

USHB Playoff Round 1

Playoffs Round 1 Tossups

(1) This woman's purchase of a china service during a recession conflicted with an attempt to cut costs by counting ketchup as a vegetable. This woman's autobiography, *My Turn*, features James Baker and Michael Deaver, who worked for her husband. This woman consulted an astrologer, Joan Quigley, when her husband's life was in danger. This woman headed a campaign based on Richard I. Evans's Social Inoculation model, the "Just Say No" campaign. For the point, name this First Lady.

ANSWER: Nancy Davis Reagan

(2) During this event, Belinda Mulrooney became successful as a supplier and the owner of the Grand Forks Hotel. During this event, Frederick Trump sold the Dairy Restaurant in Pioneer Square to open a brothel and a restaurant which sold horse meat. Sam Steele policed Dawson City during this event, the site of which could be reached by the Chilkoot Trail. Conman Jefferson "Soapy" Smith controlled Skagway during this event, and Robert Service's *Songs of a Sourdough* was created as a result of this event. For the point, name this Alaskan gold rush.

ANSWER: Klondike Gold Rush

(3) Under this president, a tax was imposed that included counting the size of windows, which inspired a Pennsylvania auctioneer to revolt. An incident under this president involved Germans in Bucks County who opposed the Direct House Tax. John Fries [[FREEZ]] led a rebellion under this president, who signed an act for sick sailors and used the Midnight Judges Act to appoint many jurists during his lame duck period. For the point, name this Federalist who participated in a peaceful transition of power to Thomas Jefferson.

ANSWER: John Adams (do not accept or prompt on "J(ohn) Q(uincy) Adams", prompt on Adams)

(4) The man who engineered this event was later said to have accumulated a cache of atomic weapons in Gulfport, Mississippi, for the Marsallis Company and is credited with inventing "Synthetic Bitumin." That man who sponsored this event, George Rappleyea, managed the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company in Dayton, Tennessee and convinced a group of local businessmen to sponsor this event as a test of the Butler Act. William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow argued, for the point, what 1925 trial concerning the teaching of evolution?

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

(5) This state's Pupil Assignment Act attempted to circumvent desegregation before the Pearsall Plan to Save Our Schools was created. This state was home to the Christmas Sacrifice Boycott, and its literacy test was allowed in the *Lassiter* case. In this state, the *Wolfe* and *Simkins* cases originated, and a Woolworth store in this state desegregated after Ezell Blair protested at a lunch counter. For the point, name this state, the site of the Greensboro sit-ins.

ANSWER: **North Carolina**

(6) Many of this writer's best-known works were produced from 1900 to 1909 while this writer taught at Pinkerton Academy and farmed his family's plot in Derry, New Hampshire. This author's collection, *Mountain Interval* includes "The Oven Bird" and another piece, perhaps this writer's best-known, inspired by English poet, Edward Thomas. The only person to receive four Pulitzer Prizes for Poetry, for the point, who is this poet laureate of Vermont, the author of "Mending Wall" and "The Road Not Taken"?

ANSWER: Robert **Frost**

(7) During this conflict, forces under William Johnson captured the Baron Dieskau at the Battle of Lake George. Tanacharison led a group of Mingo warriors during an ambush in this conflict that resulted in the death of Joseph Coulon de Villiers. In the prelude to this conflict, Virginians building Fort Prince George were rebuffed by an army that instead built Fort Duquesne. For the point, name this 1754 to 1763 war which pitted the United Kingdom against its European rival and their Native American allies.

ANSWER: **French and Indian** War (accept Guerre de la **Conquete**; accept War of **Conquest**; prompt on "Seven Years War")

(8) At age 81, this woman was mugged by Joseph Skipper, and, while working as a secretary, this woman investigated Recy Taylor's rape and helped organize a "Committee for Equal Justice" for her benefit. Following this woman's arrest, Jo Ann Robinson mimeographed 35,000 handbills to start a boycott, and Paul Stephenson was inspired by this woman's actions to do the same in Bristol, England. Having declined to follow James F. Blake's orders, for the point, who was this woman who refused to get out of her seat on a Montgomery bus?

