’s forces, who shouted “It’s a damned Yankee trick!”, for 10 points, name this Confederate general, killed by friendly fire at Chancellorsville.

ANSWER: Thomas “Stonewall” **Jackson**

This person’s last words were “One moment more, Mr. Executioner! I beg you!”, which were analyzed in some sections of the novel *The Idiot*. This person’s servant was the Bengali Zamor, who eventually betrayed her. She had liaisons with the Duke of Brissac and Henry Seymour, and the necklace in the Affair of the Diamond Necklace was made for her. For 10 points, name this mistress of Louis XV, who succeeded Madame de Pompadour.

ANSWER: Madame **du Barry** [or Jeanne **Becu**]

As this man was dying, he asked General Daniel O’Leary to burn all of his writings, although O’Leary did not. He sent his nephew to the University of Virginia and was saved from an assassination attempt by his lover, Manuela Saenz. His last words were reportedly “How will I get out of this labyrinth?”, which inspired a Garcia Marquez novel. For 10 points, name this Venezuelan figure known in South America as “the Liberator.”

ANSWER: Simon **Bolivar**

This man was killed shortly after noticing what was a particularly dusty picture on the wall. This man’s killer operated a tent saloon and was shot in the throat by Edward O’Kelley, who was released after a petition was circulated. This man’s mother wrote that he was “murdered by a traitor and coward whose name is not worthy to appear here.” For 10 points, name this western outlaw killed by the “coward Robert Ford.”

ANSWER: Jesse **James**

This man’s last words were “equanimity,” spoken to a tribune of the night-watch who asked the password. This ruler was said to have a close relationship with the mysterious “Rabbi Judah the Prince.” This man created a charity called “Girls of Faustina” in honor of his late wife, Faustina the Elder. For 10 points, name this man who constructed a wall from the Firth of Forth to the Firth of Clyde, and who succeeded Hadrian as emperor.

ANSWER: **Antoninus Pius**

Along with Jim Jeffords, this man went to Newfoundland to investigate the inhumane killing of seals. After hearing about Timothy Stoen and his “Concerned Relatives” Group, he wrote Forbes Burnham on the group’s behalf. Dan Quayle was unable to accompany this man on his most fateful trip, which ended with an attack at the Kaituma airstrip. For 10 points, name this only Congressman killed in the line of duty, who was slain by the Peoples Temple cult in Guyana.

ANSWER: Leo **Ryan**

Based on the diaries of this man's valet, Louis Marchand, Sten Forshufvud wrote a *Nature* article alleging this man was killed by deliberate arsenic poisoning. His doctor, Barry O'Meara, blamed his declining health on the treatment of his captor, Hudson Lowe. There was talk of freeing this man with a submarine. For 10 points, name this man who said the name of his love, Josephine, shortly before dying on the island of Saint Helena.

ANSWER: Napoleon I [or Napoleon Bonaparte]

This man received a razor slash while at Conservative Party meeting, which gave him a permanent scar and led him to blame "Jewish communists." He was convicted on a technicality—while he was American, the prosecutor argued his illegally obtained British passport qualified him as British. Dorothy Eckersley got him a job which ended shortly after the Battle of Berlin. For 10 points, name this man who was introduced with the phrase "Germany calling" and who recorded broadcasts urging the British to surrender.

ANSWER: William Joyce [or Lord Haw-Haw]

This man's last words were "This is the last of earth. I am content," as he died in the Speaker's Room inside the Capitol Building. He was carried there after collapsing shortly after vehemently voting "no" on the idea of honoring Army officers from the Mexican-American War. For 10 points, name this Massachusetts Representative, who had previously served as President of the United States before losing an election to Andrew Jackson.

ANSWER: John Quincy Adams

A news story about this man's death stated that "despite his erudition, he today ended his sentence with a proposition," which referred to him being slashed to death with a razor by James E. Day in prison after an accusation of sexual assault. At the time the youngest graduate in the history of the University of Michigan, he joined an older man in killing Bobby Franks. For 10 points, name this man who joined Nathan Leopold in committing the "perfect crime."

