

Round 1 - Middle School

Round 1 Tossups

(1) Along with John Marshall and Elbridge Gerry, this minister to France was one of three diplomats challenged in the XYZ Affair. This man was on the losing side of the largest-ever popular vote margin in a contested presidential election. For the point, name this South Carolina politician who appeared on three straight Federalist presidential tickets, including as the losing nominee in 1804 and 1808.

ANSWER: **Charles Cotesworth Pinckney**

(2) This man sided with the anti-"booster" faction and advised against expanding farming into the West without building irrigation systems in his *Report on the Lands of the Arid Region*. With the assistance of Jack Sumner, this founder of the Cosmos Club set out with a ten-month supply of provisions from Green River, Wyoming. For the point, name this future director of the U.S. Geological Survey who in 1869 boated down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon.

ANSWER: John Wesley **Powell**

(3) This man refused to recognize the U.S.-brokered Espino Negro accord. This man demanded the repeal of the Bryan-Chamorro Treaty during his campaign against U.S. Marines who supported the government of José María Moncada. A party named after this man was opposed by the U.S.-backed Contras in the 1980s. For the point, name this leader of anti-American forces in Nicaragua during a 1927 to 1933 uprising.

ANSWER: Augusto **Sandin**o (or Augusto César **Sandin**o; or Augusto Nicolás Calderón de Sandino y José de María **Sandin**o; do not accept or prompt on "Sandinista(s)")

(4) This law incorporated several recommendations produced by the Jay Commission's investigation of the New York Customs House. This law, named for an Ohio Democrat, won the support of Half-Breed Republicans following Charles Guiteau's [[gee-TOHS]] assassination of James A. Garfield. For the point, name this 1883 law which established a non-political civil service in an attempt to end the spoils system.

ANSWER: **Pendleton** Act (accept Pendleton **Civil Service** Reform Act before "civil service" is mentioned)

(5) Many of these people found work in the oil industry of Kern County in the Bakersfield area, and others of these people such as Florence Owens Thompson were itinerant produce workers. In 1937, Woody Guthrie became one of these people who commonly travelled on Route 66 and served as the subject of John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*. For the point, name this group of emigrants to California who originated in a state north of Texas.

ANSWER: **Okies** (prompt on answers such as "emigrants from Oklahoma to California" before "Oklahoma" is mentioned)

(6) This battle took place simultaneously to an assault on nearby El Caney. John Miley ordered "the heights must be taken at all hazards" at this battle, after which the 9th and 10th Cavalry of Buffalo Soldiers and Theodore Roosevelt's force of Rough Riders charged up Kettle Hill. For the point, name this July 1898 battle of the Spanish-American War fought on uneven terrain outside Santiago de Cuba.

ANSWER: Battle of **San Juan Hill** (or Battle of **San Juan Heights**; accept Battle of **Kettle Hill** before mentioned)

(7) Regarding one of the participants of this event, White House counsel Charles Colson wrote, "Let's destroy this young demagogue before he becomes another Ralph Nader." This three-day event was a series of open hearings in Detroit in which John Kerry and other veterans testified about events in Vietnam. For the point, name this 1971 gathering named for a persona whom Thomas Paine contrasted with the "sunshine patriot."

ANSWER: **Winter Soldier** investigation (accept **Winter Soldier** hearing(s))

(8) The idea for creating this structure was proposed by engineer Henry Pleasants. After political interference with a plan to send Black troops around this structure, James Ledlie disastrously sent white troops directly into this location, which was instantly formed at 4:44 AM on July 30, 1864. For the point, identify this land feature created by a Union-orchestrated gunpowder explosion that names a Civil War battle fought in Petersburg, Virginia.

ANSWER: The **Crater** (accept Battle of the **Crater**)

(9) This man's chief lieutenants included Peter Poyas and the magician Gullah Jack. This man cited the destruction of Jericho as the justification for a plan organized at a church in the Hampstead neighborhood. In response to this man's actions, a law was passed mandating the imprisonment of certain visiting sailors and the institution which became the college of The Citadel was founded. For the point, name this leader of a Charleston-area slave uprising in 1822.

ANSWER: Denmark **Vesey** (or **Telemaque**)

(10) This speech asks why "parents who send their children to Christian schools" "need not apply" and claims to be opposing "the most pro-lesbian ticket in history." According to this speech, the Ronald Reagan presidency made citizens "Proud to be Americans Again." This speech was given in Houston and began with an endorsement of George H.W. Bush's re-election. For the point, name this speech delivered to the 1992 Republican National Convention by Pat Buchanan.

ANSWER: "**Culture War**" speech

(11) A street named for this man was the site of 1847 riots over whether Edwin Forrest or William Charles Macready played the better Macbeth. This man, who smuggled opium to China using the ship *Macedonian*, chartered the first U.S.-controlled city on the Pacific Coast in an effort to find new sources of Beaver pelts. For the point, name this German immigrant whose fur-trading business made him the first American multi-millionaire.

