

## (E) US History Semifinals

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### Regulation Tossups

(1) **Despite 21,000 soldiers being found guilty of this crime during World War Two, Eddie Slovik was the only one executed. Bowe Bergdahl was quickly captured by the Taliban (+) after potentially committing this crime in Iraq. Soldiers during the War of 1812 attempted to gain (\*) enlistment bonuses by committing, for the points, what crime in which a soldier abandons the military while under contract?**

ANSWER: **Desertion** (accept descriptive answers like **abandoning the military** before “for the points”)

(2) **In 1540, Captain García López de Cárdenas visited this place, which was the home of the Havasupai people. John Wesley (+) Powell led the first expedition through this place, but lost three men along its dangerous (\*) rapids. President Theodore Roosevelt advocated for preservation of, for the points, name this landmark in Arizona through which the Colorado River flows.**

ANSWER: **Grand Canyon**

(3) **These events, one of which prompted the signing of the Aldrich-Vreeland Act, was triggered by Levi Woodbury’s Specie Circular in 1837 (+) due to government refusal to accept non-gold or silver payment for public land. The first of these occurred in 1819, while one in 1907 led to the creation of the (\*) Federal Reserve. For the points, name these acute economic crises.**

ANSWER: **Panics** (accept **Panic** of 1837; accept **Panic** of 1819; prompt on any type of “Economic Crisis” or “Financial Crisis” before mentioned)

(4) **Benjamin Butler was one of the seven managers of this event. Edmund Ross was highlighted in Profiles in Courage for refusing (+) to be involved in this event, which was presaged by dismissing Edwin Stanton in violation of the (\*) Tenure of Office Act. For the points, name this event in which an unpopular president was found by the House to have committed a high crime or misdemeanor.**

ANSWER: **Impeachment** of **Andrew Johnson** (accept equivalents)

(5) **This man served as a senator from Rhode Island after a military career that included a successful campaign to capture Elizabeth City. During the Civil War, (+) this man commanded the Union’s Ninth Corps after earlier commanding the Army of the (\*) Potomac. For the points, name this man who suffered losses at the Battle of Fredericksburg and was noted for his distinctive facial hair.**

ANSWER: Ambrose Everett **Burnside**

(6) **This figure, who used the slogan “unbought and unbossed” to title her autobiography, founded the Congressional Black Caucus. This lawmaker visited segregationist (+) George Wallace in the hospital in 1972 when they were both running for president. A representative from (\*) New York from 1969 to 1983, this is, for the points, what politician who was the first Black woman elected to Congress?**

ANSWER: Shirley **Chisholm** (or Shirley Anita **Chisholm**)

(7) **A proposed plan for conducting this procedure offered subjects \$1,000 for every IQ point under 100. *Buck v. Bell* (+) upheld this practice, which was advocated for by eugenics supporters to limit "generations (\*) of imbeciles."** For the points, name this surgical procedure, historically performed without consent, that prevents people from having children.

ANSWER: Forced **Sterilization** (accept Compulsory **Sterilization**; accept word forms; prompt on "Eugenics")

(8) **The first person to hold this specific position was nicknamed "Cactus Jack." Henry A. (+) Wallace served for four years in this specific position, and the last man to hold this specific position became the 33rd (\*) President of the United States.** For the points, identify this specific position that was held by John Nance Garner and Harry Truman under the longest-serving U.S. president.

ANSWER: **Vice Presidents of Franklin Roosevelt** (accept anything that mentions **Franklin Roosevelt** or **FDR** and **Vice President**; prompt on "Vice President")

(9) **This man published what is considered the first Native-American autobiography in the U.S., a book titled *Embracing the Traditions (+) of His Nation*. This warrior fought with the British in the War of 1812, in part to protect (\*) Sauk territory.** For the points, identify this chief who led the "British Band" in a namesake war, and today names a Chicago hockey team.

ANSWER: **Black Hawk** (accept **Black Hawk's War**; or **Ma-ka-tai-me-she-kia-kiak**)

(10) **This work, whose sections include "Calamus" and "Sea-Drift," was revised and expanded in a "Death Bed Edition" that the author intended to be definitive. This work contains poems (+) such as "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd," an elegy for Abraham Lincoln. "I Sing the (\*) Body Electric" and "Song of Myself" are included in, for the points, what collection of poetry by Walt Whitman?**

ANSWER: **Leaves of Grass**

(11) **A 1940 act named for a man with this surname required Americans who were not citizens to be fingerprinted. One man with this surname was nicknamed "the Happy Warrior (+) of the political battlefield", and another man with this surname led the (\*) Jamestown Colony. For the points, give this surname of John, a confidant of Pocahontas.**

ANSWER: **Smith** (accept Alfred Emmanuel "Al" **Smith**; accept John **Smith**; accept **Smith** Act)

(12) **This figure created the Vital Voices initiative to promote women in the politics of their home nation. This figure, who claimed to "hammer on the (+) glass ceiling," won her first elected office as a senator from (\*) New York in 2000. For the points, name this woman who served as first lady for most of the 1990s.**

ANSWER: Hillary **Clinton** (or Hillary Dianne Rodham **Clinton**)

(13) **During this election year, Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer was denied the Democratic nomination. It's not 1896, but Albert Lasker (+) helped one of the candidates with a "Front Porch Campaign" in this election year that called for a (\*) "Return to Normalcy." For the points, name this post-World War One election year, a landslide victory for Warren Harding.**

ANSWER: Election of **1920**

(14) **An author who spent time in one of these places on Blackwell's Island recalled their bathing rituals and abusive practices. The New York World published an undercover (+) investigation of these places by Nellie Bly, and the reform of these places was advocated by (\*) Dorothea Dix. For the points, name these places, the subject of the book *Ten Days in a Mad-House*.**