ANSWER: Richard Loeb

This man reportedly died after getting a toe infection caused by him kicking his safe when he could not remember the combination. That death led to the expression "Moral: Never Go to Work Early," and to jokes that he could have saved himself by dipping his toe into his own invention. For 10 points, name this man, the subject of the book *Blood and Whiskey*, who founded a namesake Tennessee whiskey distillery.

ANSWER: Jasper "Jack" Daniel

As this man was dying, he asked that his hands be lifted up and then said "Useless, useless." He had pictures of women like Effie Germon and Lucy Hale in his pockets and he said "Tell my mother I died for my country" after being shot by Boston Corbett. While his associate, David Herrold, surrendered, this man refused to leave the tobacco barn he was hiding in. For 10 points, name this man who had fled Ford's Theater after killing Abraham Lincoln.

ANSWER: John Wilkes Booth

One legend says that after this man's death, a Freemason shouted "Jacques de Molay, thou art avenged!" His final speech was interrupted by a drum roll ordered by Antoine-Joseph Santerre. Albert Camus claimed his death was the end of the role of God in history, while Jean-Francois Lyotard claimed his death was the starting point of all French thought. For 10 points, name this man executed after the French Revolution.

ANSWER: Louis XVI

In a cartoon labeled "A Proper Family Reunion," this man stands on the left stirring a pot with Satan and a man in women's clothing. The story "The Cruel Boy" said this man stole eggs from birds' nests as a lad. Legend has it that his last words were "Let me die in this old uniform in which I fought my battles. May God forgive me for ever having put on another." For 10 points, name this famous traitor during the American Revolution.

ANSWER: Benedict Arnold

This author wrote a book whose protagonists are missionary Courtenay Ross and soldier of fortune Billy Duncan. Besides writing *Lost Laysen*, she wrote about a biracial relationship in *Ropa Carmagin*, which was never published. She died after being hit by a car while crossing Peachtree Street. For 10 points, name this author from Atlanta, who had only one novel published in her lifetime, the epic about Scarlett O'Hara titled *Gone With the Wind*.

ANSWER: Margaret Mitchell

This song's music video features the phrase "Genesis 3:6" and the title character is the only one who actually moves. It closes with a pan of spectators covered in blood, and was based on the real story of a youth in Richardson, Texas, who said "Miss, I got what I really went for" after being told to get an attendance slip. For 10 points, name this Pearl Jam song about a boy who shoots himself in front of his class.

ANSWER: "**Jeremy**"

Robert Ripley scandalized Britain by writing a cartoon saying this man's dog "has a magnificent tomb," while this man himself had none. That dog, Boatswain, was the subject of his poem, "Epitaph to a Dog." This man's heart may have been stored at Missolonghi, while he was buried next to Ada Lovelace. For 10 points, name this man who died fighting in the Greek War of Independence, the Romantic author of "Child Harold's Pilgrimage."

ANSWER: Lord **Byron**

Before his death, this man ripped open his jacket and shouted "Shoot me in the chest," which resulted in him being shot in the chest but not dying immediately. Shot by Walter Audisio and his confederates, this man's body was later dug up by Domenico Leccisi after his corpse was put on display in Milan. Killed alongside his mistress, Clara Petacci, for 10 points, name this Italian dictator known as "Il Duce."

ANSWER: Benito **Mussolini**

While inaccurate, this man's last words were said to be "Waiting, are they? Well, let them wait!" after being told the angels were waiting for him. He was an opponent of religion and wrote *Reason: the Only Oracle of Man*. Daniel Shays offered to crown this man "king of Massachusetts," and he earlier told Captain Delaplace he was seizing a location "in the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress." For 10 points, name this man who led the seizing of Fort Ticonderoga with the Green Mountain Boys.

ANSWER: Ethan **Allen**

This man's last words were said to be "Ow, fuck!" in reaction to a lethal dose of morphine. In 1983, he noted that "even a stinker like Hitler didn't just pick" on the Jews for no reason. He described his childhood in *Boy: Tales of Childhood* and wrote a short story about a man who makes a wager in an attempt to cut off his opponent's finger. For 10 points, name this author who created Aunt Sponge and Miss Trunchbull in such books as *Matilda*.