ANSWER: John Jacob **Astor** I (or Johann Jakob **Astor**)

(12) One song from this musical trend discussed rioting after the Sleepy Lagoon murder. This musical trend accelerated with the inclusion of Louis Jordan and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy on the soundtrack to the 1996 Jon Favreau film *Swingers*. Squirrel Nut Zippers and Brian Setzer were part of, for the point, what late 1990s genre of big band Jazz, a revival of a 1930s genre dominated by its "King" Benny Goodman?

ANSWER: 1990s **swing** music revival

(13) The *Norfolk Herald* praised the absence of this practice on the *Vandalia* and still maintaining discipline. An officer who opposed this practice was court-martialed for tying a subordinate naked to an artillery piece as a substitute. Uriah Levy crusaded against this practice, which was the subject of Herman Melville's novel *White-Jacket*. For the point, name this form of corporal punishment which was banned from the U.S. Navy in 1850.

ANSWER: Naval **flogging** (accept **Whipping** or **Flagellation**; accept descriptive answers such as "being **whipped**"; prompt on "corporal punishment" before mentioned)

(14) This essay predicts that future periodicals such as the *Nootka Morning News* will report in real time on presidential speeches. This essay, which describes the year 1945 as "fast hastening," begins by stating "Texas is now ours" and then notes that "California will, probably, next fall away." For the point, identify this 1845 editorial in the *United States Magazine and Democratic Review* in which John O'Sullivan proposed American expansion to the Pacific.

ANSWER: **Manifest Destiny** editorial (accept "**Annexation**"; accept answers mentioning **manifest destiny**; accept answers mentioning an editorial, article, essay, or column by John **O'Sullivan** discussing the **expansion** of the United States before "John O'Sullivan" is mentioned)

(15) People at this event used communications lingo such as "twinkling" fingers and repeating words through "the people's microphone." During the promotion of this event by Adbusters, posters bore the slogan "What is our one demand?", though it came to rely more on the slogan "We are the 99%." For the point, name this 2011 movement which demonstrated for economic populism in Zuccotti Park near Manhattan's financial district.

ANSWER: **Occupy** Wall Street (prompt on "OWS")

(16) In the second part of these proceedings, a founding father asserted that "facts are stubborn things" and how "facts" cannot be altered. In the first of these proceedings, a man who wrote that he "consented to my own ruin" questioned Richard Palmes about a command to fire, leading to the acquittal of Thomas Preston. For the point, identify this pair of 1770 cases at which John Adams represented British soldiers who shot protestors in Massachusetts.

ANSWER: **Boston Massacre trials** (accept answers indicating the **trials** of the soldiers accused in the **Boston Massacre**; accept the **trial** of Thomas **Preston** before "Thomas Preston" is mentioned)

(17) This vehicle attempted to perform a flying moor under the direction of captain Max Pruss at Lakehurst Naval Air Station. An acetate [[AH-seh-tate]] disk was cut on-site to record Herbert Morrison's eyewitness account of this vehicle's fate, which lamented, "Oh, the humanity!" For the point, name this German rigid airship named for a World War One hero which exploded from a hydrogen fire and crashed in New Jersey in 1937.

ANSWER: LZ 129 **Hindenburg**

(18) This text allegedly was protected by a black snake when a skeptic tried to view it. Martin Harris lost 116 pages of this text after Lucy Harris questioned its authenticity. This text was translated from "Reformed Egyptian" using the "seer stones" Urim [[OO-rim]] and Thummim [[THOO-mim]]. This text was found on golden plates at the Hill of Cumorah by a man guided by the angel Moroni [[moh-ROH-nai]]. For the point, name this scripture which Joseph Smith claimed to discover in 1827.

ANSWER: **Book of Mormon** (accept the **Golden Plates** before "Golden Plates" is mentioned)

(19) In this city, the Monson Motor Lodge protests were organized, in part, by the SCLC. During Queen Anne's War, James Moore besieged this city's Castillo de San Marcos [[kah-STEE-yo deh sahn MAR-kos]]. Pedro Menéndez founded this city while organizing a massacre of French sailors in 1565 near the northernmost point reached by Ponce de León [[POHN-seh deh leh-ON]]. For the point, name this first capital of Spanish Florida and oldest continuously inhabited European settlement in the U.S.

ANSWER: **St. Augustine**, Florida

(20) A lawsuit initiated by this man led to the Supreme Court ruling that public figures cannot sue for emotional distress. This man wore a black suit while riding the Killer Typhoon water slide at Heritage USA after taking over the PTL organization from Jim Bakker [["BAKER"]]. For the point, name this Lynchburg, Virginia-based founder of *The Old-Time Gospel Hour*, Thomas Road Baptist Church, and Liberty University.

ANSWER: Jerry **Falwell** (or Jerry Laymon **Falwell**, Sr.)

(21) The chief designer of this structure supervised work through a telescope from his apartment after losing his toes in a construction accident. Steve Brodie claimed to be the first person to survive jumping from this structure, three years after its 1883 completion. For the point, name this span designed by John Roebling that connects downtown Manhattan across the East River to its namesake borough of New York City.

