

Test: 2021 Women's History NCE (MS)

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Which American woman served as the first Chair of the UN Commission on Human Rights?

- A) Bess Truman
- B) Eleanor Roosevelt
- C) Shirley Chisholm
- D) Coretta Scott King

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The first American to respond to a telegraph message was what former First Lady, also known for ordering the saving of the Lansdowne Portrait during the Burning of Washington?

- A) Martha Washington
- B) Dolley Madison
- C) Abigail Adams
- D) Elizabeth Monroe

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Which Supreme Court Justice famously owned an extensive collection of jabots and collars, including a highly embellished black and gold one that she wore while delivering dissenting opinions?

- A) Sandra Day O'Connor
- B) Amy Coney Barret
- C) Ruth Bader Ginsber
- D) Sonia Sotomayor

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Which co-founder of the National Congress of Black Women became the first Black woman in the US Congress when she was elected in New York in 1968?

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- A) Shirley Chisholm
 - B) C. Delores Tucker
 - C) Bernice King
 - D) Carol Moseley Braun

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Which Queen of England was beheaded by her husband for treason after giving birth to a daughter who would go on to rule England for 45 years?

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- A) Katherine Howard
 - B) Mary Tudor
 - C) Anne of Cleves
 - D) Anne Boleyn

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In 1906, what European country became the first country in the world to allow all women and all men the right to both vote and run for office?

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- A) Sweden
 - B) Iceland
 - C) Finland
 - D) Germany

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Women in which Ancient Greek city-state were allowed to legally own and inherit property, participate in athletics, and divorce their husbands?

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- A) Sparta
 - B) Athens
 - C) Corinth
 - D) Thebes

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Ching Shih was a Chinese leader in what profession during the early 19th century, at one point having over 80,000 employees around the South China Sea?

- A) Gunpowder manufacturing
- B) Prostitution
- C) Piracy
- D) Fishing

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When she was elected in 2006, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf made history as the first elected female head of state in Africa. Which country – one of only two that were not colonized in the Scramble for Africa – did she serve?

- A) Ethiopia
- B) Sierra Leone
- C) Algeria
- D) Liberia

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Which former First Lady of Argentina was the first woman in the world to hold the title of President of a country, having taken over her husband's job when he passed away in 1974?

- A) Isabel Perón
- B) Isabel Allende
- C) Alicia Raquel Videla
- D) Eva Perón

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Elizabeth Blackwell was the first woman in the United States to receive a degree in what field, which allowed her to start the New York Infirmary for Indigent Women and Children?

- A) Medicine
- B) Public Policy
- C) Economics
- D) Architecture

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After Valentina Tereshkova and Svetlana Savitskaya, who became the third woman overall and first American woman to go into outer space, as well as the first LGBTQ+ person in space?

- A) Sally Ride
- B) Mae Jemison
- C) Christa McAuliffe
- D) Kathryn D. Sullivan

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“Coat of Many Colors” is an autobiographical song by which Tennessee-born country music singer, also famous for “Jolene”?

- A) Linda Ronstadt
- B) Loretta Lynn
- C) Emmylou Harris
- D) Dolly Parton

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Which musician became the first solo female artist to win the Grammy for Best Rap Album with her debut album, Invasion of Privacy?

- A) Megan Thee Stallion
- B) Cardi B
- C) Rihanna
- D) Missy Elliot

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After achieving success with hits like “I Wanna Dance With Somebody” and “Greatest Love of All”, what American singer played the Fairy Godmother in the 1997 TV film version of Cinderella?

- A) Whitney Houston
- B) Aretha Franklin
- C) Toni Braxton
- D) Dionne Warwick

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In 2014, which artist, known for New Mexico landscape paintings, broke the world record auction price for female artists when her Jimson Weed/White Flower No. 1 sold for over \$44 million?

- A) Elizabeth Arden
- B) Georgia O'Keeffe
- C) Mary Cassatt
- D) Joan Mitchell

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In 1795, Adélaïde Labille-Guiard became the first woman permitted to set up a studio for herself and her pupils in what French museum, which is still the most-visited art museum in the world?

- A) Musée d'Orsay
- B) Musée de la mode et du textile
- C) Château de Versailles
- D) Musée de Louvre

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The solo ballet piece The Dying Swan was originally performed by what Russian prima ballerina of the Imperial Ballet and the Ballets Russes?

- A) Lubov Egorova
- B) Anna Pavlova
- C) Marina Semyonova
- D) Olga Spessivtseva

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The Voyage Out was the first novel written by which English modernist author, a member of the Bloomsbury Group?

