

here's some stuff
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1. This polity is the setting of a novel about various women of the Lougador family, including Toussine and her granddaughter Telumee. That novel set here, *The Bridge of Beyond*, was written by a woman who married the author of *The Last of the Just*. A novelist from this polity fictionalized a historical Malian kingdom in her two *Segu* novels and had the title character encounter Hester Prynne in a Salem prison in her *I, Tituba*. The "soaring flight" and "evocative imagery" found in such poems as *Amers* earned a diplomat born on this island the 1960 Lit Nobel. For 10 points, name this birthplace of Simone Schwartz-Bart, Maryse Condé, and St. John Perse, an overseas department of France in the Leeward Islands.

ANSWER: **Guadeloupe** [prompt on "France" before "France"]

2. The inventor of this activity might be the same character as an astrologer who can use Celestial Stasis named Olan Durai. An item used in this activity can be acquired by trading a copy of *The Girl Next Door*. The objects used in this game can be turned into items using an ability granted by Quezacotl [KET-za-KOT-ul]. Dr. Kadowaki was the former leader of the CC Group, a club dedicated to this activity whose members include Xu [SHU] and Quistis Trepe. Rules in this game include "Elemental", "Same Wall", and "Open", and it is played on a three-by-three grid. For 10 points, identify this redundantly-named card game from *Final Fantasy VIII*.

ANSWER: **Triple Triad**

3. A battle at this location ended with the death of the consul Lucius Porcius Cato, possibly at the hands of Marius the Younger. The Marsic capital of Marruvium was located directly to the east of this geographical entity. A gladiatorial exhibition here was interrupted by the sudden and dramatic failure of a project headed up by the freedman Tiberius Claudius Narcissus, which had involved tunnelling through Monte Salviano. In order to decrease malaria outbreaks and increase the amount of arable land, the emperor Claudius began extensive attempts to drain this lake. For 10 points, name this former large Italian lake, drained for good in 1877.

ANSWER: the **Fucine** Lake [or **Fucinus** Lacus; or Lago **Fucino**]

4. This author wrote the poetry collection *Big Bank Take Little Bank* after becoming the first-ever Grand Slam Champion at the Nuyorican Poets Cafe. He created the messianic author of the poetry collection *Watermelanin* in his first novel, *The White Boy Shuffle*. In his most recent novel, Hominy Jenkins, the last living member of the Little Rascals, volunteers to become the slave of the protagonist, who is given the title appellation by his rival Foy Cheshire. In that novel by this author, a black man known only as "Me" arranges the resegregation of Dickens, California. For 10 points, name this author whose satirical 2015 novel *The Sellout* made him the first-ever American winner of the Booker Prize.

ANSWER: Paul **Beatty**

5. Alongside William B. Hazen's brigade, the brigade commanded by this man captured Orchard Knob and provided the first men to scale Missionary Ridge, an accomplishment which reportedly prompted him to say "My boys, my boys, you are killing me mit joy!". Earlier in life, this future commander of the 32nd Indiana Infantry Regiment was attacked in the pamphlet *The Knight of Noble Consciousness* as part of a spat which also saw him shoot Conrad Schramm in a duel. He became a member of the "Ohio Hegelians" several years after a split in the League of Communists

prompted by his rivalry with Karl Marx. For 10 points, name this possibly-gay leftist German Civil War general, the subject of the most recent subscriber episode of *Chapo Trap House*.

ANSWER: August **Willich**

6. This event took place in the Thracian town of Caenophrurium, and according to Zosimus, it was instigated by a court official named Eros. Mike Duncan "still get[s] angry" about this event, which was supposedly carried out by Mucapor and was inspired by a forged "hit list" of army officers attributed to its target, who was known for his harsh discipline. It targeted a man known as "Restitutor Orbis", and its success delayed the final resolution of the Crisis of the Third Century. For 10 points, identify this event in which the emperor who defeated Zenobia was idiotically murdered.

ANSWER: the **assassination of Aurelian** [accept equivalents for "assassination" and Lucius Domitius **Aurelianus** Augustus for "Aurelian"]

7. This line originally appeared after one declaring "It is no boast--it is no threat--thus History's iron law decrees". Richard Miller "threateningly" recites this line from Ferdinand Freiligrath's poem "The Revolution" in a 1933 play by an author who later reused it as the line repeatedly drunkenly quoted by anarchist Hugo Kalmar. This line thus appears in both *Ah, Wilderness!* And *The Iceman Cometh*. For 10 points, give at least the first six words of this quote that continues "'Tis cool beneath thy willow trees".

