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1. This man, author of a letter beginning “To the Feds,” was born in the Baltimore area and is now represented by Thomas Dickey. This individual, who is lesser known for his work on the video game Civilization VI [Six], posted a review on a book written by Ted Kazynski shortly before the incident that brought him into the public eye, which involved a 3D printed weapon. The aforementioned “to the feds” letter by this graduate of the University of Pennsylvania is often called a manifesto, and decries the American healthcare system. This man was arraigned in Altoona, Pennsylvania, but is suspected to have a high risk of jury nullification in his New York trial. For 10 points, name this individual, often referred to as the brother of Mario in internet discourse, the killer of Brian Thompson, CEO of UnitedHealthcare.

ANSWER: Luigi Mangione (Accept Luigi before “Mario”)

2. This nation is currently predicted to overtake the US GDP in the 2030s. This nation is known for its conflicts over its “Rebellious” province. This nation is currently in a conflict with India over its borders in the Himalayas. They are one of the 7 nations that are currently communist in the world. For ten points, name this country that is known for its mass production of goods that is located in Asia.

ANSWER: People’s Republic of China (also accept PRC)

3. This man was briefly Secretary of State under President Woodrow Wilson. Before his career in law, this man served in the military during the Spanish-American War, but quickly fell against imperialist ideals. In the Scopes Monkey Trial, John Scopes was opposed by this man, who he hired as his lawyer. This man then became a very prominent politician, being a prominent figure in the Populist party, and running for president in the 1896 Election. For 10 points, name this man who gave the Cross of Gold Speech at the 1896 Democratic National Convention.

ANSWER: William Jennings Bryan

4. This ensemble appeared on a segment of SNL’s first season titled “The Land of Gorch”, but left due to conflict with the writers. This comedic ensemble has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, has been interviewed on the Daily Show, and has appeared on stamps. Members of this

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group often appear on Sesame Street, and, although they are connected, are not actually Sesame Street cast members. Disney bought the Jim Henson Company, which owned the copyright to this ensemble, in 2004. Characters Rizzo the Rat and Gonzo are often paired together in stories in this ensemble while Animal plays the drums in this ensemble's rock band Electric Mayhem. This ensemble reproduced numerous stories on screen, including Treasure Island and A Christmas Carol. Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy are both characters in, for 10 points, this group whose name is a portmanteau of “puppet” and “marionette”.

ANSWER: the Muppets

5. An actor in this franchise was asked in a joke interview with castmate Dominic Monaghan “Do you wear wigs? . . . When will you wear wigs?”. A 40% increase in tourism in New Zealand between 2000 and 2006 was likely caused by this franchise, which was filmed there. The first film in this franchise gave birth to a meme in which Sean Bean’s character Boromir says “One does not simply walk” into a place from this franchise. Another line found only in the films of this franchise is “You shall not pass”, said by Sir Ian McKellan’s character. This franchise inspired the modern wave of medieval-style fantasy stories, including The Wheel of Time and A Game of Thrones. For 10 points, what film series was based on books by J. R. R. Tolkien.

ANSWER: Lord of the Rings (anti-prompt on (anti-prompt on Fellowship of the Ring, The Two Towers, or The Return of the King, prompt on The Hobbit)

6. One work by this artist depicting Isabella Stewart Gardner frames the subject in a halo-like background, contrasting with her black dress, considered this artist’s signature color. This painter was friends with people such as Oscar Wilde and is presumed to have been in a romantic relationship with fellow painter Albert de Belleruche. Many of this man’s works are on display in the Tate Museum in Britain, despite being an American-born portraitist. Some of those works include one of Claude Monet painting and Ellen Terry as Lady Macbeth, which depicts the actress Ellen Terry in a green robe with long red braids, holding a crown over her head. Name, for 10 points, this painter of the elite whose works include Madame X.

