

National U.S. History Bee – Finals (IS)

Regulation Tossups

(1) **This man successfully argued in *Dartmouth College v. Woodward* that the school's original charter should be upheld.** (+) This man, who served as Secretary of State under John Tyler, negotiated a namesake treaty with Lord Ashburton regarding the northern U.S.-Canada border. A member of the "Great Triumvirate" with Henry Clay and John C. Calhoun (*), for the points, who was this nineteenth-century Senator from Massachusetts?

ANSWER: Daniel **Webster**

(2) **Richard Nixon graduated from this university's law school, and its undergraduate alumni include Stephen Miller and J.B. Pritzker.** (+) This university, known for its Blue Devils sports teams, was named for the founder of the American Tobacco Company. (*) For the points, name this prestigious university situated in Durham, North Carolina.

ANSWER: **Duke** University

(3) **This man was chosen for the position of running mate on the National Union Party due to his status as a leader of the War Democrats.** (+) This man violated the Tenure of Office Act after the attempted removal of Secretary of War Edwin Stanton, and which led to him being the first president to be impeached. (*) For the points, name this second vice-president of Abraham Lincoln, who later served as the 17th president between 1865 and 1869.

ANSWER: Andrew **Johnson** (prompt on "Johnson")

(4) **This politician ran for a governorship as a Democrat, only to immediately switch party affiliation after defeating Republican candidate Bill Cole.** (+) This politician, whose family owns the Greenbrier Resort, was formerly the only billionaire in the state of West Virginia. (*) For the points, identify this current Republican senator, the successor of Joe Manchin.

ANSWER: Jim **Justice** (or James Conley **Justice** the Second)

(5) **People who were part of this colony supposedly left messages on Dare Stones, and this colony was headed by John White.** (+) Watts' West Indies and Virginia expedition discovered this colony had been abandoned, but the word "CROATOAN" had been carved onto part of a fort. (*) For the points, Walter Raleigh attempted to found what English colony in America, whose colonists would disappear?

ANSWER: **Roanoke** [[ROH-uh-nohk]] Colony (accept **Lost** Colony)

(6) **This man's former lover, Ruth Kligman, spent the last years of her life trying to authenticate one of his paintings through hairs that fell off a polar bear rug he owned, and his wife Lee Krasner was also a famous painter. (+)** This painter's most valuable work, *Number 17A*, was featured in a 1949 issue of *Life* magazine which asked if he was "the greatest living painter in the United States." (*) The pioneer of "action painting," for the points, name this American painter nicknamed "Jack the Dripper."

ANSWER: Jackson **Pollock** (or Paul Jackson **Pollock**)

(7) **This polity was governed by the Great Law of Peace, written on wampum belts, and its indigenous name of Haudenosaunee literally translates to "the people of the longhouse." (+)** After the Tuscarora joined this polity, it became known as the Six Nations. (*) For the points, name this confederation of Native American tribes in what is now upstate New York, including the Mohawk and Seneca.

ANSWER: **Iroquois** Confederacy (accept **Haudenosaunee** Confederacy until mentioned)

(8) **This person married a Belarusian woman named Marina after defecting to the Soviet Union. This man was briefly employed at the Texas School Book Repository, from which he took at least one shot that hit Governor (+) John Connally. The Warren Commission investigated the actions of this man, who was shot to death on public television by Jack Ruby. (*)** For the points, name this man who was determined to be the sole assassin of John F. Kennedy.

ANSWER: Lee Harvey **Oswald**

(9) **After dropping out of Stanford, this person first gained acclaim by launching Loopt, and he announced the Stargate Project in 2025. (+)** This man was briefly removed from his post as CEO of a certain company in 2023 due to concerns about its non-profit nature and safety concerning artificial intelligence development. (*) For the points, name this man who is the current CEO of OpenAI.

ANSWER: Sam **Altman** (or Samuel Harris **Altman**)

(10) **While holding this office, Harry Daugherty was cleared of all charges in relation to the Teapot Dome Scandal. (+)** Frank Murphy and Robert Jackson both held this office before Franklin Roosevelt appointed them to the Supreme Court. (*) Robert F. Kennedy held, for the points, what position in his brother's administration?

ANSWER: United States **Attorney General**

(11) **In response to a work by this author, John Chalmers took the pen name Candidus to claim that it would lead to "Civil Wars and Intestine Commotions." (+)** That work by this author argued that "time makes more converts than reason" and proposed a Continental Charter to replace the Magna Carta. This author of *Common Sense* claimed it is absurd for an island to rule a continent. (*) For the points, name this pamphleteer who argued for American independence from England.

ANSWER: Thomas **Paine**

(12) **George Snowden headed the militia's response to this event, which was organized by Governor Robert Pattison. (+)** During this strike, Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman conspired to assassinate Henry Clay Frick, and it featured the gathering of Pinkerton agents at a dam on the Ohio River. (*) For the points, name this 1892 strike near Pittsburgh involving the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers and the Carnegie Steel Company.