ANSWER: **"The days grow hot, O Babylon!"** 'Tis cool beneath thy willow trees"

8. The final section of this sequence is set to the song "Angel's Thanatos". Things one can do to access this sequence include viewing the second, non-HOLE-related message on the wall of Neely's Bar, reading the Patient's Diary from the Brookhaven Hospital roof, and repeatedly examining Angela's Knife. On their first playthrough, the player either experiences this sequence, "Leave", or "Maria". For 10 points, identify this ending of *Silent Hill 2* whose name refers to its conclusion, in which James Sunderland drowns himself in Toluca Lake.

ANSWER: **"In Water"**

9. This man's daughter reflected on his ability to describe "an apple branch vibrating under a spider web" or "the melancholy of a blind mirror" in the Google-translated version of the Nobel acceptance speech she gave for him. He described his birthplace as "a sip of wine with flavor" in the first entry in his *Wreath of Sonnets*. With Karel Teige and others, he founded a movement that practiced "poetism". Theoretically his best-known work is a poetry collection centering on the image of a monument to the Black Death. For 10 points, name this author of *The Plague Column*, a signatory of Charter 77 who in 1984 became the least famous Czech Lit Nobel winner.

ANSWER: Jaroslav **Seifert**

10. This man was, unusually, described by Suetonius as having a specific sexual preference for adult males. Tacitus and Plutarch relate different chronologies of the last stand of the centurion Sempronius Densus, who likely died standing over the body of this man. This man's confidantes included Titus Vinus, Cornelius Laco, and the freedman Icelus Marcianus, who were known as the "Three Pedagogues". As the governor of Hispania Tarraconensis, he was supported by the rebellious Julius Vindex. His unpopular adoption of Lucius Calpurnius Piso Licinianus in the wake of the revolt of Vitellius led another rebellion, led by his former supporter Otho. For 10 points, name this first ruler of the Year of the Four Emperors.

ANSWER: **Galba** [or Servius Sulpicius **Galba** (Caesar Augustus)]

11. This plan involved the creation of a 355-page guidebook that described rivers containing "globules of pure gold" and soil so fertile it could support three maize harvests a year that was attributed to "Thomas Strangeways". Its instigator reused the "Green Cross" flag he had earlier employed in Florida and gave his wife Josefa, a cousin of Simon Bolivar, the title "Princess". Hector Hall led the largely-Scottish first group of victims of this plot, which was predicated on the claim that King George Frederic Augustus I of the Miskito had granted its instigator huge tracts of land. For 10 points, identify this early-19th-century scam in which settlers were sold land in the namesake Central American territory by its supposed "Cazique", Gregor MacGregor.

ANSWER: the **Poyais** scheme

12. A 2008 Don Hodges article details how two of these characters change targeting behavior when the player is facing upwards. Originally, these characters could be given names including "Stylist", "Romp", and "Urchin" using a DIP switch. One of them can switch to an unusually fast mode inexplicably known as "Cruise Elroy". These characters normally switch between movement modes called Scatter and Chase, but adopt the Frightened mode when the player picks up an energizer. For 10 points, identify these characters who live in a box at the center of a maze and are named Inky, Pinky, Blinky, and Clyde.

ANSWER: the **ghosts** from *Pac-Man* [or **monsters**]

13. During a 1910 literary tussle, this man attacked his rivals in the pamphlet "The Decline and Fall of the Proletarian Philosophy". This author of the amusingly-named proto-magical-realist novel *Hans Alienus* delved into the history of his home country for such works as the story cycle *The Charles Men* and the novel *The Tree of the Folkungs*. His groundbreaking poetic romanticism led to a clash with the naturalist school of his countryman August Strindberg. For 10 points, name this Swedish winner of the 1916 Lit Nobel.

ANSWER: (Carl Gustav) Verner von **Heidenstam**

14. Description acceptable, until I decide it's not. This event immediately led to the near-simultaneous revolts of Macrianus and Postumus. Lactantius provides the most lurid description of the most famous consequence of this event, which also resulted the capture of the extremely ironically named prefect Successianus. Many of the losers of this battle were forced to construct the Band-e Kaisar, and had earlier been weakened by the Plague of Cyprian. This battle's losing commander was supposedly used as a footstool by its winning commander after becoming the first Roman emperor captured alive in battle. For 10 points, name this 260 CE battle in which the Emperor Valerian got his ass handed to him by Shapur I.

