

USHB Round 2

Regulation Tossups

(1) ABC received a deluge of complaint calls after featuring this man on a 1962 show analyzing the results of the California gubernatorial election, dubbed *The Political Obituary of Richard Nixon*. The codename "ALES" in the Venona Documents most likely refers to this man who was accused of photographing classified documents that were found in a pumpkin at Whittaker Chambers's farm. For ten points, name this Soviet spy in the U.S. State Department who was controversially convicted of perjury in 1950.

ANSWER: Alger **Hiss**

(2) As a young House member, this man was the primary author of a 1200-page report on conditions in "Bleeding Kansas." A law named for this man expanded obligations of the Bland-Allison Act, which he had earlier opposed as Treasury Secretary by mandating additional government purchase of silver. Another law named after this man was rendered nearly unenforceable by the ruling in the *E.C. Knight* case. For ten points, name this Ohio senator who sponsored an 1890 "Antitrust Act."

ANSWER: John **Sherman** (accept **Sherman** Antitrust Act of 1890)

(3) Memoirist Joseph Plumb Martin popularized the story of this woman, a story that is sometimes blurred with that of Deborah Sampson, who earned a military pension after fighting in disguise as a man. This woman is usually said to have performed her deeds on a hot day in June 1778 after initially serving as a water-carrier. Margaret Corbin and Mary Ludwig Hays were possible identities of, for ten points, what woman who took over her fallen husband's cannon at the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth?

ANSWER: Molly **Pitcher** (accept Margaret **Corbin** or Mary Ludwig **Hays** before mentioned)

(4) One president pledged to enforce this law in a speech called "Proclamation to the People" which asked, "Can you consent to become traitors?" William Harper was among the strident opponents of this law, which was backed by promises to send the military in the Force Bill. This law raised duties up to 50 percent on iron, hemp, and wool in a backfired scheme to create a law too destructive to New England manufacturers to garner Congressional support, For ten points, name this 1828 excise measure that caused South Carolina to threaten secession.

ANSWER: **Tariff of Abominations** (accept **Tariff of 1828** before "1828" is mentioned)

(5) Almost this entire mountain range was once the private property of a two-person corporation that obtained the Hardenberg Patent. In the mid-20th century, this mountain range hosted a large number of Jewish-targeted resorts that comprised the "Borscht Belt." This mountain range's town of Bethel was home to Max Yasgur's dairy farm, which hosted Woodstock. For ten points, name this extension of the Appalachian Mountains into the southeast portion of upstate New York.

ANSWER: **Catskills** (or **Catskill** Mountains)

(6) As a result of this organization's merger with the former District 65 group, about one quarter of its membership is now composed of graduate students at universities. Attempts by Harry Bennett to keep pamphleteers from this organization, such as Richard Frankenstein, out of the River Rouge complex resulted in assaults captured by news photographers and dubbed the "Battle of the Overpass." Walter Reuther led this organization during the Flint sit-down strike. For ten points, name this component of the CIO which represents employees of companies such as General Motors.

ANSWER: **United Auto Workers** (or **UAW**; or The International Union, **United Automobile**, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement **Workers** of America)

(7) In this year, a party convention voted to nominate Frank Orren Lowden for vice-president, but Lowden declined to run. The second-place candidate in this election had the worst popular vote performance of any post-Civil War Democratic nominee. The winning vice-president in this year won the following year's Nobel Peace Prize for organizing a restructuring of German war debts in a namesake plan. 17 percent of votes went to Progressive Party candidate Robert La Follette in this year. For ten points, identify this election year in which John W. Davis lost to incumbent Calvin Coolidge.

ANSWER: **1924**

(8) Burton Wheeler's phrase in opposition to this program became the refrain of Pete Seeger's isolationist anthem "Plow Under." This program extended similar efforts from the prior two years including the "cash and carry" and "destroyers for bases" arrangements. Harry Hopkins was put in charge of this program, which abrogated the Neutrality Act of 1939. For ten points, name this program, from the nine months before the U.S. entered World War Two, under which war material was provided to Allied countries.