- A) Virginia Woolf
- B) Vanessa Bell
- C) Gertrude Stein
- D) Sylvia Plath

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A governess falls in love with her employer, Edward Fairfax Rochester, in what 1847 Bildungsroman novel by Charlotte Brontë?

- A) Villette
- B) Sense and Sensibility
- C) Pamela; or, Virtue Rewarded
- D) Jane Eyre

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The Bluest Eye was the first novel by which African-American woman, a winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature and the Presidential Medal of Freedom?

- A) Alice Walker
- B) Toni Morrison
- C) Gwendolyn Brooks
- D) Octavia E. Butler

Question 22 of 75

In 1991, what figure skater became the first American woman to land a triple axel, three years before she was banned for life by the US Figure Skating Association for plotting an attack on a competitor?

- A) Tonya Harding
- B) Nancy Kerrigan
- C) Janet Lynn
- D) Kristi Yamaguchi

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Natalia Yurchenko, Svetlana Khorkina, and Elena Produnova are all Russian athletes with skills named after them in what sport?

- A) Synchronized swimming
- B) Artistic gymnastics
- C) Trapeze
- D) Wrestling

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Saroj Khan was the first female choreographer and Fatma Begum the first female director in the cinema of what country?

- A) Afghanistan
- B) Bangladesh
- C) India
- D) Iran

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What star of Gentlemen Prefer Blondes was memorialized by Elton John in the song "Candle in the Wind"?

- A) Grace Kelly
- B) Mae West
- C) Marilyn Monroe
- D) Brigitte Bardot

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What enslaved woman secured the freedom of her brothers and four children, making them the only slaves freed by Thomas Jefferson?

- A) Martha Randolph
- B) Sally Hemmings
- C) Edith Hern Fossett
- D) Minerva Granger

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Nominated by Barack Obama in 2009, what graduate of Princeton and Yale is the first Hispanic and Latina Supreme Court Justice?

- A) Elena Kagan
- B) Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum
- C) Sandra Day O'Connor
- D) Sonia Sotomayor

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Joan Tarika Lewis was the first female member of what California-based Black political organization, later joined by Angela Davis and Elaine Brown?

- A) Black Panther Party
- B) NAACP
- C) Black Lives Matter
- D) Nation of Islam

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“Ain’t I A Woman?” is the best-known speech by what abolitionist and womens’ rights activist, who was born into slavery in New York?

- A) Phyllis Wheatley
- B) Frances Dana Barker Gage
- C) Harriet Tubman
- D) Sojourner Truth

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Suffragist Alice Paul, abolitionist Lucretia Mott, and folk singer Joan Baez are all followers of what religious denomination, known for pacifism, whose members are called Friends?

- A) Lutheran
- B) Quaker
- C) Islam
- D) Methodist

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Social worker Jane Addams, labor leader Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, and lawyer Crystal Eastman were all on the founding committee of what American nonprofit that advocates for individual rights?

- A) Anti-Defamation League (ADL)
- B) Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC)
- C) National Rifle Association (NRA)
- D) American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

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Singer and entrepreneur Rihanna was born in what Caribbean country, where she was raised in its capital of Bridgetown?

- A) Barbados
- B) Dominican Republic
- C) Cuba
- D) St. Vincent and the Grenadines

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The Zhenotdel was the women's department of the Central Committee of what revolutionary political organization?

- A) New Jewel Movement
- B) Bolsheviks
- C) Lao People's Revolutionary Party
- D) League of Communists of Yugoslavia

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Over 280 religious dissenters were burned at the stake during the reign of which queen, who tried to revert England back to Catholicism and reverse her father's English Reformation?

- A) Matilda
- B) Mary I
- C) Elizabeth I
- D) Anne

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Catherine, the mother of French kings Francis II, Charles IX, and Henry III, was a member of what banking family that ruled Florence in the 15th century?

- A) Hapsburg
- B) Sforza
- C) Borgia
- D) Medici

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What Holy Roman Empress was the only woman to rule the Hapsburg Dominions, having power over much of Eastern Europe in the 18th century?

- A) Maria Theresa
- B) Elizabeth of Austria
- C) Adelaide of Italy
- D) Eleonore Magdalene

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What goddess of domesticity, family, hearth, home, and the state customarily received the first offering at sacrifices in Ancient Greece?

- A) Aphrodite
- B) Demeter
- C) Rhea
- D) Hestia

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Written by noblewoman Murasaki Shikibu, what 11th-century work about the son of a Japanese emperor and a concubine is considered to be the first modern novel?