ANSWER: Rosa **Parks**

(9) One of these works named the *Massachusetts Spy* featured entries by "Centinel," "Mucius Scaevola," and "Leonidas." One of the leading examples of these items was *The Port Folio*, written by Joseph Dennie, Paul Allen and Nicholas Biddle. John Fenno published one of these works for the Federalist Party, and the Hell-Fire Club created one of these things with James Franklin under the title *The New England Courant*. Ben Franklin began his career as an apprentice printing, for the point, what form of media, exemplified by the *New York Times*?

ANSWER: **Newspaper(s)** (accept **Magazine** before "Fenno"; prompt on "Periodical" and similar answers)

(10) This man was the first to be hung for treason in the US and was tried on the orders of Governor Henry Wise at Charles Town under Judge Richard Parker. Lydia Marie Child wrote letters defending this man, against whom prosecutor Andrew Hunter presented Lewis Washington to testify. Using the alias, Isaac Smith, the arrival of J. E. B. [[JEB]] Stuart and Robert E. Lee led to the capture of this man. In his last speech, this man declared he would "forfeit my life...in this slave country." For the point, name this abolitionist who led the Harpers Ferry Raid.

ANSWER: John **Brown**

(11) People of this ethnicity, who produced turpentine and tar for shipbuilding in Jamestown, led the first documented strike in North America. A Revolutionary War hero of this ethnicity, "the father of American cavalry," died at the Battle of Savannah. Another Revolutionary War general of this ethnicity designed fortifications at West Point. For the point, name this ethnicity of Casimir Pulaski, Thaddeus Kościuszko [[KOS-CHOOS-KO]], and other immigrants from Warsaw.

ANSWER: **Polish**-American(s) (or **Poles**, or (begrudgingly) **Polacks**, prompt on "Poland", accept **Polish**-Lithuanian)

(12) These decisions, named from the Latin for "to give wholeheartedly," cannot be recognized by a judge unless brought by a plea or motion according to *United States v. Wilson. Burdick v. United States*, which ruled that people must introduce these decisions into court proceedings, was cited by Gerald Ford following the Watergate Scandal. Accepting one of these decisions does not necessarily imply guilt. For the point, name these governmental decisions granting relief from being convicted of a crime.

ANSWER: **Pardon** (accept descriptive answers regarding individuals being relieved of criminal accusations or convictions)

(13) One of the agents in this event joined with Jules Paul Benjamin Delessert to form France's first savings bank and had a business relationship with the Bishop of Autun. Another agent in this event had been to the US in 1792 where he met Elbridge Gerry. Those agents, Jean-Conrad Hottinguer and Lucien Hauteval, along with Pierre Bellamy, were central to this event which led to the Quasi War. Talleyrand engaged with Gerry, Charles Pinckney, and John Marshall in, for the point, what affair in which France required bribes from the Americans?

ANSWER: **XYZ** Affair

(14) Nelson Barbour helped the founder of this group write *Three Worlds*. "Colporteurs" distributed the work of this group until 1931, when the term was changed to "pioneers." In Columbus, Joseph Franklin Rutherford introduced this group's present name, preaching of 144,000 anointed members. Charles Taze Russell founded this group, along with the Zion's Watch Tower Tract Society, and they distribute *The Watchtower* magazine. For the point, name this nontrinitarian group known for its door-to-door preaching.

ANSWER: **Jehovah's Witnesses**

(15) This Midwestern city shares a record for futility with Buffalo, as its NFL team has also lost four Super Bowls without a single victory. The roof of that team's stadium in this city collapsed after a snow storm in 2010, while three years earlier, this city's I-35 West bridge collapsed as well. In 2020, a video recorded in this city showed a police officer with his knee on George Floyd's neck. For the point, name this twin city of St. Paul, the largest in Minnesota.