ANSWER: **Lend-Lease** Policy (accept An Act to **Promote the Defense** of the United States; accept "Bill" or "Program" in place of "Policy")

(9) Large portions of this outpost and the nearby Fort Crown Point were destroyed by retreating troops in 1777. Earlier, either William Delaplace or Jocelyn Feltham surrendered this location on the demand "Come out you old rat!" Benedict Arnold was put in charge of this structure, from which the Continental invasion of Quebec was launched. For ten points, name this military base on the south of Lake Champlain that was captured by Ethan Allen's Green Mountain Boys in May of 1775.

ANSWER: Fort **Ticonderoga**

(10) *Night Comes to* [a mountain range of this name] is the title of a Harry Caudill book supporting LBJ's "War on Poverty." The first federally funded road in U.S. history ran to St. Louis from a Maryland town of this name and was also known by this name. A feature with this name was first made known to non-Indians by Thomas Walker in 1750 and was explored by Daniel Boone. For ten points, give this common name of a mountain range, a "Road," and a "Gap" near the Virginia-Tennessee-Kentucky tri-state point.

ANSWER: **Cumberland** (accept *Night Comes to the Cumberlands*; accept **Cumberland** Road; accept **Cumberland** Mountains; accept **Cumberland** Gap)

(11) A fanatical exponent of this movement staged the burning of Increase Mather's books and a "bonfire of the vanities" in New London, Connecticut. Timothy Cutler denounced extremists, such as James Davenport, in this movement's "New Lights." Major leaders of this movement included George Whitefield [[WIT-"field"]] and a man who used the analogy of a "loathsome insect over the fire" in the popular sermon "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." For ten points, name this period, extending from the 1730s to 1770s, in which preachers such as Jonathan Edwards led an American religious revival.

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

(12) This man used his Varina Farms plantation to experiment with imports from Trinidad, which he dubbed the "Orinoco" strain. This man brought his family to meet Anne of Denmark and other royals during an expedition aboard the *Treasurer*, two years after his wife took the new name "Rebecca." This man was given a wedding present of an enormous tract of James River shore land by Powhatan. For ten points, name this early Virginia colonist who began commercial tobacco cultivation and married Pocahontas.

ANSWER: John **Rolfe**

(13) This man hosted the Black Panthers fundraising party that Tom Wolfe mocked in the essay "Radical Chic." In the 1950s, this conductor brought the *Young People's Concerts* to CBS shortly after becoming the first American to conduct at La Scala. In 1956, this composer collaborated with Richard Wilbur on an operetta version of *Candide*, a year before working with Stephen Sondheim on an adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet*. A Christmas 1989 performance of *Ode to Joy* in Berlin was conducted by, for ten points, what composer of the score to *West Side Story*?

ANSWER: Leonard **Bernstein** (or Louis **Bernstein**)

(14) This man's expedition reported on the mysterious Quigualtam [[kwee-GWAHL-tahm]] culture, which has not been conclusively identified. John Swanton was put in charge of a committee that researched this man's route 400 years after the fact, attempting to settle the question of where he went after the Battle of Mabila. The former captive Juan Ortiz served as a translator for this man, who lost 200 of his soldiers in a battle with Chief Tuskaloosa. For ten points, name this Spanish explorer who led a 1539 to 1542 expedition through the American Southeast, becoming the first European to cross the Mississippi River.

ANSWER: Hernando **de Soto**

(15) Groups which resisted enforcement of this law engaged in the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue and the Christiana Riot. The Supreme Court case *Ableman v. Booth* overturned Wisconsin's attempt to declare this law unconstitutional. The Committee of Vigilance sought to block the use of this law in Boston during the trial of Anthony Burns. This law mandated higher pay for judges who found this law applicable than for those who ruled in favor of accused escapees. For ten points, name this controversial part of the Compromise of 1850 that mandated free states return slaves to the South.

