

Tricon: Fact Bowl

Moderator note: read the below text to the teams.

The answer to each of these tossups is a fact, theory, condition, preference, etc. An example is “the theory that Paul McCartney died in 1966 and was replaced by a fake Paul.” Acceptable answers to that tossup range from “Paul dying” to anything more elaborate than that. Answers containing incorrect information, however, are not acceptable. All partial answers will be prompted. Underlining is intended to be helpful in picking out the essence of what the correct answer is, but it is not pared down (for example, if all of Paul McCartney is underlined, it’s reasonable for a player to say “Paul” or “McCartney,” and the moderator will decide what’s a reasonable or plausible answer in edge cases). Moderators are instructed to take all reasonable equivalents, as long as they appear to be correct. Most tossups are written so that you can begin your answer with either “the theory that” or “the fact that,” but if you choose not to, that’s fine. You can say “the fact that” even if it’s not a fact. These tossups are no longer than five lines long in 12-point Times New Roman font with 1” margins.

Nate Silver weighed in on this ongoing fact for FiveThirtyEight, noting that the odds of it happening were just 2.5% as of 2013, even accounting for the effects of exchange rates. This fact is dated to the 1993 efforts of a Jacques Demers-led group. This fact is only a bit less shameful than a 50-year Olympics drought that ended in 2002 thanks to a team including Eric Lindros. For 10 points, name this fact about the nationality of the most recent 22 NHL champions.

ANSWER: the fact that a Canadian hockey team hasn’t won the Stanley Cup in 22 years [accept anything like Canada’s Stanley Cup drought or Canadian NHL teams not winning the Stanley Cup in a long time or American teams always win the Stanley Cup]

The composer consented to this fact despite a conflicting engagement in Buenos Aires. This fact concerns the first performance of a member of *Il Trittico* that is not *Il Tabarro* or *Suor Angelica*, and a geographic location where the composer’s opera *The Girl of the Golden West* premiered eight years earlier. For 10 points, name this fact from a random 2014 CO hard part, concerning the city where the opera in which “O mio babbino caro” is sung was first performed at the Met.

ANSWER: the fact that Gianni Schicchi premiered in New York [accept equivalents; accept the fact that Gianni Schicchi premiered at the Met before “Met”; accept the fact that Puccini’s *Il Trittico* premiered in New York or at the Met before “Trittico”]

The man central to this theory traced it to disbelief in the skill in his body in “Heaven.” One piece of video evidence for this theory is the “Templar skull” and “Masonic checkerboard pattern” seen in “On To The Next One.” It is supported by the fact that the central man’s wife often only shows one eye in “Crazy in Love,” and that the central man often makes a triangle symbol. For 10 points, name this theory about the husband of Beyonce and a secret society.

ANSWER: the fact/theory that Jay Z is in the Illuminati [accept equivalents]

One component of this theory is that a person supposedly looked directly into the camera and said that “the beautiful flower will wilt under a Parisian bridge.” Gawker reported that various neo-Nazis fell for this theory, which also involves a man saying “a missing plane-ah / it’s from

Malaysia” while in the guise of Opera Man. For 10 points, name this fake theory advanced in a Clickhole article related to a comedian’s works such as *Funny People* and *Happy Gilmore*.

ANSWER: the fact/theory advanced in a Clickhole article that Adam **Sandler predicted various tragedies/disasters** [accept any reasonable equivalent; accept answers involving **Clickhole** and Adam **Sandler** theory before “Clickhole”; accept equivalents of **Adam Sandler predicting the death of Princess Diana in *Happy Gilmore*** before “Malaysia”]

This fact partially brought about the end to a partnership with Lalo Schifrin that began with 1968’s *Coogan’s Bluff*. This fact depends on a partnership with Lennie Niehaus, who assists with orchestration, that began with *Space Cowboys*. This fact has earned the central man a Golden Globe nomination on three occasions, including for *Grace is Gone* and *Changeling*. For 10 points, name this fact concerning the music of *Mystic River* and *Million Dollar Baby*.

ANSWER: the fact that Clint **Eastwood composed the scores** to several films that he directed [accept any equivalents like **Eastwood writing his own scores**]

The only shot not encompassed by this fact shows a city street before panning across brick walls to a shaded window. This fact is roughly paralleled in the director’s next film, *Under Capricorn*, and involves many blackouts on Brandon’s or Kenneth’s back. This fact required seamless transitions between ten-minute-long chunks of film. For 10 points, name this fact about the cinematography of a 1948 Alfred Hitchcock film loosely based on the Leopold and Loeb case.