ANSWER: Roald **Dahl**

This man was shot to death shortly after ordering more tortilla chips in a restaurant. His killer was the Catholic Jose de Leon Toral. His Secretary of War was Benjamin Hill, who also died under mysterious circumstances. This man lost his right arm at the Battle of Celaya and his successor, Plutarco Calles, initiated anti-clerical policies which began the Cristero War. For 10 points, name this Mexican president, the former Minister of War under Carranza.

ANSWER: Alvaro **Obregon**

The movie *Hangmen Also Die* dramatizes this event. Participants in this group included members from the group "Out Distance," and it resulted in the execution of Bishop Gorazd. While Karl Frank was targeted, the eventual target was slain by an anti-tank grenade during his daily commute to work. Afterwards, the village of Lidice was destroyed. For 10 points, name or identify this 1942 event which killed the Nazi "Butcher of Prague."

ANSWER: Operation **Anthropoid** [or the assassination of Reinhard **Heydrich**]

This man's final words were "Born in a hotel room, and God damn it, died in a hotel room," and it is said his spirit haunts Shelton Hall dormitory at Boston University. He disowned his daughter for marrying Charlie Chaplin and was played by Jack Nicholson in the movie *Reds*. This man used George Cram Cook's home for a reading of *Bound East of Cardiff*, a play he ran with the Provincetown Players. For 10 points, name this author of *The Iceman Cometh*.

ANSWER: Eugene **O'Neill**

This man wrote the science fiction novel *A Journey in Other Worlds* and patented an 1898 bicycle brake invention. Chelsea Clinton's wedding took place at this man's former estate. Legend has it he said "I asked for ice, but this is ridiculous" shortly before his death, with other legends saying he heroically saved children and released dogs from a kennel. For 10 points, name this richest passenger aboard the *Titanic*, who died when the ship sank.

ANSWER: John Jacob **Astor** IV

This man's final words were a request for a toothpick. Pablo Picasso acquired this man's pistol and wore it during walks. One of this man's characters subscribes to the idea of "pataphysics" and is named Dr. Faustroll. At his first play, a riot broke out over the first line, "Merdre!" and he said that play was "set in Poland—that is to say, nowhere." For 10 points, name this author who wrote about a corpulent jerkass in the play *Ubu Roi*.

ANSWER: Alfred Jarry

This man complained "This is a hell of a way to die" after suffering fatal injuries during a day trip to hunt pheasants. He complained to Bill Mauldin about that man's work drawing *Willie and Joe*, which appeared in the magazine *Stars and Stripes*. He noted "a colored soldier cannot think fast enough to fight in armor" and always wore two ivory-handled, nickel-plated revolvers. For 10 points, name this general who led the U.S. Third Army during World War II.

ANSWER: George Patton

This man's epitaph reads "He could have added fortune to fame, but caring for neither, he found happiness and honor in being helpful to the world." The 1932 article "A Boy Who Was Traded for a Horse" helped to inflate his impact, and he was a rare black expert witness at the 1920's hearings about the Fordney-McCumber Tariff. For 10 points, name this scientist whose work introduced an alternative crop to the south, that of peanuts.

ANSWER: George Washington Carver

This man, while waiting to be beheaded, impatiently told his executioner, "Strike, man, strike!" The evidence against him was the confession of Henry Brooke, the 11th Baron Cobham. While he was temporarily released, the Spanish ambassador ordered he be killed after he attacked a Spanish outpost in Venezuela. For 10 points, name this explorer, who left a tobacco box in his cell to memorialize his popularizing of tobacco while serving as a favorite of Elizabeth I.

ANSWER: Walter Raleigh

This group was the subject of the book *A Vulgar Display of Power: Courage and Carnage at the Alrosa Villa*. The murderer of one member of this group was killed by police officer James Niggemeyer and was named Nathan Gale. This group was in Columbus, Ohio, when guitarist Dimebag Darrell Abbott was slain onstage. For 10 points, name this group who recorded the album *New Found Power* and was formed by two former members of Pantera.