- A) The Dancing Girl
- B) Urashima Taro
- C) I Am A Cat
- D) The Tale of Genji

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What Middle Eastern folk character, the daughter of a king's vizier, tells the king one story every night for one thousand nights, delaying her execution so long that he falls in love with her?

- A) Princess Paribanou
- B) Badroulbador
- C) Scheherazade
- D) Morgiana

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According to tradition, Leizu, a legendary Chinese empress, discovered what textile material, a protein filament fiber of which China is still the largest producer?

- A) Silk
- B) Wool
- C) Nylon
- D) Flax

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One part of the Eye of Ra, what Egyptian goddess represented music, love, and motherhood, and was often depicted as a cow or a woman with cow horns?

- A) Isis
- B) Hathor
- C) Bastet
- D) Ma'at

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The prophet Kimba Vita formed the Antonianism movement in what African kingdom, parts of which now form Angola and Gabon?

- A) Kongo
- B) Zulu
- C) Mali
- D) Ife

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The "Libertadora del Libertador", Manuela Saenz, was born in what Spanish Empire viceroyalty, corresponding to modern day Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, and Panama?

- A) Gran Colombia
- B) New Granada
- C) Nueva Cadíz
- D) Río de la Plata

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Chilean authors Isabel Allende and María Luisa Bombal both wrote largely in what genre, which combines fantasy concepts into real life?

- A) Historical fiction
- B) Magical realism
- C) Allegory
- D) Psychological thriller

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Kate Sheppard led the women's suffrage movement in which former British colony, which in 1893 became the first nation to give all women the right to vote in parliamentary elections?

- A) United States of America
- B) Canada
- C) Bermuda
- D) New Zealand

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In addition to discovering multiple elements, what two-time Nobel Prize Winner developed mobile X-ray units for use in World War I field hospitals?

- A) Irene Joliot
- B) Marie Curie
- C) Dorothy Hodgkin
- D) Agnes Faye Morgan

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Although she was never nominated for a Nobel Prize herself, what woman's work in x-ray crystallography led to Nobel-winning discoveries about the structures of DNA and viruses?

- A) Florence Bascom
- B) Rosalind Franklin
- C) Carrie Derick
- D) Ruth Ella Moore

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What Austrian-American actress worked during World War II to develop frequency-hopping radio guidance technology for Allied torpedoes, an invention which is still used in Bluetooth and WiFi systems?

- A) Hedy Lamarr
- B) Jean Harlow
- C) Marlene Dietrich
- D) Zsa Zsa Gabor

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Tapputi-Belatekallim, a Mesopotamian woman considered to be the world's first recorded chemist, distilled combinations of water, oil, myrrh, balsam, and other scented materials while making what product?

- A) Candles
- B) Makeup
- C) Perfume
- D) Wine

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What current Secretary of the Treasury previously served as Chair of the Federal Reserve, the first woman to hold either position?

- A) Gina Raimondo
- B) Penny Pritzker
- C) Janet Yelen
- D) Marcia Fudge

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What anthropologist, the author of *Coming of Age in Samoa* and *Sex and Temperament in Three Primitive Societies*, was included as a trading card in the *Supersisters* collection of 1979?

- A) Gloria Steinem
- B) Alice Dreger
- C) Elsie Clews Parsons
- D) Margaret Mead

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What singer and actress, the first woman to win the Grammy for Album of the Year, is best remembered as the star of The Wizard of Oz?

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- A) Judy Garland
 - B) Bette Davis
 - C) Joan Crawford
 - D) Shirely Temple

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Pop artist Celine Dion, country singer Shania Twain, and singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell are all musicians from what country?

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- A) United Kingdom
 - B) United States of America
 - C) Australia
 - D) Canada

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What Houston-born singer-songwriter was recognized as Billboard's Top Female Artist of the Decade for her success in the 2000s, including her solo debut album Dangerously in Love and I Am... Sasha Fierce?

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- A) Rihanna
 - B) Lady Gaga
 - C) Britney Spears
 - D) Beyoncé

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Best known for "Fast Car" and "Give Me One Reason", what four-time Grammy winner has performed in concerts commemorating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Nelson Mandela's 70th birthday?

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- A) Tracy Chapman
 - B) Linda Tillery
 - C) Dionne Warwick
 - D) Miriam Makeba

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Like her younger brother Felix, what 19th century Romantic composer of the Easter Sonata and hundreds of other works was also a piano prodigy?

- A) Clara Schumann
- B) Fanny Mendelssohn
- C) Maria Anna Mozart
- D) Maria Magdalena van Beethoven

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The Barefoot, or Pies Descalzos, Foundation was started by what Colombian singer-songwriter, the best-selling female Latin artist of all time?