ANSWER: the fact that Hitchcock’s **Rope is intended to look like a single long take or continuous shot** [accept any reasonable equivalent including **Rope and a continuous shot**]

According to this theory, a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was followed by the mysterious appearance, in 1836, of an elderly ascetic in Tomsk who went by the name Fyodor Kuzmich. This theory holds that an event that supposedly occurred due to illness in Taganrog in 1825 did not actually take place, with the central man instead becoming a monk. For 10 points, name this theory about a Russian tsar succeeded by Nicholas I.

ANSWER: the fact/theory that **Alexander I faked his own death** and lived out his life as a monk/ascetic named Fyodor Kuzmich in a monastery in Tomsk [accept equivalents like **Alexander I did not die in 1825** or **Alexander I lived for a while after he supposedly died** or things like that]

This fact led to a scene in which the central man’s award is destroyed during a game of indoor stickball. This fact results in the central man popping a balloon and battling a ceiling fan with a spear in the guise of Don Quixote. It led to a scene in which the central man renames himself “Dunk” and says “say hello to my chocolate blend” in a Dunkin Donuts ad. For 10 points, name this fact concerning an actor’s role in a film in which Adam Sandler plays his own sister.

ANSWER: the fact that Al **Pacino played himself in *Jack and Jill*** [accept equivalents such as Al **Pacino appearing in *Jack and Jill***; accept things like the fact that Al **Pacino is in love with Jill** from *Jack and Jill*]

This fact gave rise to a youthful affair, according to Sheldon M. Novick’s Freudian analysis of an “obelisk” on the Holmes estate. This fact provided the undercurrent for the central man’s refusal to write an appreciation of John Addington Symonds, profiled in Colm Toibin’s novel *The*

Master. This fact is paralleled by the fictional relationship between Olive Chancellor and Verena Tarrant. For 10 points, name this fact about the preferences of the author of *The Bostonians*.

ANSWER: the theory/fact that Henry **James was gay or homosexual** [accept equivalents; accept the theory that Henry **James had an affair with Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.**]

The truth behind this theory, according to Vint Cerf and Bob Kahn, is that the central man “provided intellectual leadership.” The genesis of this theory was a response to Wolf Blitzer stating “I took the initiative in moving forward a whole range of initiatives.” This theory arose from a response intended to highlight the central man’s importance in ARPANET funding. For 10 points, name this theory concerning a former vice president’s role in information technology.

ANSWER: the theory/fact that Al **Gore invented the internet** [accept equivalents]

This fact leads the singer to give his well-wishes to a “local boy” who “kicked me in the butt” because he’ll “be laughing [his] head off when he’s burning in hell.” Because of this fact, the singer has been “milkin’ and plowin’ so long that even Ezekiel thinks that my mind is gone.” This fact results in people having “churned butter once or twice” and selling “quilts at discount price.” For 10 points, name this fact central to the chorus of a Weird Al parody of a Coolio song.

ANSWER: the fact that we are [or we been spending most of our lives] **living in an Amish paradise** [accept reasonable equivalents including “Amish paradise”]

This preference is mixed up by Dikko Henderson, but the mistake was not commented upon. In a 2006 film, the fact that this preference has not yet been formed is indicated by the question “does it look like I give a damn?” This preference is reflected in orders by Anya Amasova, Marc-Ange Dago, Paris Carver, and Dr. No, the last of whom indicates that a lemon peel is present. For 10 points, name this alcohol-related preference involving the vodka martinis of 007.

ANSWER: the fact that James Bond prefers his vodka martinis **shaken, not stirred** [accept reasonable equivalents including **shaken martinis**]

After this fact was revealed, the central man suggested that his kids would be “in one of those Sally Struthers commercials.” After it was revealed, the yacht *Milwaukee’s Best* was repossessed and the central man was ironically prohibited from seeing his kids. It was revealed in response to an offer of three years and \$21 million as a barb to owner Glen Taylor. For 10 points, name this fact concerning the nourishment of those closest to a coach-choking former NBA player.

ANSWER: the fact that Latrell **Sprewell** had to **feed his family** [accept reasonable equivalents such as Latrell **Sprewell has a family to feed**]

This condition resulted after the affected man was compared to a talented student of a “conservatory in Hell” who produced a work based on the Plagues of Egypt. It was resolved with the help of the autosuggestive therapy of Nikolai Dahl. This condition resulted after a Symphony No. 1 was disastrously conducted by a possibly drunk Alexander Glazunov. For 10 points, name this condition that befell the Russian composer of *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*.