ANSWER: Damageplan [accept Pantera until "Columbus, Ohio"]

This man claimed Hermann Goering's daughter was conceived through artificial insemination and he was criticized for striding though Nuremberg, cracking his bullwhip. Known as the "Beast of Franconia" and the "Frankenfuhrer," his last words before his execution included the phrase "Purim-Fest 1946." He wrote the children's book *The Toadstool*. For 10 points, name this Nazi who published the anti-Semitic newspaper *Der Sturmer*.

ANSWER: Julius Streicher

This event resulted in the firing of Harrison "Stormy" Storms. After it happened, one figure said "we were too 'gung—ho' about the schedule," and said "from this day forward," his group would be known by two words: "tough" and "competent." That speaker, who was discussing fatalities, was Gene Kranz. For 10 points, which took place on January 27, 1967, and that killed Edward H. White, Roger B. Chaffee, and Gus Grissom.

ANSWER: Apollo I fire

This man's last words were "Does my face look strange?" in conversation with his wife, while he was straining to open a bottle of wine. He wrote *A Footnote to History* to protest European control over Samoa and upon his tomb, the verses "Home is the sailor, home from the sea, and the hunter home from the hill." For 10 points, name this man, whose late novel, *Catriona*, is known in the United States as *David Balfour*, a reference to his work *Kidnapped*.

ANSWER: Robert Louis Stevenson

During this man's death, he became enraged that there were no cameras and fumed "Goodbye to all poor peoples everywhere. Push the button!" He demanded the judge give him a hundred years after originally being sentenced to only 80, yet he was eventually slain in "Old Sparky" in Florida State Prison after Anton Cermak died. For 10 points, name this Italian loony who tried to kill president-elect Franklin Roosevelt.

ANSWER: Giuseppe Zangara

This woman's last words were "Am I dying or is it my birthday?" in response to seeing her family gathered around her bedside. She claimed Allied soldiers in Italy were "D-Day Dodgers" who were avoiding the real war. She offered the suggestion of "sober" when Winston Churchill asked what disguise he should wear to a masquerade ball. Known as the "The Member for Berlin," for her supposed pro-Nazi viewpoints, for 10 points, name this woman, the first female to sit as a MP in the House of Commons.

ANSWER: Nancy Astor

This figure's "double murder" is the subject of a poem by Katherine Phillips. Before dying, he reportedly wore warmer clothing so he would not shiver and have that interpreted as fear. Shortly after his death, a book purportedly written by him, the *Eikon Basilike* appeared, prompting the government to hire John Milton to write a rejoinder. For 10 points, name this monarch executed by Parliament after the English Civil War.

ANSWER: Charles I

This man's final radio address contained the line "Much sooner than later, the great avenues will again be opened through will pass free men to construct a better society." His death was witnessed by Dr. Jose Quiroga, while Fidel Castro claimed this man wrapped himself in a flag and died while shooting his AK-47. Now thought to have killed himself in the Palacio de La Moneda, for 10 points, name this Socialist leader of Chile.

ANSWER: Salvador Allende Gossens

This man told his courtiers "I am sorry, gentlemen, for being such a time a-dying." He told his brother to look after a woman named the Duchess of Portsmouth, and also said to "let not poor Nelly starve," a reference to mistress Nell Gwyn. The first Earl of Essex killed himself after being implicated in a plot to kill this ruler. For 10 points, name this man, the "Merrie Monarch," who presided over the English Restoration after Cromwell.

ANSWER: Charles II

One character who visits this location is a West Indian mulatto named "Miss Lambe." One character in this location has a brother named Sidney and two hypochondriac sisters named Susan and Diana. That man, Thomas Parker, joined Lady Denham in founding this place, described as "a young and rising bathing-place...along the coast of Sussex." For 10 points, name this seaside town, the title location in the final, unfinished novel of Jane Austen.