- A) Selena Quintanilla
- B) Shakira
- C) Natalia Lafourcade
- D) Rosalía

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In 2015, who made history as the first African-American woman to be promoted to principal dancer in the American Ballet Theatre?

- A) Misty Copeland
- B) Cynthia Bradley
- C) Janet Collins
- D) Debra Austin

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Rose Bertin, the first French haute couture fashion designer, created many dresses and hairstyles for what queen, including her mourning attire following the execution of her husband in 1793?

- A) Maria Theresa
- B) Maria Amalia
- C) Joséphine de Beauharnais
- D) Marie Antoinette

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The first woman to receive a US Patent was Mary Dixon Kies, who invented a technique for weaving straw and silk to make what kind of face-framing, wide-brimmed women's headwear, particularly popular between 1830 and 1860?

- A) Boater hat
- B) Bonnet
- C) Lappet cap
- D) Bergere hat

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Works like *The Pianist* and *The Model* by Russian avant-garde artist Lyubov Popova exemplify the combining of Futurism with what other movement, which originated in early-20th century France?

- A) Impressionism
- B) Realism
- C) Cubism
- D) Orphism

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Originally used in Ancient Egypt and Kush, what plant dye is commonly used as body art for brides in West and South Asia, including the practice of mehndi in India?

- A) Henna
- B) Cochineal
- C) Madder
- D) Alta

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What writer, illustrator, scientist, and conservationist is best remembered for her children's books featuring animals like *Squirrel Nutkin*, *Jemima Puddle-Duck*, and *Peter Rabbit*?

- A) Rachel Carson
- B) Susan Wittig Albert
- C) Beatrix Potter
- D) Helen Bannerman

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What creator of Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot is both the best-selling fiction writer of all time and author of the world's longest-running play, The Mousetrap?

- A) Rosalind Hicks
- B) Agatha Christie
- C) Penny Warner
- D) Gladys Mitchell

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Mildred Writ Benson was the first person to use what pen name, a pseudonym used by all authors of the Nancy Drew and Dana Girls mystery books?

- A) Harriet Adams
- B) Carolyn Keene
- C) Rosie Dixon
- D) C.L. Moore

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Their Eyes Were Watching God is the most popular novel by what African-American anthropologist and filmmaker?

- A) Suzan-Lori Parks
- B) Alice Walker
- C) Audre Lorde
- D) Zora Neale Hurston

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Although most of her works are lost because they were created on bamboo or paper, the Japanese poet Kaji is remembered as an expert of what art form that combines visual art and writing?

- A) Logo
- B) Calligraphy
- C) Watercolor
- D) Haiku

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In 2020, Vanderbilt student Sarah Fuller became the first woman to score in a Power Five football game. What position did she play?

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- A) Quarterback
 - B) Wide receiver
 - C) Kicker
 - D) Tight end

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The all-time winningest female golfer, Annika Sörenstam, is from the small town of Bro in what country?

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- A) Finland
 - B) Ireland
 - C) Sweden
 - D) Denmark

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What sprinter became an icon for Black and female athletes after winning three gold medals in sprinting events at the 1960 Rome Olympics?

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- A) Wilma Rudolph
 - B) Allyson Felix
 - C) Iris Davis
 - D) Florence Griffith Joyner

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In 1863, 16-year-old Norwegian Ingrid Olsdatter Vestby became the first woman to compete in what sport, which did not have an Olympic event for women until 2014?

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- A) Luge
 - B) Ski jump
 - C) Boxing
 - D) Archery

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At the 93rd Academy Awards, what Chinese filmmaker became only the second woman ever and first non-white woman to win the Oscar for Best Director?

- A) Youn Yuh-Jung
- B) Christina Oh
- C) Chloé Zhao
- D) Cathy Yan

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What star of Rear Window and To Catch a Thief became Princess of Monaco when she married Prince Rainier III in 1956?

- A) Grace Kelly
- B) Natalie Wood
- C) Wallis Simpson
- D) Ava Gardner

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After portraying Laura Petrie on The Dick Van Dyke Show, what actress and feminist activist went on to star in her own eponymous show about a woman news producer?

- A) Cloris Leachman
- B) Betty White
- C) Lucille Ball
- D) Mary Tyler Moore

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Comedians Jane Curtin, Gilda Radner, Julia Louis-Dreyfuss, and Joan Cusack have all been cast members of what long-running late-night variety show?

- A) Saturday Night Live
- B) Monty Python's Flying Circus
- C) The Muppet Show
- D) The Ed Sullivan Show