

Playoff Round 4

Regulation Tossups

(1) This site's inscriptions included the plundered Wagner Murals and numerous inscriptions of "Spearthrower Owl," a king who reigned for many decades. An early precursor to the Aztec god Quetzalcoatl is the subject of this site's Temple of the Feathered Serpent. This site's Avenue of the Dead leads to the Pyramid of the Sun. For the point, name this Mesoamerican city prominent in Pre-Columbian Mexico.

ANSWER: Teotihuacan (do not accept or prompt on Tenochtitlan)

(2) This man received one command after Walton Walker's death. This man's usage of heavy concentrations of firepower led his battle formations to be known as his "meatgrinder." He was victorious against repeated Chinese attacks at Chipyeong-ni and Wonju, shortly before Harry Truman appointed him as commander of all UN forces. For the point, name this Korean War commander who succeeded Douglas MacArthur.

ANSWER: Matthew Ridgway

(3) This battle featured the Scipion and Sirene taking heavy damage as they rushed into a bay. An Allied fleet seeking to enforce the Treaty of London initiated this battle, leading Edward Codrington to be accused of attacking too hastily. A combined British, French, and Russian fleet defeated Ibrahim Pasha's navy at this battle. For the point, name this pivotal 1827 naval battle of the Greek War of Independence.

ANSWER: Battle of Navarino

(4) This politician quipped "Eggheads of the world unite" while rallying his supporters. As Ambassador to the United Nations, he resolved the Cuban Missile Crisis, saying he would wait for an answer from the Soviets until hell froze over. This man defeated Dwight Green in a gubernatorial election in 1948 in his home state. For the point, name this Illinois senator who lost to Eisenhower in 1952 and 1956.

ANSWER: Adlai E. Stevenson II

(5) This mathematician's Note G includes details of a way to efficiently compute the Bernoulli Numbers. The self-described methods used by this figure were those of "poetical science." Work on the Analytical Engine designed by Charles Babbage was done by this woman, who names an extension of Pascal. For the point, name this only legitimate daughter of Lord Byron, often considered to be the first computer programmer.

ANSWER: Ada Lovelace (prompt on Byron before mentioned)

(6) This trial led to the conviction of Harry Gold for his work as a courier. A defendant in this trial had been corresponding with David Greenglass, who would supply information from Los Alamos laboratory. This trial's two main defendants were electric chaired for their delivery of secrets to the Soviet Union. For the point, name this trial that led to the execution of Julius and Ethel on espionage charges.

ANSWER: trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg

(7) This religion's texts include the Seven Valleys and the Four Valleys, along with a set of interpretations written by the former leader Shogi Effendi. The Universal House of Justice governs this religion which is now centered on Haifa, Israel. This religion was forced out of Iran. For the point, name this religion that preaches that all faiths are worthwhile and was founded by Baha'u'llah.

ANSWER: Baha'i

(8) This man led the 143rd division during Operation Gazelle, a crossing of the Suez Canal. As commander, he was forced to resign after his troops committed the Sabra and Shatila Massacre. This man originally won election with the Likud in 2000, but broke off five years later to form the Kadima party. For the point, name this Israeli general and prime minister whose tenure was cut short by a stroke in 2006.

ANSWER: Ariel Sharon

(9) This battle featured the death of Abraham Lincoln's brother-in-law, Benjamin Helm. The defense of Snodgrass Hill led George Thomas to be called the "rock" of this battle. Reinforcements sent from James Longstreet helped turn the tide of this battle, whose losing side was forced to retreat to Chattanooga. For the point, name this 1863 battle in Georgia in which William Rosecrans was defeated by Braxton Bragg.

ANSWER: Battle of Chickamauga

(10) This battle called for Walther Model and Hermann Hoth to form a pincer and trap the Voronezh and Central Fronts. This battle was codenamed Operation Citadel and featured an engagement at Prokhorovka in which an exceptionally large number of dueling T-34s and Tigers participated. For the point, name this 1943 battle of the Eastern Front, the largest tank battle of World War II.

ANSWER: Battle of Kursk (or Operation Citadel before mentioned)

(11) This modern-day state was the site of a revolt against Spanish settlers under Antonio de Otermín by Po'Pay. The San Estevan Del Rey Mission was constructed in this state by the Acoma people. Francisco Vázquez de Coronado searched for the Seven Cities of Cibola in this state, but only found a Zuni settlement. For the point, name this Southwestern state home to the Pueblo people around Santa Fe.

ANSWER: New Mexico

(12) This man declared "all is lost save honour" after his most disastrous defeat, which forced him to sign the Treaty of Madrid. This man sought an alliance with England during a meeting at the Field of the Cloth of Gold with Henry VIII. This man surrendered his territories to the Habsburgs after the battle of Pavia in Italy. For the point, name this French monarch known for his conflicts with Charles V.

ANSWER: Francis I of France

(13) This economic concept relies on Rolle's Theorem and the assumption that revenue is a continuous function. This concept, which was first described to Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld via a drawing on a napkin in 1974, argues that 0% and 100% tax rates create the same, no-revenue result. For the point, name this economic curve that would show how government revenue is affected by changes in the tax rate.

