

Semifinals - Middle School

Semifinals Tossups

(1) **With a name meaning "tight-fisted," these people were targeted by Yefim Yevdokimov, a member of the Cheka, who facilitated the deportation of these "Class Enemies" to regions like Kazakhstan and the (+) Urals. They aren't Ukrainians, but the artificial famine and the subsequent genocide known as the *Holodomor* was partially motivated to break-up this class of people's power in the (*) Ukraine. For the points, name this Russian term for a wealthy peasant who had their lands collectivized by Stalin's First Five Year Plan.**

ANSWER: **Kulaks** (accept **Kurkul**; accept **Golchomag**; accept "**Rich Peasants**" before mentioned; prompt on partial answers)

(2) **In one appearance, this character attempts to bring a suit against Louis Baboon and King Strutt, which are satirical representations of (+) France and Spain. This character is often depicted as an overweight man with a top hat and wearing clothes in the colors of the (*) Union Jack. For the points, name this character who is the national personification of Great Britain.**

ANSWER: **John Bull** (prompt on partial answer)

(3) **This book was published over a decade before its co-author examined Kunta Kinte's lineage in *Roots*. After a pilgrimage, the central figure of this work (+) takes the name El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz. Elijah (*) Muhammad appears in, for the points, what Alex Haley co-authored work about a leader of the Nation of Islam?**

ANSWER: *The* **Autobiography of Malcolm X**

(4) **The pamphlet *Common Sense* was read to the Continental Army prior to this battle. There is no historical evidence that one side got drunk the night before this battle, although more than one thousand (+) Hessians were surprised and captured by the Revolutionary Army at this battle. Washington's crossing of the (*) Delaware began, for the points, what 1776 American victory in New Jersey?**

ANSWER: Battle of **Trenton**

(5) **Dennis Stanford postulated that this culture's technology was given to them by the Solutrean people of Western Europe after they successfully crossed the North Atlantic on small (+) barges. First discovered in the 1920s, this culture was thought to be the earliest established society in the Americas until the discovery of Monte Verde in Chile. (*) For the points, name this Paleoamerican culture named for a New Mexico city.**

ANSWER: **Clovis** Culture

(6) **This phrase may have been borrowed from the play *Arrephoros* by Menander. Said two years before its speaker stated "Veni, vidi, (+) vici," this phrase was considered hostile by the Optimates [[op-teh-MAH-tes]]. This phrase was said after the 13th Legion took a step beyond a shallow (*) river in Northern Italy. For the points, name this statement attributed to Julius Caesar as he crossed the Rubicon.**

ANSWER: The **die is cast** (or The **die has been cast**; or **Let the die be cast**; accept **Alea iacta est** or **Iacta alea est** or **Alea iacta esto**)

(7) **A system of controlling the Emperor was weakened after this period's Hogen [[hoh-GEN]] and Heiji [[hay-JEE]] rebellions. The Fujiwara clan held de facto power during this period, which was ended by the Genpei [[gen-PAY]] (+) War and began when Emperor Kanmu moved the capital to Kyoto. *The Tale of Genji* was written (*) during, for the points, what classical period of Japanese history, lasting from 794 to 1185?**

ANSWER: **Heian** period (or **Heian** jidai; accept "era" in place of "period"; prompt on specific date ranges from the late 8th century to the late 12th century; prompt on "Fujiwara era" before mentioned; do not accept or prompt on "Fujiwara Shogunate")

(8) **Simon Cameron held this post at the time of a scandal in which he was accused of discriminating against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Cameron was succeeded in this post by a man who led the manhunt for John Wilkes (+) Booth and whose dismissal ultimately led to Andrew Johnson's impeachment. Edwin Stanton (*) was a holder of, for the points, what now-defunct U.S. cabinet position in charge of military affairs?**

ANSWER: **Secretary of War** (do not accept or prompt on "Secretary of Defense")