ANSWER: **Homestead** strike (or **Homestead** steel strike; or **Homestead** massacre; or Battle of **Homestead**)

(13) **A 1973 occupation of this location was led by the group AIM in protest of Richard Wilson and unfulfilled treaties generally. This location was the site of violence during the (+) Pine Ridge Campaign, which was fought against followers of the Ghost Dance movement. (*)** For the points, name this location in South Dakota where a massacre killed almost one hundred Lakota Sioux people.

ANSWER: **Wounded Knee** (accept **Wounded Knee** Massacre)

(14) **After resigning as leader of this group, Richard Marcinko founded Red Cell, a group designed to highlight military security vulnerabilities. (+)** The CIA-led Operation Neptune Spear was carried out primarily by this unit at the Waziristan Haveli, a villa in Abbottabad, Pakistan. (*) For the points, name this special ops unit that killed Osama bin Laden.

ANSWER: **Seal Team 6** (or U.S. Naval Special Warfare **Development Group**; or **NSWDG**; or **DEVGRU**; or **ST6**; or **Task Force Blue**; prompt on "Navy" or "Seals")

(15) **This man was abducted by Thomas Hunt and sold as a slave in Spain, and later acted as an emissary to Chief Massasoit. (+)** This man was relied on by Governor William Bradford to help round Cape Cod, and this man was the last member of the Patuxet tribe, a subset of the Wampanoags. (*) For the points, name this man who aided the *Mayflower* pilgrims in developing crops.

ANSWER: **Squanto** (or **Tisquantum**)

(16) **This man, the author of *My 60 Memorable Games*, refused to defend his title against Anatoly Karpov due to disagreements with FIDE [[FEE-day]]. (+)** This man lived in exile in Iceland after his passport was revoked for engaging in contest with a certain rival in Yugoslavia in 1992, and in the "Match of the Century" in 1972, this man won a contest against Soviet Boris Spassky. (*) For the points, name this chess grandmaster, the only American to have ever been named the World Classical Chess Champion.

ANSWER: Bobby **Fischer** (or Robert James **Fischer**)

(17) **In 2007, this Senator controversially initiated the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program to study unidentified flying objects. (+)** This one-time Senate majority leader invoked the nuclear option in 2013 to lower the cloture threshold for all nominations other than the Supreme Court. (*) For the points, Las Vegas's airport is now named for what former Nevada senator?

ANSWER: Harry **Reid** (or Harry Mason **Reid**, Jr.)

(18) **This author was arrested on charges of embezzlement at an Austin bank and fled to Honduras, where he wrote *Cabbages and Kings*.** (+) This man described a spoiled child who bothers his kidnappers so much that they release him in "The Ransom of Red Chief." Telling the story of how Jim and Della Dillingham Young purchase Christmas gifts, (*) for the points, name this author who wrote "The Gift of the Magi."

ANSWER: O. **Henry** (or William Sydney **Porter**)

(19) **One oration of this movement compares one group to "greedy hungry lions" and claims that "their foot shall slide in due time."** (+) George Whitefield was one of the leaders of this movement, which occurred during the 1730s and 1740s. (*) For the points, name this religious revival during which Jonathan Edwards delivered numerous sermons.

ANSWER: First **Great Awakening** (prompt on Evangelical Revival")

(20) **This policy was carried out by John DeWitt, and reparations were granted years after the enactment of this policy in the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.** (+) In Arkansas, Jerome and Rohwer were two sites where this policy was carried out, and this policy was upheld in *Korematsu v. United States*. As a result of this policy, a concentration camp was created at Manzanar. (*) For the points, the federal government enacted what policy, in which certain Asian-Americans were detained during World War Two?

ANSWER: **Japanese Internment** (or **Internment of Japanese** Americans)

(21) **Olive Thomas starred in a silent comedy that popularized this subculture, whose other Hollywood symbols included Joan Crawford and Clara Bow, known as the "It Girl."** (+) The term for this subculture is often attributed a move from the Charleston dance or a false etymology around **unbuckled shoes**. (*) For the points, name this subculture of women who wore knee-height skirts and bobbed their hair during the Jazz Age.

ANSWER: **flappers**

(22) **This object displays an engraving which is based on the unfinished *Athenaeum Portrait*, and this object was issued as a silver certificate until 1963.** (+) An Andy Warhol piece of 200 of these objects sold at auction for 43 million dollars in 2009, and this object's reverse side features an Eye of Providence atop a pyramid. (*) A Gilbert Stuart painting of George Washington is displayed on, for the points, what smallest denomination of U.S. paper currency?

ANSWER: **one dollar** bill (accept clear-knowledge equivalents)

(23) **This event's participants targeted the Court of Common Pleas in Northampton and forced the closure of debtors' courts.** (+) Benjamin Lincoln contributed 6,000 pounds to raise a militia to deal with this event, which demonstrated weaknesses in the Articles of Confederation. (*) For the points, name this 1786 to '87 rebellion in Massachusetts led by a Revolutionary War veteran.