ANSWER: Laffer Curve

(14) This American politician once locked rival senators into the building to prevent them from fleeing during a vote. He instituted a set of namesake “rules” to end no-shows during senate votes, the so-called disappearing quorum. This U.S. Representative from Maine was known as the “Czar” for his leadership of the 51st Congress. For the point, name this Speaker of the House during the Billion Dollar Congress.

ANSWER: Thomas Brackett Reed

(15) This figure claimed to be an incarnation of Maitreya to secure rule. This figure was forced to flee after plotters executed Zhang Yizhi and Zhang Changzong and surrounded the palace. After first rising to prominence as the wife of Taizong and his son Gaozong, this ruler attempted to establish the Second Zhou dynasty when she launched a rebellion against the Tang. For the point, name China’s only empress.

ANSWER: Wu Zetian (or Wu Zhao; accept Empress Wu)

(16) This route’s establishment led to the execution of John Ridge and Elias Boudinot. Despite the objections of John Ross, this route was put into use when Stand Watie signed the Treaty of New Echota. Thousands died as Winfield Scott’s troops forced civilians onto this route for relocation. For the point, name this route that the Cherokee traveled to Oklahoma.

ANSWER: Trail of Tears

(17) This man rewrote his country’s constitution with the help of Marcelo Caetano and purged the National Syndicalist blue shirts. This man’s army was targeted by Operation Vijay, leading to the loss of the Goa colony overseas. The Estado Novo regime was established under this man and lasted forty years until the Carnation Revolution. For the point, name this prime minister of Portugal from 1932 to 1968.

ANSWER: Antonio Salazar

(18) This region fell under foreign control after King Perseus was slain, leading to the formation of client states at Pella and Amphipolis. Rome extinguished this region’s ruling Antigonid dynasty at the Battle of Pydna, which proved the superiority of the legion’s mandible formation over this region’s phalanxes. For the point, name this Greek kingdom which once dominated the Hellenistic Period under Alexander.

ANSWER: Macedon (accept Macedonia; prompt on Greece)

(19) This man told an opponent to “look those men with mangled bodies in the eye” in the Gold Star Mothers speech. As senator from Ohio, this man was caught taking bribes as a member of the Keating Five. In another job, this man was honored by the citizens of Perth, Australia, who turned on their lights as he flew overhead in 1962. For the point, name this astronaut who became the first American to orbit the earth.

ANSWER: John Glenn

(20) This War Secretary was killed when his ship hit a German mine near Scotland. This man rose to fame after defeating Abdallahi ibn Muhammad's revolt at the Battle of Omdurman. He had helped produce a propaganda piece addressed to "BRITONS" featuring him pointing at the viewer. For the point, name this British general who declared "your country needs YOU" on a famous World War I recruitment poster.

ANSWER: Horatio Herbert Kitchener

(21) This man's Mass for Troubled Times was soon renamed after news broke of British victory on the Nile, leading it to be called the Nelson mass. The Seven Last Words of Christ were composed by this man as he served as the Kapellmeister for his patrons, the Esterhazys. This man became known as the Father of the Symphony after composing 106 of them. For the point, name this composer of the "Surprise" symphony.

ANSWER: Franz Joseph Haydn

(22) This man was captured at Irwinville while disguised in the clothing of his wife Varina. After resigning as senator from Mississippi, this man won an election against Robert Toombs. This man's vice president, Alexander Stephens, declared that his government is based on the truth that the African American "is not equal to the white man." For the point, name the president of the Confederacy.

ANSWER: Jefferson Davis

(23) This group recruited Belgians into the Wallonien and Langemarck squadrons. This group's first 3 divisions included the Death's Head and the Leibstandarte after it was founded by Sepp Dietrich. Originally called Sonderkommando Berlin, this group was first designed to be a bodyguard unit in 1933. For the point, what elite armed force of the Nazi army was led by Heinrich Himmler?

ANSWER: Waffen-SS (accept Schutzstaffeln)

(24) This ship's location was discovered after a Ronald Layton spy plane went over Wonsan harbor. Lloyd Bucher was accused of piloting this ship into enemy waters. This environmental research ship remains the only active commissioned American ship that is still in capture today, since it is now part of the Pyongyang Victorious War Museum. For the point, name this ship captured by North Korea in 1966.

ANSWER: USS Pueblo

(25) This party included wealthy merchants that fought for New England's secession, the Essex Junto. Other members of this party were accused of signaling for British ships and were called the Blue Light faction. This party's last act was to nominate Rufus King as a presidential candidate, and it became irrelevant following the Hartford Convention. For the point, name this party of DeWitt Clinton and John Adams.

ANSWER: Federalist Party

Extra Tossups

(1) This body of water was the target of Operation Earnest Will, where American ships were deployed to protect tankers. After the Samuel B. Roberts struck a mine in this body of water, Operation Praying Mantis was authorized to take revenge on enemy shipping. This body of water is cut off from the ocean whenever the Strait of Hormuz is closed. For the point, name this Middle Eastern gulf.

ANSWER: Persian Gulf

(2) This country's general Bennigsen once attempted to cross the Alle River to quickly strike an enemy army, only to be rebuffed by reinforcements. In a meeting held on river barges, this country was forced into the Treaty of Tilsit after a defeat at Friedland, compelling this country to join the Continental System. For the point, name this country that was led in the Napoleonic Wars by Alexander I, the tsar.

ANSWER: Russian Empire