

# 2015 National History Bowl High School Championships

## Round 1

### First Quarter

1. *This author wrote a poem about a man who frames Ralph de Wilton before dying at the Battle of Flodden Field.* This man wrote about Jeanie Deans, who seeks a pardon from Queen Caroline after the Porteous Riots. Frederick Douglass borrowed his surname from the work of this author, who included the Templar Brian de Bois-Guilbert, Robin Hood, and Richard the Lionhearted in another novel. For 10 points, name this author of *Marmion*, *The Heart of Midlothian*, and *Ivanhoe*.

ANSWER: Sir Walter **Scott** <EA> {I}

2. *This man was assassinated by the centurion Cassius Chaerea.* This man was played by Malcolm McDowell in a controversial film adaptation of a Gore Vidal novel. He may have executed the Praetorian prefect Macro, who had smothered his predecessor. This third son of Germanicus ordered his men to collect seashells after his invasion of Gaul. For 10 points, name this Roman emperor who succeeded Tiberius and was accused of madness.

ANSWER: **Caligula** [or **Gaius** Julius Caesar Augustus Germanicus] <EA> {I}

3. *Before becoming Ambassador to the UK, the historian George Bancroft was appointed to this post.* During the Teapot Dome scandal, Edwin Denby was forced to resign this position. Abel Upshur left this post to become Secretary of State after the resignation of Daniel Webster. Another holder of this cabinet position was nicknamed “Neptune” by Abraham Lincoln and was named Gideon Welles. For 10 points, name this cabinet position responsible for the fleets of the United States.

ANSWER: United States **Secretary of the Navy** <EA> {I}

4. *Forces of this empire were defeated at the Battle of the Maule by the Mapuche.* This empire sacked the city of Chan Chan and conquered the rival Chimu under the leadership of Pachacuti. Record keeping in this empire was accomplished through a system of strings and knots called quipu. The people of this empire worshipped the creator Viracocha and the storm goddess Illapa. For 10 points, name this South American Empire which was centered at Cusco.

ANSWER: **Incan** Empire <EA> {I}

5. *During World War I, this activity was undertaken by those stationed at Room 40.* The Polish machine Bomba was designed to do this. This is considered impossible if a one-time pad is used correctly. During World War II, Alan Turing and others stationed at Bletchley Park conducted this task. The results of that work were designated “Ultra” and resulted from failures of the Enigma machine. For 10 points, name this task often necessary to reading enemy messages.

ANSWER: **code-breaking** [or **cryptography**; or **decrypting**; or **cryptanalysis**] <EA> {I}

6. *This justice joined William Brennan in dissenting on every death penalty case after Gregg.* After this justice's 1991 retirement, George H.W. Bush appointed Clarence Thomas to take his spot. As an attorney, he successfully argued *Shelley v. Kraemer*, which ended restrictive covenants. In another case, this man persuaded the Warren Court to rule unanimously that separate but equal schools were unlawful. For 10 points, name this civil rights lawyer who argued *Brown v. Board of Education*.

ANSWER: Thurgood **Marshall** <EA> {I}

7. *This king built the White Tower, which became the Tower of London.* This king's flagship, the *Mora*, was constructed at Barfleur. After heading off a Danish invasion in support of Edgar the Aetheling, this king launched a subjugation campaign called the Harrying of the North. Late in his reign, he completed a great survey of England called the Domesday (**pr. DOOMS-day**) Book. For 10 points, name this Duke of Normandy and King of England who won the Battle of Hastings.

ANSWER: **William the Conqueror** [or **William I**; prompt on "William"] <EA> {I}

8. *Frederick Roth created a sculpture of Balto for this site.* Diane Arbus photographed a boy holding a toy hand grenade in this place. A Charles Ives piece is titled for this place "in the dark." Christo and Jeanne-Claude constructed a series of orange cloth gates in this place. In *The Catcher in the Rye*, Holden asks where the ducks that live in this place go in the winter. For 10 points, name this place designed by Calvert Vaux and Frederick Law Olmsted, a large park in Manhattan.

ANSWER: **Central Park** (prompt on Manhattan or New York until the word "titled" in line 2) <EA> {I}

## Second Quarter

1. *This location is the site of the National Memorial Arch.* This site was replaced by the area of Jockey Hollow near Morristown. Parson Weems claimed a man named Isaac Potts witnessed a general kneeling in prayer in the snow at this place. It was here that Baron von Steuben introduced new standards of sanitation, logistics, and drilling to the Continental Army. For 10 points, name this Pennsylvania site where Washington spent a harsh winter from 1777 to 1778.