ANSWER: **Brooklyn Bridge** (accept New York and **Brooklyn Bridge**; accept **East River Bridge** before "namesake")

(22) After opposing owner George P. Marshall provided this team with extensive bulletin board material, this team won the 1940 NFL Championship game against Washington by a score of 73 to zero. Sid Luckman quarterbacked this team and owner-coach George Halas introduced the T-formation during their "Monsters of the Midway" era. For the point, name this NFL team that has played at Soldier Field since 1971.

ANSWER: Chicago **Bears** (prompt on "Chicago")

(23) The eleventh section of this document pre-approved the potential joining of Quebec. The Annapolis Convention was called to revise this document, under which each state had one vote in a unicameral legislature. The lack of tax powers and the requirement for unanimous consent of states created a weak federal government under, for the point, what document which was replaced by the U.S. Constitution?

ANSWER: **Articles of Confederation** and Perpetual Union

(24) Immediately after this battle, errors in coverage at San Bernardino Strait caused the hasty "Bull's Run." At this battle, the *Kitkun Bay* and *St. Lo* were targeted by the first use of *kamikaze* attacks. From the flagship *New Jersey*, William Halsey commanded Allied forces to victory at this battle. For the point, name this October 1944 engagement off the Philippines, the largest naval battle of World War Two.

ANSWER: Battle of **Leyte** Gulf

(25) In 1997, the holder of this office was awarded a belt by Gorilla Monsoon after repealing a tax on professional wrestling. Poorly written succession rules for this office led to six different people holding it during the one-year period sparked by its holder resigning to become EPA administrator. A holder of this office was implicated in the Fort Lee "Bridgegate" scandal. For the point, name this position, the highest office held by NewarChris Christie.

ANSWER: **Governor** of **New Jersey** (prompt on "governor")

(26) This man's primary campaign against the "Eastern Establishment" was the subject of Phyllis Schlafly's book *A Choice Not an Echo*. A *Fact* magazine poll about this man led the American Psychiatric Association to make a namesake "rule" barring diagnosis of public figures without a personal examination. For the point, name this Arizona Republican who lost the 1964 presidential election in a landslide to Lyndon Johnson.

ANSWER: Barry **Goldwater** (or Barry Morris **Goldwater**)

(27) This man engineered a scheme to monopolize and price-gouge the supply of hot chocolate powder. A longtime critic of this man noticed impossible 45-degree angles in a graph, leading to a plan to secretly hand a dossier to Eliot Spitzer. The book *No One Would Listen* discusses the experience of reporting this man to the SEC three times starting in 2000. For the point, name this convicted fraudster whose 65 billion dollar Ponzi scheme collapsed in 2008.

ANSWER: Bernard Lawrence "Bernie" **Madoff**

(28) Workers at these places agreed to a 26.4 cents per hour raise, which owners believed outpaced price ceilings. Executive Order 10340 regarding these facilities led to a Supreme Court ruling against Commerce Secretary Charles Sawyer. These industrial facilities whose federalization by the Truman administration was ruled illegal in the *Youngstown Sheet and Tube* case. Andrew Carnegie owned many of, for the point, what type of industrial facility common in Pittsburgh?

ANSWER: **Steel mills** (accept **Steel factory**(s) or **Steel plants**)

(29) William Borden's letter labeled this man "more probable than not...an agent of the Soviet Union." A faction led by Lewis Strauss succeeded in revoking this man's security clearance in 1954, nine years after he possibly quoted Hindu scripture while observing the Trinity test. For the point, name this director of the Los Alamos Laboratory who oversaw development of the first atomic bomb.

ANSWER: J(ulius) Robert **Oppenheimer**

(30) Thomas Walter added a wing to this building with Raphael-inspired decorations known as the Brumidi Corridors. This building's second floor houses National Statuary Hall, and this building's original design by William Thornton was further revised by Benjamin Latrobe and Charles Bulfinch. For the point, name this domed building on a namesake hill, in which the chambers of the U.S. Congress meet.

ANSWER: United States **Capitol** building

Extra Question

(1) This president implemented Carla Hills's recommendation to end reprisal tariffs on Japan. This man joined with Ambassador Michael Armacost to play a tennis match against Emperor Akihito and Crown Prince Naruhito, after which he reportedly acquired an intestinal flu that led him to ask doctor Burton Lee to "roll me under the table until the dinner's over." For the point, name this president who vomited in the lap of Prime Minister Kiichi Myazawa in 1992, leading to false media reports that he had died and was to be succeeded by Dan Quayle.

ANSWER: George **H.W. Bush** (accept George **Herbert Walker Bush**, **Bush 41**, **Bush senior**, **Bush the elder**, or answers such as the **First President Bush** that clearly specify him as being older or serving as president earlier than someone else of his name; prompt on "Bush" or "George Bush" alone; do not accept "George W. Bush," "Bush 43," "Bush Junior," or "Bush the Younger")