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ANSWER: John Singer Sargent

7. This work won three Tonys. This production has been featured in episodes of television programs, including *Brothers & Sisters*, *Rules of Engagement*, and *The War at Home*. The satiric musical *The Book of Mormon* also references this work in the song “You and Me (but Mostly Me).” In 2013, in honor of this work's tenth anniversary, the first Spanish adaptation of the show was announced to open in Mexico City. The director of a film adaptation of this work recently appeared on the *Daily Show* and spoke with Ronnie Chieng. A song in this work has a character sing "Have another drink, my dark eyed beauty". While filming this work, an affair between two of the actors occurred. One of those in the affair had a baby during his marriage with Lilly Jay. That man was Ethan Slater. In this work, a character shows another how to "Toss Toss" her hair. While on a press tour for the film adaptation of this work, an interviewer remarked on the idea people were "holding space" for lyrics from a song in this work. The lyrics were from the song "Defying Gravity". A character in this remarks how another character will be "Popular, you're gonna be popular". For ten points, name this musical with a 2024 adaption where Ariana Grande played the character of Glinda.

ANSWER: Wicked

8. The last step of the Malonic ester synthesis is the removal of this compound from a di-ester. The presence of this compound during IR spectroscopy can cause a band error at approximately 2349 inverse centimeters. This compound reacts with hydrogen gas in the Bosch reaction, which produces water and carbon. The solid phase of this compound is usually used to condense solvents in rotary evaporators as well as haunted houses to make fog. For 10 points, name this compound that in its solid form is called dry ice and has the chemical formula CO₂.

ANSWER: Carbon Dioxide (Accept CO₂ until mentioned)

9. This Musician was born on December 12, 1915, in the small town of Hoboken, New Jersey. This Artist would be at their peak during the 50s and 60s, with the hit “Come Fly With Me”. This artist would be mainly associated with Las Vegas as they would play main songs there. This artist

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would be connected to both the traditional pop and vocal jazz styles. Name this Artist for 10 points, who is famous for their version of the song “My Way”.

ANSWER: Frank Sinatra

10. Many cite the 1908 Springfield riots as the catalyst for this organization. One of the first women to be involved in this organization was the suffragist Mary White Ovington as well as prominent Muckraker Ida B. Wells. This organization organized marches against the film 'Birth of a Nation'. This organization played a key role in *Guinn v. United States*, a case that ruled grandfather clauses to be unconstitutional. During the red scare, this organization allegedly purged its communist members. This organization rose out of the Niagara Movement. In 1956 the South Carolina legislature created an anti-this organization oath, and teachers who refused to take the oath lost their positions. W.E.B. Dubois (Du-bwah) was a founding member of this organization. The Arkansas chapter of this organization spearheaded the efforts of the Little Rock 9. For ten points, name this civil rights organization that won *Brown v. Board of Education*.

ANSWER: NAACP (accept the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People)

11. This group of Artists was American and was a prevalent group of artists during the 20th century. Their pieces of art would represent what normal life would be like, such as depicting people working in factories or the homeless in cities. The work created by this group of artists was directly contrasted to the style of Romanticism. This group would create the first truly American style of Art. Name this group of Artists that included their central figure, Robert Henri.

ANSWER: Ashcan Movement or Ashcan School

12. Featuring architects like Alison and Peter Smithson, and used in projects such as the Robarts Library and Boston City Hall, this architecture style emerged from the UK about halfway through the 20th century was seen in its time as futuristic. In light of heartbreaking global conflict, austere stability was focused on in this rigid architecture style that makes prevalent use of concrete, with most materials employed being focused on for their own integrity. This architecture style,

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commonly used in government and utilitarian housing units, is often described as honest or cold.

For 10 points, name this architecture style employed on the ceilings of the Washington DC Metro that while once seen as futuristic is now seen as dystopian and harsh.

ANSWER: Brutalism (accept Brutalist Movement)

13. According to Zeckendorf's formula, any positive number can be expressed as the sum of non consecutive ones of these numbers. Carmichael's theorem proves the uniqueness of some of these numbers' divisors. These numbers are calculated by Binet's formula, which includes the term one plus the square root of 5 over 2 all raised to some the power of n. Johannes Kepler stated that the ratio of consecutive pairs of these numbers converges to the Golden Ratio. For 10 points, name this set of numbers that is named for an Italian mathematician and whose terms are made by adding the previous 2 numbers, starting with 1, 1, 2, 3, 5.