ANSWER: **Valley Forge** [prompt on "Pennsylvania"]

BONUS: During the Valley Forge winter, which British general, who had occupied Philadelphia was replaced by Henry Clinton?

ANSWER: William **Howe** <EA> {I}

2. *This man directed a biopic about the Dalai Lama titled Kundun.* Leonardo DiCaprio builds the Spruce Goose in a biographical film this director made about Howard Hughes titled *The Aviator*. Daniel Day-Lewis plays Bill "the Butcher" Cutting, who runs Boss Tweed era New York's criminal underworld in this director's *Gangs of New York*. John Hinckley Jr. was obsessed with this director's character of Travis Bickle. For 10 points, name this director of *Taxi Driver*.

ANSWER: Martin **Scorsese**

BONUS: Which 2011 Scorsese film largely focuses on the work of early French film director George Melies?

ANSWER: **Hugo** <EA> {I}

3. *This city was the site of the Securities Exchange Company founded by Charles Ponzi.* On the night of St. Patrick's Day, thirteen artworks were stolen from this city's Gardner Museum. A serial killer in this city strangled women with their own stockings. The Slater-Morrill Shoe Factory in this city's suburb of Braintree was the target of Sacco and Vanzetti's armed robbery. For 10 points, name this northeastern U.S. city whose police force killed Tamerlan Tsarnaev.

ANSWER: **Boston**, Massachusetts

BONUS: What former FBI informant was arrested and charged for racketeering in 2011 and led Boston's Winter Hill Gang?

ANSWER: James Joseph "Whitey" **Bulger**, Jr. <KG> {I}

4. *In this conflict, Conrad III suffered a major loss at the Battle of Dorylaeum.* This conflict was provoked by Zengi's capture of Edessa. During this conflict, Louis VII of France and his wife Eleanor of Aquitaine were ambushed at Laodicea by a Seljuk army. Pope Eugene III asked Bernard of Clairvaux to preach in favor of this conflict, which failed to achieve its main goal. For 10 points, name this 1145-1149 Crusade which saw the Christians fail to conquer Damascus.

ANSWER: **Second Crusade**

BONUS: Which Byzantine Emperor and grandson of Alexius I allegedly supported the Turks against the Crusaders?

ANSWER: **Manuel I** Komnenos [or **Manuel Komnenos**] <TR> {I}

5. *During this battle, Charles Piroth committed suicide.* It began with the dropping of paratroopers in Operation Castor and saw the creation of the Beatrice and Gabrielle strongpoints. The losers in this battle utilized the “hedgehog” strategy of General Navarre, which failed when opposing artillery was placed in the surrounding hills. It ended with an assault ordered by Vo Nguyen Giap. For 10 points, name this battle where a French garrison was defeated by the Viet Minh.

ANSWER: Battle of **Dien Bien Phu**

BONUS: The accords where France withdrew from Vietnam were signed in what city whose namesake conventions establish the standards for international law on warfare?

ANSWER: **Geneva**, Switzerland <JZ> {I}

6. *A political cartoon from this election shows one candidate standing atop two platforms and being pulled in opposite directions by Thomas Watson and Arthur Sewall.* The nickname "Assistant President" was given to the vice-president elected from it, Garret Hobart. The winning candidate employed Marc Hanna as campaign manager, while his opponent defended bimetallism in his "Cross of Gold" speech. For 10 points, name this election that saw William Jennings Bryan defeated by William McKinley.

ANSWER: presidential election of **1896**

BONUS: McKinley used what campaign strategy that involved staying at home and giving speeches to visiting supporters?

ANSWER: **front porch** campaign <VP> {I}

7. *The language of Ilokano is widely spoken only on this island.* This island’s Lingayen Gulf was the launching point for a World War II invasion of it. The Bessang Pass and Balete Pass were pitched World War II battles on this island. Daniel Burnham designed this island’s city of Baguio after the Spanish conceded it and its southern partners Palawan and Mindanao to the US after the Spanish American War. For 10 points, name this largest island of the Philippines.

ANSWER: **Luzon**

BONUS: Almost one thousand people were killed by the 1991 eruption of which Luzon stratovolcano?

ANSWER: Mount **Pinatubo** <EA> {I}

8. *During this ruler's tenure, it became popular for women to wear purple or gray dresses to show that they were in "half-mourning."* The Kensington system, which educated this leader, was devised by John Conroy to instill weakness. This monarch's country bought a controlling share in the new Suez Canal decades after a marriage to Saxe-Coburg and Gotha's Prince Albert. For 10 points, name this British monarch who celebrated the first Diamond Jubilee in 1897.

ANSWER: Queen **Victoria** [or Alexandrina **Victoria**]

BONUS: Victoria was excluded from ruling what part of Lower Saxony, the namesake of her dynastic house, due to its insistence on an all-male dynastic line?