ANSWER: 1850 **Fugitive Slave** Act (prompt on "Compromise of 1850")

(16) Randolph Marcy's 1852 expedition along this river resulted in the transfer of Greer County from a state to a then-federally controlled territory. An Army Corps of Engineers project to extend the zone of navigability along this river reached the center of Caddo Parish in 2018 and began in the 1870s with the dynamiting of the "Great Raft." This river is named for the sandstone deposits it accumulates in the "bed country." For ten points, name this river that flows through Shreveport, Louisiana after forming the Texas-Oklahoma border.

ANSWER: **Red** River (or **Red** River of the South)

(17) A set of eight resolutions named for this man, beginning with California statehood, were the basis for the Compromise of 1850. This politician was the target of a freedom suit by one of his enslaved persons, Charlotte Dupuy. Though a local rival of Felix Grundy, this man joined Grundy in the "War Hawks" contingent in Congress. This proponent of the "American System" of roads and canals was defeated both during Andrew Jackson's re-election bid and by James K. Polk in two presidential runs as the Whig nominee. For ten points, name this "Great Compromiser" from Kentucky.

ANSWER: Henry **Clay**, Sr. (accept The **Clay** Resolutions)

(18) The opening chapters of Thomas Pynchon's *Against the Day* take place at this event. One character's grandfather is abandoned at this event in a flashback sequence from the graphic novel *Jimmy Corrigan, the Smartest Kid on Earth*. A false claim to be building a hotel for tourists visiting this event was used to explain the final additions to the "Murder Castle" of H.H. Holmes. For ten points, name this historical event that provides the backdrop for Erik Larson's novel *The Devil in the White City*.

ANSWER: 1893 **Chicago World's Fair** (or World's **Columbian Exposition**; accept World's Fair: **Columbian Exposition**; accept **1893 World's Fair**; prompt on "World's Fair")

(19) Former president Thomas Jefferson denounced this law as creating something that "held up to the angry passions of men, will never be obliterated." Jesse Thomas introduced the key geographic provision of this act which was passed a year after the Tallmadge Amendment was proposed regarding the same location. This act created a namesake "line" at 36 degrees, 30 minutes north latitude to determine the future status of new states regarding slavery. For ten points, identify this 1820 law that admitted Maine as a free state, in tandem with a namesake slave state.

ANSWER: **Missouri Compromise**

(20) The decline in opportunities for this activity is the subject of John F. Kain's "spatial mismatch" theory. Kain's research was extended in a book by William Julius Wilson regarding when this activity "disappears," which was a main source for season two of *The Wire*. A 1974 collection of interviews by Studs Terkel is titled for, and showcases various forms of, this activity. For ten points, identify this activity whose degree of physicality partly distinguishes "blue-collar" from "white-collar" participants.

ANSWER: **Work** (accept **Working**; accept **Labor** before "Disappears" is mentioned; accept *When **Work** Disappears: The World of the New Urban Poor*; accept Blue-collar **workers** or White-collar **workers**)

(21) A town populated almost entirely by this religious movement elected Mates Friesel as its mayor from 1961 to 2015. The towns of Kaser and Palm Tree are comprised almost solely of this specific religious movement. Another town populated near-exclusively by these people has the lowest median age and highest poverty rate of any U.S. municipality and is named after a Satmar leader with the surname Teitelbaum. The New York towns of New Square and Kiryas Joel are populated almost entirely by, for ten points, what group of traditionalist Orthodox Jews known for wearing black coats and fur hats?

ANSWER: **Hasidic Judaism** (accept **Hasidim**; accept **Skverer** Hasidism or **Satmar** Hasidim before "Satmar" is mentioned; accept "Jews" in place of "Judaism"; prompt on "Jews" or "Orthodox (Jews)" or "Haredi (Jews)")

(22) An attempt to enforce this event led to the Dade Massacre. Secretary of War Lewis Cass was charged with implementing much of this event, part of which was agreed to by Greenwood LeFlore at the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek. Future Confederate general Stand Watie [[WAY-tee]] signed a treaty setting up this event at New Echota [[eh-KOH-tah]] over the objections of Chief John Ross. For ten points, name this event in which tribes such as the Cherokee were removed from the American Southeast.