(9) **Neamathla negotiated an agreement on behalf of this people that gave them a four-million-acre reservation. A statue depicting a leader of these people stabbing a treaty with a dagger is found in (+) Silver Springs. The treaties of Moultrie Creek and Payne's Landing were signed by these people, who were led by Osceola. Andrew Jackson led a campaign (*) against, for the points, what primarily Muscogee Creek-descended Native American tribe from Florida?**

ANSWER: **Seminoles** (accept **Yat'siminoli**; prompt on "Muscogee" or "Creek" before mentioned)

(10) **Near modern Wadi El Natrun, a subset of these people named the Desert Fathers wove baskets in exchange for bread. The death of Gerasimus [[gee-RAH-sigh-MUSS]] of Jordan prompted one of these people, Cyriacus [[see-ree-AH-cus]], to undertake a decade long vow of (+) silence. In the prelude to the First Crusade, a man with this epithet named Peter led the anti-Jewish Rhineland Massacre while en route to the Holy (*) Land. For the points, name these reclusive holy men of Christianity.**

ANSWER: **Hermit** (accept **Eremit**, accept **Ascetics**, accept **Anchorite**; accept **Desert Fathers** before mentioned; prompt on "Christians" or "Monks")

(11) **Rexford Tugwell held this political office, whose holder could veto legislative acts according to the Jones-Shafroth Act. The Foraker Act outlined the duties of holders of this position. (+)** One holder of this position names an airport that was closed during Hurricane Maria. Luis Muñoz Marín (*) currently holds, for the points, what position, based in San Juan?

ANSWER: **Governor** of **Puerto Rico**

(12) **17th-century edicts banned the female form of this artform, known as *onna*, in favor of the male version, *yaro*. It's not *Bunraku* [[boon-RAH-koo]], but the playwright *Chikamatsu* [[CHEE-kuh-MAHT-soo]] wrote many plays (+) in this form during the Edo period, including the historical *The Battle of Coxinga*. Influenced by *Noh* theater, (*)** for the points, name this form of Japanese dance-drama, known for its complex *kumadori* make-up.

ANSWER: **Kabuki** (accept **Yaro** before mentioned)

(13) **The "Continuity Hypothesis" claims these people's gods evolved into figures like Tezcatlipoca [tehz-KAHT-leh-POH-cah]]. These people's name is derived from Nahuatl for "rubber people." (+)** likely due to their creation of the Mesoamerican Ball Game. The San Lorenzo and La Venta site (*) were inhabited by, for the points, what early people of Mexico who constructed giant stone heads?

ANSWER: **Olmecs** (accept **Olmecatl**)

(14) **This politician's correspondence with the theosophist Nicholas Roerich [[ROH-rik]] sank one of his presidential campaigns. In one speech, this man claimed that the coming century "must be the century of the common man." This man promoted the Good (+) Neighbor Policy after succeeding John Nance Garner, before being forced off the ticket in 1944 by conservative (*) Democrats. For the points, name this Secretary of Commerce and second vice president under FDR.**

ANSWER: **Henry Wallace** (or **Henry Agard Wallace**; prompt on "Wallace")

(15) **The Mounties were called in to deal with an event in this city which inspired the headline "Kaiserism in Canada." Over 30,000 workers in this city engaged in a 1919 general strike. (+)** Along with the Dakotas further south, this city was extensively damaged during the 1950 Red River Flood. (*) For the points, name this city in Manitoba which shares its name with a lake.

ANSWER: **Winnipeg**

(16) **Art historians have speculated that the orange haze in the artwork of *The Scream* was caused by the aftermath of this disaster. This 19th century eruption led to a two degree (+) drop in world temperatures, and it was heard from the continent of Australia. Occurring between Sumatra and Java, (*) for the points, what volcanic eruption occurred in 1883?**

ANSWER: The Eruption of **Krakatoa** (or **Krakatau**; accept descriptions which include **Krakatoa** causing a disaster)

(17) **Stubbins Ffirth proved that this disease was not spread directly between people by drinking infected vomit. This disease was shown to be mosquito-borne by Walter Reed during his work on the (+) Panama Canal. Benjamin Rush led a response to an outbreak of this disease in Pennsylvania. (*) For the points, name this tropical disease that caused an epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.**