ANSWER: **Shays'** Rebellion

(24) **A slogan meaning “yes, we can” was popularized while this person was engaging in a 25-day-long hunger strike. (+)** This person and Dolores Huerta organized a march in support of Filipino farm workers from the border town of Delano to Sacramento. (*) For the points, name this Mexican-American labor activist who founded United Farm Workers.

ANSWER: Cesar **Chavez** (or Cesario Estrada **Chavez**)

(25) **The person who drafted this bill believed that it would enable the construction of a transcontinental railroad. This bill was opposed by Sam Houston, who foresaw the violence it would cause, and (+)** Abraham Lincoln gave the Peoria speech to oppose this act, which repealed the Missouri Compromise and preceded a "Bleeding" conflict in a namesake state. (*) For the points, name this 1854 act that would have used popular sovereignty to determine slavery's legality in new states.

ANSWER: **Kansas-Nebraska** Act (prompt on partial answers)

(26) **In 1909, this man praised free Reconstruction era schools and lamented lack of property redistribution in the last speech by a black man to the American Historical Association until 1940. (+)** Booker T. Washington invited this man to teach math in Atlanta, where the sight of black killer Sam Hose's burnt knuckles in a store led to criticism of *Up from Slavery*. (*) For the points, name this editor of *The Crisis* and author of *The Souls of Black Folk*

ANSWER: W.E.B. **Du Bois** [[DOO BOYSS]] (or William Edward Burghardt **Du Bois**)

(27) **This man was the only American to have been awarded the rank of General of the Armies during his lifetime, and at St. Mihiel, this man was in command of the First Army. (+)** The nickname "Black Jack" was given to this man, who was tasked with providing "entirely friendly aid to the constituted authorities in Mexico" during the Pancho Villa Expedition. (*) For the points, name this officer who headed the American Expeditionary Forces during World War One.

ANSWER: John **Pershing** (or John Joseph **Pershing**; accept "Black Jack" **Pershing**)

(28) **During this conflict, General Norman Schwarzkopf led coalition forces in a massive air campaign lasting 38 days before launching Operation Desert Sabre. (+)** The ground war portion of this conflict lasted only 100 hours and saw retreating forces set fire to hundreds of oil wells. (*) For the points, name this conflict in which a U.S.-led coalition launched Operation Desert Storm to liberate Kuwait from Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces.

ANSWER: First Persian **Gulf** War (do not accept "Second Gulf War" or "Iraq War")

(29) **The photograph "Migrant Mother" captured one member of this social group by a photographer in the Resettlement Administration, and was termed the "Mona Lisa of the 1930s." (+)** Many members of this social group sought out agricultural work in the Central Valley, and the book *The Grapes of Wrath* was written about their struggles. (*) Escaping from conditions of the Dust Bowl, these were, for the points, members of what migrant group which fled from an eponymous state in the Great Plains?

ANSWER: **Okies** (prompt on generic descriptions about migrants from Oklahoma)

(30) **The play *Inherit the Wind* is a highly-fictionalized account of this case and premiered during the Second Red Scare, and H. L. Mencken gained fame for his satirical reporting on this case. (+) This case was triggered as a result of an intentional violation of the Butler Act, with Clarence Darrow facing off against William Jennings Bryan. (*)** For the points, name this 1925 trial in Tennessee, in which a high school teacher was found guilty of teaching human evolution, often termed the "Monkey Trial."

ANSWER: **Scopes** Monkey trial (or *The State of Tennessee v. John Thomas Scopes*; prompt on "Monkey Trial" alone)

Extra Questions

(1) **The 1960 Treaty of Fifth Avenue between Richard Nixon and this politician strained support among conservative circles and may have delivered the presidency to John F. Kennedy. (+) This politician derailed a 1964 presidential campaign by divorcing his wife and marrying a younger woman named "Happy," and an order given by this politician resulted in 43 deaths during riots at Attica Prison. (*)** A four-term governor of New York, for the points, what this liberal Republican vice president was appointed by Gerald Ford?

ANSWER: Nelson A(ldrich) **Rockefeller**

(2) **This politician from Barbour County was mentored by Governor Chauncey Sparks. When barred from seeking another term by one state's constitution, this politician's wife Lurleen ran for and won the governorship. (+) A Black congresswoman from New York City visited this politician in the hospital after he was paralyzed in a shooting by Arthur Bremer. (*)** The "stand in the schoolhouse door" was mounted by, for the points, what governor of Alabama who declared "segregation now, segregation tomorrow, and segregation forever?"

ANSWER: George **Wallace** (or George Corley **Wallace** Jr)

(3) **This man drew himself and his wife Josephine Nivison in pantomime costumes in a canvas painting called *Two Comedians*, and his only historical paintings involved soldiers heading to Gettysburg. (+) The Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum contains a painting by this artist titled *Girl at Sewing Machine*, and this artist also painted modernist works like *Automat* and *Chop Suey*. (*)** For the points, name this American painter who created a scene at a diner called *Nighthawks*.

ANSWER: Edward **Hopper**