ANSWER: **Trail of Tears** (prompt on "Indian removal," "Cherokee removal," or similar answers)

(23) The curriculum at the first of these institutions was set by Bill Ballantine and Irvin Feld in Venice, Florida. Penn Jillette and Steve-O are alumni of one of these institutions, which teaches courses such as pantomime and stilts. Examples of these institutions include Dell'Arte Conservatory, the San Francisco Circus Center, and a former institution operated by the Ringling Brothers-Barnum & Bailey. For ten points, name these educational institutions which teach skills such as face-painting and making balloon animals.

ANSWER: **Clown colleges** (accept Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey **Clown College**)

(24) University of Chicago professor Hans Suess [[ZOOSS]] refined calculations based on this process by incorporating "wiggles" caused by "cosmic schwung." At the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, Serge A. Korff's work predated this process, predicting that a certain isotope would be created by the interaction of thermal neutrons with another isotope in the upper atmosphere. The 1960 Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded to American chemist Willard Libby for discovering this technique. For ten points, name this process which uses the known rate of decay of the 14-neutron isotope of an organic element to determine the age of objects.

ANSWER: **Radiocarbon dating** (accept **Carbon-14 dating**; accept **Radioactive dating**; accept **Radiometric dating**; accept **Radioisotope dating**)

(25) This company's name reflects its corporate history as a division of the Southern Pacific Railroad. In the 1990s, this company was the third nationwide long-distance landline provider after AT&T and MCI. This company was sued after an acrimonious exit from its longtime alliance with RadioShack, and this company operated the prepay-focused subsidiaries Virgin and Boost. This company absorbed Nextel in 2004, beginning a twelve-year period of title sponsorship of NASCAR's top division. For ten points, name this former fourth-largest mobile phone service provider, which in 2020 merged into T-Mobile.

ANSWER: **Sprint** Corporation

(26) By the twilight of this term's use in the 1940s, it was often paired with the name "Johnny." This term may have originated with a general term for naval apprentices that appears in *Moby-Dick*. E. M. Viquesney's [[vai-KWEZ-nees]] sculpture named for the "spirit" of these people was often copied in memorials built during the 1920s. A pun about people known by this term says they were "kneaded in 1914 but did not rise until 1917." For ten points, give this food-based term for American soldiers in World War One.

ANSWER: **Doughboys** (accept Johnny **Doughboy**; accept *Spirit of the American Doughboy*)

(27) A major 1980s scandal at this federal agency was exposed by whistleblower Hugh Kaufman, who later became prominent as the "Rubber Chicken Man" of the Washington Nationals. Anne Gorsuch, the mother of Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch, was the administrator of this agency under the early Reagan administration, shortly after this agency's powers were expanded by the "Superfund" law following the exposure of the Love Canal disaster. For ten points, name this U.S. executive agency, created by Richard Nixon, that regulates toxic waste disposal and air and water quality.

ANSWER: United States **Environmental Protection** Agency (or **EPA**)

(28) This clip ends with text in the Garamond font promising "you'll see why" on January 24th. The Chiat/Day agency came up with the plan for this short clip, which starred Anya Major and David Graham and was directed by a man who was in-between making *Blade Runner* and *Legend*. This Ridley Scott-directed 60-second clip shows an athlete throwing a hammer through a screen on which a huge face is speaking. For ten points, what advertisement during Super Bowl XVIII [[EIGHTEEN]] promoted the new Apple Macintosh using imagery from a George Orwell novel?

ANSWER: "**1984**" (accept descriptions of the first television **commercial** for the Apple **Macintosh** or the Super Bowl **commercial** for the Apple **Macintosh** before "advertisement" is mentioned)

(29) Charles Gilbert Gates commissioned the first use of this technology in his private home in Minneapolis. This technology was first practically used to solve problems at a lithography factory in Brooklyn. Stuart Cramer coined the name for this technology while installing it at a textile mill in Charlotte, four years after it was first demonstrated by Willis Carrier. In 1945, Robert Sherman developed the common window unit for this technology. For ten points, identify this technology that transformed the American South by allowing factories and offices to operate normally during summer heat.