ANSWER: **Yellow** Fever (accept **Yellow** Plague; accept **Yellow** Jack; accept **Bronze John**)

(18) **According to one source, this city was once ruled by a queen who used an oxhide to surround a hill. The Battle of Zama helped lead to the downfall of this city which was ultimately conquered by (+) Scipio Aemilianus [[SKIH-pee-oh ay-mee-lee-AH-nooss]]. In the *Aeneid*, this city was ruled by Dido [[“DIE”-doh]]. Located in Tunisia, (*) for the points, what ancient city-state was defeated by Rome in the Punic Wars?**

ANSWER: **Carthage** (or **Carthago**; accept **Qartaj**; accept **Qrt-hdst**)

(19) **Sixty-five mounted figures were to be included in this work, which was once managed by the Venable Brothers. Little Sorel and Traveller are among the horses in this work. Jason Kessler organized a "Unite the Right" (+) Rally to protest the removal of one component of this work, which was built in Georgia by Gutzon (*) Borglum. For the points, name this monument which is considered the Confederate equivalent of Mount Rushmore.**

ANSWER: **Stone Mountain** (prompt on "Confederate Memorial Carving")

(20) **This man's testimony at a parliamentary commission in 1919 fueled the conspiracy theory that Germany had lost World War One due to a "stab in the back" from disloyal elements. (+) This man was reviled by Hitler, who referred to him as "that old fool" and "that old reactionary" during his time as president of the Weimar [[VYE-mar]] Republic. The victor at Tannenberg, (*) for the points, name this German general and president.**

ANSWER: Paul von **Hindenburg** (or Paul Ludwig Hans Anton von Beneckendorff und von **Hindenburg**)

(21) **The Duke of Grafton's government collapsed in 1770 after it failed to defend this island from being captured by the Comte de Vaux [[VOH]], who won at Ponte Novu after losing at Borgo. Petru Giovacchini advocated for Italy's annexation of this island, where Pasquale (+) Paoli fought for independence. One native of this French territory went on to become the first Emperor of (*) France.** For the points, name this home-island of Napoleon Bonaparte.

ANSWER: Territorial Collectivity of **Corsica** (or **Corse**)

(22) **This president, who appointed Carl Schurtz to Secretary of the Interior, advocated for the gold standard and vetoed the Bland-Allison Act. When this man's presidency ended, he decided not to (+) run for re-election and instead became an advocate for social and educational reform from 1881 to his death in 1893. (*)** For the points, name this president who won election due to the Compromise of 1877.

ANSWER: Rutherford B(irchard) **Hayes**

(23) **This tongue, the most widely-used revitalized language in history, initially used the proto-Sinaitic script which resembled pictograms but had corresponding sounds. Primarily a (+) literary language following the 4th century, this language has a "Mishnah" branch used to write texts like the (*) Talmud.** For the points, name this Semitic tongue, the official language of Israel.

ANSWER: **Hebrew** (or **Ivrit**; accept **Yehudit**; accept **Sevat Kene'an**; prompt on "Jewish")

(24) **Tactics used by the Ottomans at Nicopolis may have inspired the use of stakes by one side at this battle. This battle's namesake "Carol" references the earlier siege of Harfleur. The Treaty of (+) Troyes [[TWAH]] was signed five years after this battle, which was fought in what is now Pas-de-Calais. Fought on St. Crispin's Day, (*)** for the points, what victory for the English during the Hundred Years' War occurred in 1415?

ANSWER: Battle of **Agincourt** (accept Battle of **Azincourt**)

(25) **The third monarch of this name had all nineteen of his brothers murdered and buried alongside their father, Murad III, to remove potential claimants. Another monarch of this name employed the Hungarian engineer Orban to build a (+) siege cannon that inspired the later Dardanelles Gun, toppling the Theodosian Walls. (*)** For the points, give this name of several Ottoman monarchs, including one known as "The Conqueror," who captured Constantinople.

