

1. Category: History, Tournament: CALISTO 2020

One ruler of this modern-day country was called the "[Iron Emir](#)" for his suppression of numerous rebellions. The third war this country fought against the [British Empire](#) was ended by the [Treaty of Rawalpindi](#). [Ahmad Shah](#) is considered the "father" of this modern-day country since he founded the [Durrani](#) empire. [Abdur Rahman Khan](#) signed the (*) [Durand Line Agreement](#) with the [British](#) empire to establish this country's southern border. [Britain](#) and [Russia](#) fought over this country in the [Great Game](#). This country is the western terminus of the [Khyber Pass](#). For 10 points, name this country once ruled by the [Taliban](#) from [Kabul](#).

Answer: Islamic Republic of Afghanistan <Asian History -- Shahriar> [Ed. Iyer]

2. Category: History, Tournament: CALISTO 2020

One country in this conflict escaped destruction after the Battle of [Kunersdorf](#) when Empress [Elizabeth](#) suddenly died. A string of [British](#) victories in this war led one year to be termed the [Annus Mirabilis](#). This conflict was preceded by a shift of traditional alliances between countries called the [Diplomatic Revolution](#). (*) [George Washington](#) started this war by firing on [French](#) troops at [Fort Duquesne](#) ([doo-KANE](#)). [France](#) lost control of [Canada](#) to [Great Britain](#) in this war's [North American](#) theatre, which was known as the [French](#) and [Indian War](#). For 10 points, name this "first global war" that lasted from 1756 to 1763, its namesake period of time.

Answer: Seven Years' War [accept Third Silesian War before "George Washington"; prompt on French and Indian War before mention] <European History -- Hong> [Edited]

3. Category: Literature, Tournament: CALISTO 2020

In a novel by this author, the journalist [Will Farnaby](#) is shipwrecked on the title utopian Island. In another novel by this author, [Maurice Spandrell](#) allows himself to be shot by the [Brotherhood of British Freemen](#). [Walter Bidlake](#)'s affair with [Marjorie Carling](#) is disrupted after he falls in love with [Lucy Tantamount](#) in this author's novel (*) Point Counter Point. In a novel by this author, low-caste embryos are split with electric shocks in the [Bokanovsky](#) process, which creates clones for the [World State](#). In that novel, [Bernard Marx](#) refuses to escape pain by consuming soma, and [John the Savage](#) hangs himself. For 10 points, name this [British](#) author of [Brave New World](#).

Answer: Aldous Huxley [or Aldous Leonard Huxley] <Long Fiction -- Venkateswaran> [Ed. French]