ANSWER: Sanditon

This man's death is the subject of Raymond Carver's short story "Errand." Called "one of the great set pieces of literary history," it featured him saying "I'm dying," followed by a doctor ordering champagne. This man then said "it's a long time since I drank champagne," drank it, and then died. His body was transported back to Moscow in an oyster car, which offended Gorky. For 10 points, name this man who married Olga Knipper, whom he had met during rehearsals for *The Seagull*.

ANSWER: Anton Chekhov

This man reportedly asked for a paper and pen while dying, on which he wrote the unfinished sentence "Leave all to..." The year before his death, doctors performed surgery on him to release four pounds of blocked urine. Legend has it that his bladder problems were exacerbated by making a daring rescue of drowning soldiers in the Finnish Gulf. For 10 points, name this man, succeeded by his wife Catherine I, the victor in the Great Northern War.

ANSWER: Peter the Great [or Peter I]

This woman's last words were "Is it not meningitis?", although she probably died of mercury poisoning or an autoimmune disease. She died at age 55 only two days after her father's death. This woman's father wrote *Conversations with Children on the Gospels* and founded the community Fruitlands. For 10 points, name this author of *Jo's Boys* and the other books of the March Family Saga, including *Little Women*.

ANSWER: Louisa May Alcott

This man died in a large apartment rented by his pupil, Jane Stirling. As he was dying, he wrote on a paper "I implore you to have my body opened so that I will not be buried alive." Wikipedia claims that at his funeral, the organist was Franz Liszt, while Auguste Clesinger, the daughter of his great love, was in attendance at his death. For 10 points, name this composer, who was peeved that George Sand was not present at his death.

ANSWER: Frederic Chopin

While riding a donkey along the Appian Way, this man hit his head on a tree branch and became ill. He died while giving commentary on the Song of Songs, and had earlier declined to continue working because, in his own words, “all that I have written seems like straw to me.” During his canonization process, a speaker argued “there are as many miracles in his life as articles” in this man’s most famous book. For 10 points, name this author of *Summa Theologica*.

ANSWER: Thomas Aquinas

This person won many awards for polymer chemistry, but her thesis was frequently accused of being faked. She was known as “Codoi,” referring to her alleged mispronunciation of “carbon dioxide.” When made a member of the Illinois Academy of Science, she denounced the “dirty Jew.” Her last words were apparently astonishment that the firing squad was still in use. For 10 points, name this woman killed on Christmas Day, 1989, alongside her husband, the dictator Nicolae.

ANSWER: Elena Ceausescu

This man died in Madrid after playing a robust 18 holes of golf. As a part owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates, this man made a recording of Game 7 of the 1960 World Series which was found in his wine cellar in 2009. His son Gary wrote *Going My Own Way*, which accused this man of being physically abusive. This man’s daughter played the character who shot J.R. Ewing, while his granddaughter played Tasha Yar. For 10 points, name this singer who crooned “White Christmas.”

ANSWER: Harry “Bing” Crosby

This man’s death in 1872 was hastened when he fell out of his bed and was hurt. He told a composer that his funeral music should have “the beat keep time with little steps.” This man once ended up crashing at Charles Dickens’ house for five weeks, resulting in an end of correspondence. In love with Jenny Lind, he wrote the story “The Nightingale” for her. For 10 points, name this Danish author of fairy tales like “The Little Mermaid.”

ANSWER: Hans Christian Andersen

This man reportedly wrote the name of Kurt Russell shortly before dying, which even Russell is unsure of the significance. Robert B. Sherman recalls his last words were “Keep up the good work, boys,” after observing production of *The Happiest Millionaire*. He was cremated in 1966, which puts to lie the urban legend that he was cryogenically frozen. For 10 points, name this man who produced *The Jungle Book* before dying.

ANSWER: Walter Disney

This man said he needed “a people doctor” when told a “house doctor” at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel would see him shortly before his death. His film debut, *The Prizefighter and the Lady*, was banned in Germany, probably due to a fight in which this man wore Star of David embroidered trunks when defeating Max Schmeling. The father of the actor who played Jethro on *The Beverly Hillbillies*, for 10 points, name this supposedly bloodthirsty boxer whose defeat by James J. Braddock is the subject of the film *Cinderella Man*.