ANSWER: **Hanover** [or House of **Hanover**] <MJ> {I}

**Third Quarter  
60 Second Rounds**

**Categories:**

**SUBSTITUTIONS, IF ANY, MUST BE DONE BEFORE CATEGORIES ARE REVEALED!**

**MARTIN VAN BUREN, CRASSUS, & THE MAORI**

MARTIN VAN BUREN

U.S. President Martin Van Buren...

1. Was the president of what number?

ANSWER: **8<sup>th</sup>**

2. Succeeded what man, whose Vice President he had been, in 1837?

ANSWER: Andrew **Jackson**

3. Was in what party opposed by the Whigs during his term?

ANSWER: **Democratic** Party [do not accept "Democratic-Republican"]

4. Grew up speaking what non-English language in the town of Kinderhook?

ANSWER: **Dutch** [or **Nederlands**]

5. Joined what third party late in life?

ANSWER: **Free Soil** Party

6. Controlled what Northeast city through its "Regency" political machine?

ANSWER: **Albany**, New York [or **Albany** Regency]

7. Dealt with what affair in which British Canadians sent a ship over Niagara Falls?

ANSWER: **Caroline** affair

8. Was accused of having what luxury item in his mouth by opponent Charles Ogle?

ANSWER: a **golden spoon** [or **Golden Spoon** Oration] <MJ> {I}

CRASSUS

Marcus Licinius Crassus...

1. lived in what ancient Republic before it became an Empire?

ANSWER: **Rome** [or **Roman** Republic; or **Roman** Empire]

2. was in what upper social class, opposed to the plebeians?

ANSWER: **patricians** [or **patres**; or **senatorial** class]

3. joined what numbered governing alliance with Caesar and Pompey?

ANSWER: First **Triumvirate**

4. helped put down what rebel trained as a gladiator by Lentulus Batiatus?

ANSWER: **Spartacus**

5. died fighting what eastern nomads at Carrhae?

ANSWER: **Parthians** [or **Arsacids**]

6. had what substance poured down his throat after his death to mock his greed?

ANSWER: molten **gold**

7. Was biographed in what Greek historian's *Lives* in a parallel with Nicias?

ANSWER: **Plutarch** [or **Ploutarkhos**]

8. Founded what type of service to profit off public disasters, often buying the areas it served?

ANSWER: **fire** brigade [or **fire**fighting agency; or **fire**men; or **fire** insurance; or **bucket brigade**]

<MJ> {I}

## THE MAORI

The Maori people...

1. Live in what island nation east of Australia?

ANSWER: **New Zealand** [or **Aotearoa**]

2. Decorated their bodies with what ink designs?

ANSWER: **tattoos**

3. Had what sort of sacred prohibitions found in many Polynesian cultures?

ANSWER: **tapu** [or **taboos**; or **kapu**]

4. leased land to herders of what mammal of genus *Ovis*?

ANSWER: **sheep** [or **rams**]

5. received what kind of pre-rifle gun from the British?

ANSWER: **muskets**

6. do what type of warlike dance now done by the All Blacks rugby team?

ANSWER: **haka**

7. signed what 1840 treaty curbing their sovereignty with William Hobson?

ANSWER: Treaty of **Waitangi**

8. massacred what island group's peaceful Moriori people?

ANSWER: **Chatham** islands <MJ> {I}

## Fourth Quarter

1. The issue of LIFE magazine dedicated to this event asked "How many times must we live through these throat-paralyzing sequences of days of gun play, grief, and muffled drums?" As photographed by Bill Eppridge, a teenager named Juan Romero shook the hand of this event's victim just before it occurred in (+) a corridor connecting the kitchen to the Colonial Room in the Ambassador Hotel. This event's victim (\*) had just given a speech celebrating his victory in the California primary. For 10 points, name this June 6, 1968 event in which Sirhan Sirhan killed a man who had served as Attorney General under his previously-assassinated brother.

ANSWER: assassination of Robert Francis "Bobby" Kennedy [or assassination of RFK; accept answers with "Bobby" in place of "Robert"; accept answers containing close synonyms for assassination, prompt on "Kennedy assassination"] <MJ> {I}

2. One composition by this man was used as the national anthem of Biafra. This man referenced the Prelude to Tristan and Isolde in the opening of his one-movement Symphony #7. Robert Kajanus interpreted the Andante of his Symphony #2 in D Major as a (+) "broken-hearted protest," and his violin concerto was described by Donald Tovey as a "polonaise for polar bears." A nationalist piece by this man was performed under names such as Impromptu to evade (\*) Russian censors, and he depicted scenes from the Kalevala in tone poems such as The Swan of Tuonela. For 10 points, name this composer of Finlandia.