ANSWER: **Minneapolis**

(16) A rare candid photo of this man shows him guarding Japanese ambassador Katsuji Debuchi and Secretary of State Henry Stimson. This man often fired people who "looked stupid like pinheads" or got more publicity than him, such as Melvin Purvis. Under this man, an agency sent a suicide letter as part of COINTELPRO to discredit Martin Luther King, Jr. Under this man's leadership, agents killed many people including Pretty Boy Floyd and John Dillinger. For the point, name this long-serving FBI director.

ANSWER: J. Edgar **Hoover**

(17) Elliot Tiber claimed responsibility for moving this event, and Roger Ebert claimed that a 1970 documentary on this event was possibly the "best documentary made in America." Alexander Tapooz's land was suggested for this event, as was the Wallkill's Mills Industrial Park, but it ended up at a slope down to the Filippini Pond at Max Yasgur's dairy farm. Creedence Clearwater Revival was the first to sign a contract for, for the point, what event which included performers such as Jimi Hendrix and Joan Baez, a 1969 hippie music festival?

ANSWER: **Woodstock** Rock Festival

(18) This man produced almost 1200 films including *The Great Train Robbery* and *Frankenstein* at his Black Maria [[muh-RYE-uh]] film studio. With William Kennedy Dickson, this man made the "Kinetoscope," and his factories made Vitascope. This man filmed the electrocution of the elephant "Topsy." Besides films, this man competed with Westinghouse in the War of the Currents, made the Phonograph as the "Wizard of Menlo Park," and created versions of the light bulb. For the point, name this inventor.

ANSWER: Thomas A(lva) **Edison**

(19) After three of these events in 1916, John Treadwell Nichols of the American Museum of Natural History issued a public warning. Alexander Ott rescued Charles Vansant in one of these events which was followed by an incident involving Charles Bruder at Spring Lake and another at Matawan. A series of these events terrified New Jersey in 1916, and, in South Africa, Black December was named because of nine of these events. 2001 had a Summer of these events in the Atlantic Ocean. For the point, name these sometimes fatal events involving certain cartilaginous fish.

ANSWER: **Shark attacks** (accept similar answers involving **sharks**)

(20) One of these structures, later renamed for Bob Graham, was involved in a 1980 accident in which 35 people died. Emily Warren took over as chief engineer of one of these structures after her husband, Washington Roebling, fell ill. To test the stability of one of these structures, P.T. Barnum led Jumbo and 20 other elephants across it. Tubby, the cocker spaniel was the only fatality of the collapse of one of these structures nicknamed "Galloping Gertie." For the point, name these structures which include the Tacoma Narrows and the former Sunshine Skyway.

ANSWER: **Bridges**

(21) Businesses in this industry along Gansevoort Street provided the nickname for a district in Manhattan. Nelson Miles found that this industry's firms sold defective products to Russell A. Alger during the Spanish-American War. A work which criticized this industry centered on the experiences of Lithuanian immigrant Jurgus Rudkus in Chicago. For the point, name this industry, targeted by the Pure Food and Drug Act, which was passed after the publication of Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle*.

ANSWER: **Meatpacking industry** (accept **Beef** industry; accept **Pork** industry)

(22) This group was kept all-white for many years by people including George Preston Marshall. This group was originally conceived in 1920 as the APFA, with representatives in Rock Island and Decatur. The Washington member of this group was forced to integrate on the orders of Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall in 1962. This organization's color barrier was broken in 1946 when former UCLA All-American Kenny Washington joined the Los Angeles franchise. For the point, name this American sports league.

ANSWER: **National Football** League (accept **NFL**; accept **APFC** or **American Professional Football Conference** before "APFA"; accept **APFA** or **American Professional Football Association** before mentioned)

(23) This company's first studio was in Fort Lee, New Jersey, but Sol Wurtzel set up this company's California operation in 1917. The namesake of this company bought the US rights to the Tri-Ergon system, and Spyros Skouras later headed this company and created CinemaScope. After a hostile takeover in 1930 ousted its Hungarian founder, this company merged with Twentieth Century Pictures. This company's successor today includes a Family Films division and a largely conservative news channel. For the point, name this company owned by Rupert Murdoch.