ANSWER: Max Baer

This figure’s last words may have been “Goodbye, my friends. I go to glory!”, while Glenway Wescott argued it was “I am off to love,” a reference to a potential tryst with a mechanic in Nice, Benoit Falchetto. This person’s death was due to a gift given her by Mary Desti, the mother of Preston Sturges, and it led to the quip “affectations can be dangerous” by Gertrude Stein. For 10 points, name this woman whose scarf became entangled in an automobile, resulting in her death.

ANSWER: Isadora Duncan

Shortly before dying, this man claimed the nation’s birth would either be “the brightest or the blackest page” in future history. When dying, this man mused “It is a great day. It is a *good day*,” after being told what day it was. This man was the second to last signatory of the Declaration of Independence to die. For 10 points, name this man whose last words were apocryphally the incorrect “Thomas Jefferson still survives,” the second President.

ANSWER: John Adams

In his memoir *Strange Defeat*, he blamed the French military establishment for its failures in World War II. With the code name “Narbonne,” he fought for the French Resistance but was killed by the Gestapo in 1944. Some of his

other works include *The Royal Touch* about the monarchy and *The Historian's Craft*. For 10 points, name this man who joined with Lucien Febvre to found the Annales School of history.

ANSWER: Marc **Bloch**

Footage of this man before his death was released in the United States under the title *The Specialist*. Robert Shaw wrote a novel and play about this man's eventual demise. After his death, he was cremated, with his ashes distributed in the Mediterranean so no country would serve as his resting place. The subject of the book *The House on Garibaldi Street*, this man's final words were "Long live Germany. Long live Argentina. Long live Austria." For 10 points, name this Nazi executed by Israel.

ANSWER: Adolf **Eichmann**

This man died immediately after saying "I would rather be a servant of the Lord than sit in the seats of the mighty." He won the Senate Majority Leader position by defeating Pat Harrison by one vote—that of Harrison's fellow Mississippian, Theodore Bilbo, and won a contentious 1938 primary over "Happy" Chandler. The only Vice President to marry in office and the first to sit on the National Security Council, for 10 points, name this Vice President under Harry Truman.

ANSWER: Alben William **Barkley**

This woman is the subject of the Jean Cocteau play *The Eagle with Two Heads*. She was rumored to be the lover of Count Gyula Andrássy. Her son was found dead with Baroness Mary Vetsera in the Mayerling Incident. While attempting to catch a steamboat, she was accosted by a man ostensibly looking at her parasol, who then stabbed her to death. For 10 points, name this Empress of Austria and Queen of Hungary, the wife of Franz Joseph I.

ANSWER: **Elisabeth** of Austria

A diary found on a corpse after this battle reads "June 3. I was killed." The losing general delayed asking for a truce to avoid acknowledging his loss, resulting in many of the wounded dying. That general wrote in his memoirs that along with the Vicksburg assault, this battle was his greatest regret. Not counting the Battle of the Crater, this was the last battle won by Robert E. Lee's army. For 10 points, name this bloody 1864 battle, part of the Overland Campaign in Virginia.

ANSWER: Battle of **Cold Harbor**

He is not Maximilian, but his last words were ostensibly "Goddamn the whole fucking world and everyone in it except you, Carlotta," referring to his mistress, Carlotta Monti. He was reportedly reading the Bible shortly before his death because he was "checking for loopholes." He also reportedly wanted his epitaph to read "On the whole, I would rather be in Philadelphia." For 10 points, name this comedian noted for his large nose and grumpy persona.

ANSWER: W.C. **Fields** [or William Claude **Dukenfield**]

The subject of the book *Good Night, Sweet Prince*, this man's last words were reportedly "No [member of his family] would allow such a conventional thing to happen to him." One story states that director Raoul Walsh propped this man's body in a chair to surprise a drunken Errol Flynn. His ghost appears in the play *I Hate Hamlet*. For 10 points, name this famed drunken Shakespearean actor, the grandfather of actress Drew.