ANSWER: Fibonacci Sequence

14. This American singer, born in Newport News, Virginia, was later a double amputee, due to complications from diabetes. Her first big break came from being introduced to Chick Webb by an impressed audience member of her incidental gig at the Apollo, launching her career that would later feature three Louis Armstrong collaborations. In her last record under Verve, this american jazz vocalist, who is featured on Count Basie's One O'Clock Jump Album, performed a cover of the song "Sunshine of Your Love." For 10 points- name this first lady of song, who won a grammy for her performance of Mack the Knife Live in Berlin.

ANSWER: Ella Fitzgerald

15. In this organ, the Banff classification is used to determine whether or not a transplant is necessary. The ascending limb of one structure in this organ is impermeable to water, which this structure is called the Loop of Henle. The functional unit of this organ is the nephron, and this organ is connected to the bladder by the ureter. For 10 points, name this organ that is shaped like a bean and filters blood into urine.

ANSWER: Kidney

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16. This conflict would occur as the Western powers and the Soviet Union began to disagree over how to divide the world due to ideological differences. This conflict would see little direct wars between the two power blocs, but would instead see the usage of bush-wars which means wars in which the two blocs would face off through aiding smaller nations to fight for them. This would be not just a military conflict but also a scientific conflict over the space race. It would however, contain the conflicts over the Korean peninsula, Vietnam, Afghanistan, etc. Name this 20th-century conflict between the Soviet Union and the United States.

ANSWER: Cold War

17. The strain of penicillium that was used to mass produce the drug was found on this fruit. The seeds of the green Ogen type of this fruit were kept heavily guarded until recently. China accounts for 51% of the world total production of this fruit. California grows 75% of this fruit for the US. An APUSH teacher has a mnemonic device involving this fruit, which is not a watermelon, to help his students remember secretary of finance Andrew Mellon, a man who never married. This fruit, though not an orange, is rich in Vitamin C. This fruit belonging to the gourd family was named after the Roman town of Cantalupo. For ten points, name this fruit with a sweet, orange inside and a netted rind outside.

ANSWER: Cantaloupe (prompt on muskmelon)

18. This American musician's third released mixtape is titled C4, which preceded his later 6 Studio Albums. This american musical artist was born in Compton, and after winning a Pulitzer prize for his fourth album's writing, this rapper, known for his low public profile, took a 5 year hiatus before releasing Mr. Morale and the Big Steppers. This American musician is known for being in an active feud, which has some roots in the musical work Family Matters, with Aubrey Drake Graham. For 10 points, name this headliner of the 2025 Super Bowl, who performed on stage with Serena Williams.

ANSWER: Kendrick Lamar Duckworth

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19. This feature is highly pronounced on the 19th prime minister of Bulgaria, Teodor Teodorov. This feature upon Mona Lisa, would be considered hirsutism, as depicted in a famous Marcel DuChamp painting. This feature is often depicted upon fictional pirates in homage to a famous pirate who terrorized North Carolina in the 1600s, so named for this feature. It has been more than a century since the United States elected an individual with this feature, which is present on most Sikh men because of a religious doctrine prohibiting haircuts, with one of the more famous examples of a president with this feature being Theodore Roosevelt. For 10 points, name this feature, examples of which include the Handlebar, the Soul Patch, the Mutton Chops, and the Goatee.

ANSWER: Facial Hair (Prompt on “hair”, anti-prompt on types of facial hair)

20. This Cold War event saw the need for a direct method of communication between the Soviet and American leaders, leading to the creation of the MOLINK or “Nuclear Hotline”. During the middle of this event, a Soviet submarine received a message from an American ship to surface, but was seen as a threat. The submarine would’ve launched a torpedo and started a nuclear war if not for Vasili Arkhipov denying the third vote to launch it. For 10 points, name this major Cold War event that saw Soviet-allied Fidel Castro station Soviet missiles in Cuba.

ANSWER: Cuban Missile Crisis