ANSWER: **Mehmed** (accept **Mehmed** III; accept **Mehmed** II; or **Mehmed** the Conqueror; accept **Mehmet**)

(26) **The Arthur D. Little report argued that this event resulted from deliberate sabotage by a disgruntled employee. After this event, manslaughter charges were faced by Warren Anderson, who headed the central (+) company. Methyl isocyanate from a plant run by Union Carbide killed over 2,000 people in this industrial accident. (*)** For the points, name this Indian tragedy involving a gas leak.

ANSWER: **Bhopal** Disaster (accept "gas tragedy" as well as words such as "incident" in place of "disaster")

(27) **George Smith Cook first became famous in this profession in the Confederacy after a visit to Fort Sumter, where he created a popular cartes-de-visite. (+) A man in this occupation gained national prominence in the U.S. after debuting the exhibition "The Dead at Antietam." (*)** For the points, name this artistic profession of Mathew Brady and Ansel Adams.

ANSWER: **Photographer** (accept **Photography**; accept descriptive answers such as **Taking Photos**)

(28) **This man's sixth term sparked major protests that included participants from the Anti-Cockroach movement led by Sergei Tikhonovsky [[tee-koh-NAFF-skee]]. In May 2021, this world leader forced a RyanAir (+) flight en route to Lithuania to land in his capital in an attempt to detain opposition blogger Roman Protasevich [[pro-tah-SEH-vitch]]. Often called the "Last Dictator in Europe", (*)** for the points, which man has held the presidency of Belarus since 1994?

ANSWER: Alexander **Lukashenko** (or Alexander Grigoryevich **Lukashenko**; or Alyaksandr Ryhoravich **Lukashenka**)

(29) **As part of renovations to this tournament's site, Aorangi [[ao-RAHN-gee]] Park had a court built and a roof was added over Centre Court. In 2001, Goran Ivanisevic [[ee-vah-NEE-seh-vitch]] won this tournament as a wildcard, while in 2008, Rafael (+) Nadal won a thriller in five sets. Eight editions of this event have been won by Roger (*) Federer. For the points, name this London grass court Grand Slam tournament in tennis.**

ANSWER: The Championships, **Wimbledon** (prompt on "All England Club"; prompt on "The Championships")

(30) **After this event, Congress gained the power to subpoena any citizen's tax records. Montana senator Thomas Walsh led an investigation into this event, which resulted in the (+) imprisonment of Secretary of the Interior Albert Fall. Involving improper leasing of Navy Oil fields to Harry Sinclair and Edward Doheny [[doh-HEE-nee]], (*)** for the points, what bribery scandal occurred during the presidency of Warren G. Harding?

ANSWER: **Teapot Dome** scandal

Extra Questions

(1) **A banquet in a Gabriel-designed opera house celebrated this 1770 event overseen by the Archbishop of Reims. (+) Rumors circulated that an intervention by Joseph II seven years after this event led to its (*) consummation.** For the points, name this 1770 event in which a daughter of Maria Theresa entered into a union with the Dauphin of France.

ANSWER: **Marriage** of **Marie-Antoinette** to **Louis XVI** of France (accept "Dauphin" in place of "Louis XVI" before mentioned; accept "Louis-Auguste" in place of "Louis XVI"; accept **Maria Antonia** Josepha Johanna in place of **Marie Antoinette**; accept synonyms for **marriage**; prompt on partial answers)

(2) **Police clashed with members of this profession along the Embarcadero [[em-bar-kah-DEH-roh]] in San Francisco during the 1934 West Coast strike. Members of this profession created unions like the (+) ILA and ILWU. The corruption and union violence among people in this profession in Hoboken, New Jersey was documented in the film *On the* (*) *Waterfront*.** For the points, name this profession of manual laborers who typically load and unload ships.

ANSWER: **Stevedores** (accept **Longshoremen**; accept **Dockers**; accept **Dockworkers**; accept **Waterfront** workers; prompt on "Sailor" or any profession indicating "Maritime" or "Sea" work)