ANSWER: Battle of **Edessa** [accept stuff like the defeat or capture of Valerian early, use your judgement]

15. If you've read this guy's Wiki page, like I have, you'll surely remember that he supposedly traveled with a suitcase containing a "huge" pair of panties belonging to his lover Annie Vivanti. He addressed a "king of phenomena, monarch of form" as an "avenging force of human reason" in a poem that describes how that figure "revealed bright new heavens" to the alchemist and the sorcerer. He included poems like "To the Headwaters of the Clitumnus" in his three books of *Barbarian Odes* but is probably more famous, and definitely more interesting, for his aforementioned "Hymn to Satan". For 10 points, name this first Italian to win the Lit Nobel, who is definitely not to be confused with a Don Novello character.

ANSWER: Giosue **Carducci**

16. This man acquired a bodyguard of Germans after traveling north to congratulate Rutilius Pudens Crispinus and Tullus Menophilus on their successful defense of Aquileia. Distressingly little is known about this man, though we do know that he and his younger colleague spent a sitcom-like period living in different parts of the imperial palace, several months after their simultaneous election as *pontifex maximus*. After the deaths of Maximinus Thrax, Gordian I, and Gordian II, this man and a younger colleague were made emperors, though the people forced them to share power with Gordian III. For 10 points, name this senator and co-ruler with Balbinus during the Year of the Six Emperors, who might have the best name in all of Roman history.

ANSWER: **Pupienus** Maximus [or Marcus Clodius **Pupienus** Maximus Augustus]

17. This sentence is said to "insist upon itself and at the same time point to the greater mysteries" by a man who encounters it while handing in a manuscript of *The Janus-Faced Chimera: Missives from a Reader--and Writer!--of the Prose Arts* in Colson Whitehead's James Wood parody "Wow, Fiction Works!" Parts of it fall off of an inscription on a statue of its creator Nevin Nollop, thus driving reality towards increasing lipogrammatism, in Mark Dunn's novel *Ella Minnow Pea*, whose protagonist is able to supersede it by discovering the sentence "Pack my box with five dozen liquor jugs". For 10 points, recite this sentence about a vulpine-canine interaction, a famous pangram.

ANSWER: the **quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog** [accept "**the quick brown fox jumps over a lazy dog**" or "a **quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog**"; any acceptable version must have all the words necessary to be a pangram]

18. This planet's volcano Mt. Ogretoe is home to the Lost City of Lowrule. This planet was the headquarters of the Greater Galactic Imperium, whose enemies know this planet as Chi-Q (c-h-i-q). The losers of this planet's second Defense War created portals on it to a secret military base called Kahkoo-Regah. The Shirogane Comet orbits this planet, which is protected by a plasma shield called Margarita. Will Wedgewood and the rest of the CENTINELS defend this planet from the invading GEATHJERK. For 10 points, name this planet, the setting of *The Wonderful 101*.

ANSWER: **Earth** [accept **Dearth**; accept **Chi-Q** before it is read]

19. An apparently-famed 2013 post by tumblr user apatheticghost included this fact as the third part of a list beginning with "im a fucking piece of shit" and "everyone else is also a fucking piece of shit". The most common formulation of this fact first appeared in a 1957 *Scientific American* article by Philip Siekevitz. This fact's truth may be due to the past behavior of members of the SAR11 clade or of certain Rickettsiales, according to a theory promulgated by Kary Mullis. For 10 points, give this high school biology cliché that explains where ATP comes from.

ANSWER: the fact that the **mitochondria** are the **powerhouse of the cell** [accept close equivalents]

20. The completion of this author's most famous work was derailed by a serious injury in a railway accident that, on the plus side, netted him a 40,000-ruble settlement and an eventual marriage to his nurse Aurelia. In his second-most-famous novel, the protagonist's affair with Lucy Zucker leads to advance knowledge of the cotton futures market that allows Moritz Welt to make a fortune, but Lucy's jealous husband eventually burns down the factory built by Welt, Max Baum, and the protagonist. This author of *The Promised Land* won the 1924 Lit Nobel apparently

entirely on the strength of a dialect-heavy four-part novel about the rural Boryna family. For 10 points, name this Polish author of *Chłopi*, or *The Peasants*.

ANSWER: Władysław (Stanisław) **Reymont**

21. The first section of this essay describes the Galicians, Pomeranians, Scotch, and Chinese as various types of Auvergnians. This essay imagines Paul de Cassagnac threatening people with his father's pistol but hiding at the sight of a portrait of Lullier, before outlining a production of the "Electoral Farce" and the "great play *The Theft of the Nation's Goods*", in its fourth section, "New Songs to New Music". Its third chapter, "The Consequences of Over-Production", laments the abolition of holidays and provides evidence that shorter work weeks increase production. Its first section opens by describing a "strange delusion" that possesses the working classes of capitalist society: "the love of work". For 10 points, name this essay by Paul Lafargue on the virtues of indolence.

ANSWER: "The **Right To Be Lazy**" [or "Le **droit à la paresse**"]