ANSWER: **John Barrymore**

This man was shot by Charles Workman while in the bathroom at the Palace Chophouse. His bizarre last words, which included references to "French Canadian bean soup" and "A boy has never wept...nor dashed a thousand kin," were interpreted as a coded message in *The Illuminatus! Trilogy*. Killed to prevent him from ordering a hit on Thomas Dewey, for 10 points, name this racketeer who appears in *Billy Bathgate* and was nicknamed "Dutch."

ANSWER: Dutch **Schultz** [or Arthur **Flegenheimer**]

This man's death was perhaps predicted by Calanus, who upon being burnt on a pyre, said "We shall meet in Babylon." After his death, Sisygambis locked herself in her room to die of starvation. He may have died after drinking a bowl of wine in honor of Hercules or due to anguish brought on by the death of Hephaestion. For 10 points, name this man, whose apocryphal final words were "To the strongest!", initiating the war of the Diadochi.

ANSWER: **Alexander the Great** [or **Alexander III of Macedon**]

This man's last words were "She is squeezing my hand," a reference to his wife who was ostensibly comatose—immediately thereafter, he suffered a fatal heart attack. He wore three watches to make it easier when traveling through time zones and claimed that sleeping only two hours a day could help the U.S. win World War II. For 10 points, name this author of *I Seem to Be a Verb* who proposed the "Dymaxion" car and geodesic domes.

ANSWER: Richard Buckminster **Fuller**

This man used such pseudonyms as "Edith Van Dyne" to write his *Aunt Jane's Nieces* series. He wrote a romantic novel titled *The Last Egyptian* and had a gigantic bust with a stage show that combined live actors with film titled *The Fairylogue and Radio-Plays*. His last words were "Now we can cross the Shifting Sands," a reference to his most famous literary series. For 10 points, name this creator of Tik-Tok and the author of *The Wizard of Oz*.

ANSWER: Lyman Frank **Baum**

This man's last words were "Don't cry, Alfred! I need all my courage to die at twenty." It is unclear whom his killer was, with Alexandre Dumas proposing artillery officer Pescheux d'Herbenville. He was arrested after issuing a perceived threat to King Louis-Philippe. After his death, his manuscript was praised by Liouville. For 10 points, name this mathematician who names a type of theory which can reduce field theory problems to group theory.

ANSWER: Evariste **Galois**

This man met his death bravely, saying "It will be but a momentary pang." He wrote the poem "The Cow Chase" and made a blunder by telling men in Tarrytown "I hope you belong to our party." This man arrived on the sloop *Vulture* and was interceded for by Henry Clinton, although Clinton refused to surrender a notable defector in exchange for this man. For 10 points, name this British officer hanged for conspiring with Benedict Arnold.

ANSWER: John **Andre**

This man's doctor, Lord Dawson of Penn, said his last words were "God damn you!" after being given a sedative, although Dawson admitted he gave this man a lethal injection so that his death could be announced in the morning *Times*. Paul Hindemith wrote *Trauermusik* to honor this man. He disdained his eldest son and wanted his second eldest son, Prince Albert, to take the throne. For 10 points, name this ruler, the first monarch from the House of Windsor and father of Edward VIII.

ANSWER: **George V**

This man's final recorded words were "Pity, pity—too late," after being told of a gift of twelve bottles of wine from his publisher. According to his friend, Anselm Huttenbrunner, he shook his fist at the heavens before dying, but did not say "Applaud, my friends, the comedy is over." His final completed work was finishing a movement of String Quartet Number 13 to replace the Grosse Fugue. For 10 points, name this composer who most certainly did not say "I shall hear in heaven" before dying.

ANSWER: Ludwig van **Beethoven**

This man's final words were "There'll always be a Meersman," a reference to the Reverend Thomas Meersman, who was trying to administer the last rites to him. When asked if he had official last words, he said "Let's do it." He moved to the state where he died to be with his cousin Brenda and there he killed a gas station employee and motel manager. For 10 points, name this man who demanded to receive the death sentence after his killings in Utah and was the subject of the book *The Executioner's Song*.

ANSWER: Gary **Gilmore**