ANSWER: **Fox** Film Corporation (accept **Fox** Corporation; accept 20th Century **Fox**; accept 21st Century **Fox**; accept William **Fox**; prompt on "Wilhelm Fuchs", accept Western **Fox** Theaters)

(24) The Cache swamp was home to a group of these people led by Colonel Plug near Stack Island. Civic leader James Ford secretly led one group of these people from Cave-In-Rock on the Ohio. America's first serial killers joined Peter Alston as part of these people, who preyed on the innocent from Diamond Island under Samuel Mason. The US Army had to fight these people from Fort Massac. Keelboats on the Mississippi and other frontier waterways were often plagued by, for the point, what water-based criminals?

ANSWER: **River Gangs** (accept **River Bandits**; accept **River Pirates**;

(25) After this state declared independence in 1777 it minted "coppers" and ratified its constitution at Windsor Tavern. The first two senators from this state were members of the Anti-Administration faction. After the 2018 elections, one senator from this state was the longest-serving senator but was only six months older than his junior senator. As a result of American enthusiasm for all things French after the Revolution, Jacob Davis chose to name this state's capital after a French city near the Mediterranean. For the point, name this 14th US state.

ANSWER: **Vermont**

(26) Parts of this song were inspired by "De Wild Goose-Nation" and "Johnny Roach." This song was introduced as "Albany Beef" in New York, and Daniel Decatur Emmett may have written this song. Albert Pike wrote a verse for this song, and Frances Crosby wrote a Union-inspired lyric. The Snowden Family Band made the latest challenge for credit of this song, which may have originated with blackface minstrels. For the point, name this song which was played in Charleston after each vote to succeed from the Union.

ANSWER: "**Dixie**(s) Land" (or "I Wish I Was in **Dixie**")

(27) This man criticized "Urselines, Capuchines, Benedictines" in his *Truth Exalted: To Princes, Priests, and People* which criticized most organized religions. After being imprisoned in the Tower of London, this man clarified that he did not deny the Trinity in a tract apologizing for his work, *The Sandy Foundation Shaken*. After working out a deal with Charles II, this man became the largest, non-royal, private landholder in the world. For the point, name this Quaker who established a namesake colony which included Philadelphia.

ANSWER: William **Penn**

(28) This country's weapons were studied in Operation Big, part of the Alsos mission. Some of this country's citizens were detained at Farm Hall in Operation Epsilon. Holger Toftoy offered contracts to scientists from this country who were sent to Fort Bliss and White Sands. Some scientists from this country were sent to the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. As part of Operations Paperclip and Overcast, the United States recruited scientists for rocket research from, for the point, what nation, the birthplace of Wernher von Braun?

ANSWER: Nazi **Germany** (accept **German** Empire; accept **German** Reich; Greater **German** Reich)

(29) This religion's founder may have created several names based off of an expedition to the Comoros. Solomon Spalding's historical fiction, "The Oberlin Manuscript," may have been plagiarized by this religion. This religion's important sites include Cumorah, a hill in Manchester on which Oliver Cowdery supposedly witnessed a discovery as one of the "Three Witnesses." Followers of this religion believe in the ancient Lamanites and Nephites. Golden plates from Moroni are central to, for the point, what religion founded by Joseph Smith?

ANSWER: **Mormonism** (accept The Church of Jesus Christ of **Latter Day Saints**; accept **LDS** Church; accept **Mormon** Church)

(30) This location was formerly home to a joint Army-Navy recruitment base named Fort Gibson. Ownership of reclaimed land at this location was the subject of the Supreme Court case *New Jersey v. New York*. A myth named this location's "Special" refers to people who were supposedly forced to change their name when arriving here. For the point, name this island located in the mouth of the Hudson River, which historically was used as an immigration center, overlooked by the Statue of Liberty.

ANSWER: **Ellis** Island