ANSWER: **Air conditioning** (or **AC**; accept **Air conditioners**; accept **HVAC**; prompt on "climate control")

(30) Ignatius Donnelly proposed the fringe theory that this event began due to a meteor shower induced by Biela's Comet. Roswell Mason ordered the release of prisoners during this event, which spread due to a "whirl" phenomenon. This event took place on the same day as a similar tragedy in Peshtigo, Wisconsin. Michael Ahern admitted to making up a story about this event supposedly being caused by "Mrs. O'Leary's cow." For ten points, name this 1871 event that devastated a city on Lake Michigan.

ANSWER: Great **Chicago Fire** of 1871

(31) The Desert Badger plan was developed to respond to the possible capture of servicemembers enforcing these areas. One of these areas grew out of tactics used to protect ethnic refugees during Operation Provide Comfort. Following the withdrawal of France from supporting these areas, the U.S. initiated a cruise missile campaign called Operation Desert Fox against the target of these areas. Attempts to attack Kurdish minorities or mass troops against Kuwait were stymied by the creation of these areas. For ten points, name these two areas in which a U.S.-led coalition prevented Iraqi aircraft from operating after 1991.

ANSWER: Iraqi **no-fly zones**

(32) Robert Overcracker died trying to transit this landmark in a jet ski. The artificial Terrapin Point was created at this landmark in 1955 by filling in the area around Goat Island. In 1837, British troops burned the American ship *Caroline*, which went over this landmark, precipitating a diplomatic crisis. In 1801, Joseph and Theodosia Alston became the first couple to venture to this landmark specifically for a honeymoon. For ten points, name this feature on the U.S.-Canadian border, downstream of Lake Erie, which is composed of three waterfalls.

ANSWER: **Niagara Falls** (accept **Goat Island** before mentioned; accept **Horseshoe Falls** or **Canadian Falls** before "three" is mentioned)

(33) This medium was synced with motion picture films in the obsolete Vitaphone system. Emile Berliner, a German-American inventor, developed the basic form of this medium using lateral-cut technology in 1887, after which this technology displaced Edison wax cylinders. In the early 1950s, the "78" format of this medium fell out of favor, replaced with a format developed by D.C.-based Columbia. For ten points, name this physical medium used to distribute music in the mid-20th century as "45s" or "LPs" played with a turntable and needle.

ANSWER: **Records** (or **Vinyl** records; accept phonograph **records**; accept **LPs** before mentioned)

(34) A game created by this studio triggered a CEO's resignation and several government actions in 2004 when the explicit "Hot Coffee" minigame was revealed. Sam Houser founded this company in 1998 as a subsidiary of Take-Two Interactive. At least nine criminal defendants have claimed to be imitating actions in a series of games from this company that are set in locations such as San Andreas and Vice City. For ten points, name this video game publisher of the *Red Dead Redemption* and *Grand Theft Auto* series.

ANSWER: **Rockstar** Games, Inc.

(35) Francis Akeley was the only person actually prosecuted for this event. Just prior to this event, a resolution urged the captain of the *Dartmouth* to depart without paying the Townshend duties. Supposedly, the signal to start this event was the code phrase "this meeting can do nothing further to save the country." At Griffin's Wharf, a group dressed as Mohawks carried out this event. For ten points, name this December 1773 event in which the Sons of Liberty destroyed East India Company shipments in protest of a tax.

ANSWER: **Boston Tea Party**

Extra Question

(1) In this city, an aluminum iris called the Hoberman Arch was used to present medals, and the mascots Powder, Copper, and Coal have been used in this city. Sarah Hughes won figure skating gold in this city, where an opening ceremony displayed a flag recovered from the World Trade Center. After a bribery scandal involving the original organizing committee for this city, Mitt Romney was hired as the CEO of this city's Olympics, the last held in the United States as of 2022. For ten points, name this city that hosted the 2002 Winter Olympics in Utah.

ANSWER: **Salt Lake** City