ANSWER: **Mental Institutions** (accept **Mental Hospitals**; accept Insane **Asylums**; accept Lunatic **Asylums**; prompt on "Hospitals")

(15) **The prophet Tenskwatawa [["TIN"-skwah-TAW-wuh]] took responsibility for creating one of these events when asked to prove his abilities by William Henry Harrison. To justify a revolt, Nat (+) Turner interpreted one of these natural events as a sign from god. Benjamin Banneker's (\*) calculations predicted, for the points, name these events in which the Moon passes between Earth and the Sun.**

ANSWER: **Solar Eclipse** (prompt on "Eclipse")

(16) **The formation of this political party was largely the result of a merger between factions such as the Barnburner Democrats and Conscience Whigs. This political party nominated John (+) Hale and Martin van Buren for president, and this party strongly opposed the (\*) Compromise of 1850. For the points, name this party named for its opposition to slavery in new lands.**

ANSWER: **Free Soil** Party

(17) **This man's vice president was forced to take the oath of office in Havana due to illness and died only a month later. Jefferson Davis served as this president's Secretary of War. (+) and this man's Secretary of State advised ministers to draft the Ostend Manifesto. The (\*) Kansas-Nebraska Act was signed by, for the points, what 14th president of the United States, the only one from New Hampshire?**

ANSWER: Franklin **Pierce**

(18) **This amendment was notably opposed by John Drayton. This amendment was ratified in response to the 1796 (+) election, which resulted in Thomas Jefferson taking a position in service to (\*) his rival, John Adams. For the points, identify this constitutional amendment that was ratified in 1804 as a call for separate votes for the president and vice-president.**

ANSWER: **12**th Amendment

(19) **The central figure of this event supposedly "killed the male hat industry" by not wearing one. Robert Frost read (+) "The Gift Outright" during this event, in which the central figure delivered the line "ask not what your country can do for you - (\*) ask what you can do for your country." For the points, name this event in which a Massachusetts senator was sworn in as president in 1961.**

ANSWER: The Presidential **Inauguration** of John F. **Kennedy** (accept **JFK** in place of **Kennedy**)

(20) **This composer, who created an operatic telling of Booker T. Washington's White House, wrote an opera about a Texarkana (+) slave woman named Treemonisha. This composer did his best-known work in a genre that includes compositions partially titled "Searchlight" and (\*) "Maple Leaf." "The Entertainer" was composed by, for the points, what ragtime composer?**

ANSWER: Scott **Joplin**

(21) **A man who held this position once demanded that all arcade games display the message "Winners Don't Use Drugs." The COINTELPRO (+) program was created by a man with this title who encouraged surveillance of Martin Luther King Jr. and others suspected of (\*) communist ties.** For the points, what position held by people such as Christopher Wray and J. Edgar Hoover?

ANSWER: **Director** of the **FBI** (accept **Director** of the **Federal Bureau of Investigation**)

(22) **This man defeated forces under Mariano Arista at the Battle of Palo Alto. This president died of a stomach (+) illness just sixteen months into his administration, after which he was succeeded by his running mate, (\*) Millard Fillmore.** For the points, identify this "Old Rough and Ready" president who distinguished himself as a general during the Mexican-American War.

ANSWER: Zachary **Taylor**

(23) **William Eaton was outraged during the first of these conflicts at the \$60,000 spent to free American POWs. The second of these conflicts only lasted (+) three days and ensured that western powers could trade freely around the (\*) Mediterranean.** For the points, name these conflicts that pitted the United States and Sweden against pirates off the coast of modern Libya.

ANSWER: **Barbary** Wars

(24) **This actor, the most nominated male actor in Academy Award history, portrayed the title leader of the teamsters (+) union in the film Hoffa. This actor played Frank Costello in The Departed, and he played the (\*) Joker in Tim Burton's first Batman film.** For the points, identify this actor who starred in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* and *The Shining*.

ANSWER: Jack **Nicholson** (or John Joseph **Nicholson**)

(25) **Gerard Baker issued a controversial memo to this publication that informed employees not to use the phrase "seven majority-Muslim countries" during the 2017 Muslim Ban. Rupert (+) Murdoch currently owns this newspaper, which is published by (\*) Dow Jones & Company.** For the points, name this newspaper that is partially named for the biggest financial hub in Manhattan.

ANSWER: *The* **Wall Street Journal** (accept **WSJ**)

**Extra Questions**

(1) **Asa Philip Randolph founded the activist newspaper *The Messenger* in this neighborhood. Langston (+) Hughes wrote about white people storming this neighborhood's businesses such as The Cotton Club during (\*) Prohibition. For the points, name this New York City neighborhood where Black art flourished during a namesake "Renaissance."**

ANSWER: **Harlem** (accept **Harlem** Renaissance)

(2) **At Curtiss Field, this person founded and served as president of the Ninety-Nines. With Fred (+) Noonan, this person piloted a Lockheed Model 10-E Electra and disappeared near (\*) Howland Island. For the points, name this aviator, the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.**

ANSWER: Amelia **Earhart** (or Amelia Mary (**Earhart**))

(3) **One of this expedition's leaders died a mysterious death at an inn along Natchez Trace. A person whose name translates from Hidatsa (+) as "Bird Woman" aided this expedition, whose departure point is commemorated by the (\*) Gateway Arch. For the points, name this expedition ordered by Thomas Jefferson to explore the American West.**

ANSWER: The **Lewis and Clark** Expedition (accept The **Corps of Discovery**)