ANSWER: Jean Sibelius <CW> {I}

3. Though William Jackson was appointed secretary at this event, notes about its proceedings were compiled by Richard Yates. At this event, the "Committee of Detail" was chaired by "Dictator" John Rutledge. Patrick Henry avoided this event because he "smelt a (+) rat." At this event, which took place one year after a similar gathering in Annapolis, James Wilson proposed the (\*) three-fifths compromise and Roger Sherman presented the "Connecticut Compromise." For 10 points, name this 1787 gathering in Philadelphia to amend the faulty Articles of Confederation.

ANSWER: Constitutional Convention [or Philadelphia Convention before mentioned; or Federal Convention; or Grand Convention at Philadelphia before mentioned] <AG> {I}

4. The families belonging to this group were described in the Velvet Book and the pedigree books. This group, which was a rank below the druzhina, benefited from the Mestnichestvo system. The power of this group was opposed by the creation of twelve collegia and by the formulation of civil service in the (+) Table of Ranks. Members of this group made up a namesake (\*) Duma assembly, wore hats called gorlatnaya and carried silver tokens if they paid the beard tax. For 10 points, name this group targeted by Peter the Great's reforms, Russia's traditional nobility.

ANSWER: boyars [prompt on "Russian nobles" or similar answers] <JB> {I}



5. *This movement believed in a spiritual realm called the Pleroma. Carl Jung wrote about this movement's "Symbols of the Self." Many writings of this movement were discovered at Nag Hammadi, including the (+) Gospel of Thomas. Its followers believed that the creator of the world was the Demiurge, who is typically depicted as a child of (\*) Sophia. For 10 points, what sets of early Christian heretics believed in the idea that one could attain salvation through knowledge, and took its name from the Greek for that type of knowledge?*

ANSWER: Gnosticism [or Gnostics] <DW> {I}

6. *A coup attempt against this dynasty resulted in the "six martyred ministers" being executed. The fourth ruler of this dynasty created a set of scholarly advisors called the Hall of Worthies. This dynasty was the last under which civil servants called (+) yangban had high social status. The European phrase "hermit kingdom" referred to this dynasty during its later isolationist years, after it developed the (\*) covered hulls of the turtle ship. For 10 points, name this dynasty whose emperor Sejong invented the hangul script, which ruled until 1910 on the Korean peninsula.*

ANSWER: Choson dynasty [or Joseon dynasty] <MJ> {I}

7. *Speaking tours for this cause were conducted by Hanley's Flying Squadron. This movement was supported by a Timothy Shay Arthur novel describing "Ten Nights in" a certain place "and What I Saw There." Wayne Wheeler and "Pussy-foot" Johnson (+) founded a league for this cause. This cause was supported by the "Maine Laws," which were advocated by Portland Mayor Neal S. (\*) Dow. The hatchet-wielding Carrie Nation supported this cause, as did the WCTU. For 10 points, name this cause which succeeded with the passage of the 18th Amendment and the prohibition of alcohol.*

ANSWER: temperance [or prohibition before read; or Anti-Saloon League] <JB> {I}

8. *Three members of this group were shot in Gibraltar during Operation Flavius. Imprisoned members of this group walked around naked and smeared feces in their cells as part of "blanket" and "dirty" protests against the removal of their Special Category Status. This group blew up Lord (+) Mountbatten's yacht and attempted a bombing of the Grand Hotel in Brighton. (\*) "Continuity" and "Real" offshoots of this group emerged after the Good Friday Agreement. For 10 points, name this paramilitary group active during the Troubles, which sought to create a united Ireland.*

ANSWER: Provisional Irish Republican Army [or IRA; or PIRA; do not accept other adjectives in front of the name] <JB> {I}

## Extra Tossup

This is a tossup provided for breaking ties or replacing a flubbed or erroneous question at any point in the packet. The power marks are provided so that it may be scored according to fourth quarter rules if it is replacing a fourth quarter question. The power marks should be ignored if this tossup is used to replace a first or second quarter question.

**TB. Sarah Josepha Hale advocated for the establishment of this holiday. The day before this holiday, the Wall Street Journal reprints a section of Mourt's Relation known as "The Desolate Wilderness." In 1939 the date of this holiday was (+) moved after lobbying from the National Retail Dry Goods Association. In 1864 Abraham Lincoln (\*) proclaimed it to be a national holiday. This holiday was first celebrated in a 1621 gathering legendarily aided by Squanto. For 10 points, a 1941 act of Congress proclaimed what holiday to be the fourth Thursday in November?**

ANSWER: **Thanksgiving** Day <DW> {I}