ANSWER: the fact that **Rachmaninoff had a mental breakdown** or was **extremely depressed** or had a **creative block** after the disastrous premiere of his Symphony No. 1 [accept any reasonable equivalent involving mental distress and Rachmaninoff]

In 2010 the *Atlantic* stated that the reason “why” this fact occurred is demonstrated by photos from the Documerica project. This fact occurred after the central man sent Reorganization Plan No. 3 to Congress. A blowout near Santa Barbara precipitated this fact, which resulted in the central man appointing William Ruckelshaus the director of a new department. For 10 points, name this incongruous fact about a conservative president and a pollution-controlling agency. ANSWER: the fact that Richard **Nixon established the EPA or Environmental Protection Agency** [accept any equivalents including Nixon and EPA; prompt on partial answers]

This theory centers on a picture in *Newsweek* of a man with thick glasses captioned “One great big Zippo lighter.” John Lightfoot suggests that van driver Bryan Smith hit a pedestrian to cover up this theory, which discounts the involvement of a man reading *The Catcher in the Rye*. Under this theory, *Salem’s Lot* and *The Dead Zone* suggest that the central crime was not committed by Mark David Chapman. For 10 points, name this theory that a horror author killed a Beatle. ANSWER: the theory/fact that **Stephen King shot John Lennon** [accept equivalents]

After this revelation, the central character has the Daemon Ritus ripped off his chest, freeing several souls and reverting that character from an evil “Rex” form. This revelation occurs after the Rowan Atkinson-played Mondavariou is unmasked as a robot. This revelation involves the central character planning to sacrifice his uncle’s “pure soul” and is revealed with the slogan “puppy power!” For 10 points, name this fact revealed at the end of the 2002 *Scooby-Doo* film. ANSWER: the fact that **Scrappy Doo is the villain** of the *Scooby-Doo* movie [accept any answer conveying that Scrappy Doo is the bad guy or monster of that movie or **Scrappy Doo is Mr. Mononucleosis Mondavariou** before “Mondavariou”]

An alternative to this theory, that the man at its center was gay and an early victim of AIDS, was advanced by non-endosymbiosis-theorist Lynne Margulies. It is advanced in the book *The Truth, Finally* by Bob Zmuda. Many people believed that this fact would be revealed during the SNL 40th anniversary special, perhaps with the central man impersonating Foreign Man or Elvis. For 10 points, name this theory about a wannabe pro wrestler profiled in *Man on the Moon*. ANSWER: the fact/theory that Andy **Kaufman is alive** [accept equivalents like **Andy Kaufman is not dead** or **did not die of cancer**]

This theory partly explains why the central man was reclusive until his death after attempting to borrow a Zeiss lens, according to a 2002 mockumentary by William Karel that Donald Rumsfeld and Henry Kissinger appeared in. In the film *Room 237*, Jay Weidner advocates the front-screen projection component of this theory, citing the central man’s “research project” *2001: A Space Odyssey*. For 10 points, name this theory about a director and a July 20, 1969 event. ANSWER: the theory that Stanley **Kubrick faked the moon landing** [accept any reasonable equivalent involving **Kubrick and the moon landing** or **Apollo 11**; prompt on “faking the moon landing” or equivalents that don’t involve Kubrick]

When describing this fact, the central man said “I menace somebody called Something-or-other. Then I’m destroyed.” Nelson Shin arranged for this fact, which the central man described as: “You know what I did this morning? I played the voice of a toy. I play a planet.” An *Animaniacs*

parody of a similarly shameful money-grab to this fact involved The Brain reciting copy for Mrs. Buckley's peas. For 10 points, name this fact about the voice of Unicron in a certain 1986 film.
ANSWER: the fact that Orson **Welles worked on *Transformers: The Movie*** [accept all equivalents; accept the fact that Orson **Welles voiced Unicron** in *Transformers: The Movie* before "Unicron"]

This is the title fact of a song that whose lyrics written in "five minutes" by a 14-year-old named Michael, in response to a request for the "stupidest song ever written." Johnny Mandel wrote the music for a song titled for this fact, which opens "through early morning fog I see / visions of the things to be." This title fact is followed by the line "it brings on many changes, and I can take or leave them if I please." For 10 points, name this fact that titles the theme song of *M*A*S*H*.
ANSWER: the fact that **suicide is painless** [accept equivalents]

This fact is parodied in *Naked Gun 2 1/2* in the ensuing panic after O.J. Simpson's character reveals a "huge bomb." This fact casts an insidious pall over the nature of Flight 914 after the Susan Cummings-played Patty reveals it to the Lloyd Bochner-played Michael Chambers. The revelation of this fact exposes the intentions of the nine-foot-tall Kanamits. For 10 points, name this fact revealed at the end of a *Twilight Zone* episode concerning an alien book.
ANSWER: the fact that ***To Serve Man is a cookbook*** [accept any equivalents including ***To Serve Man*** and the idea of a **book of recipes** or **eating people**; prompt on more general answers like "the fact that that book in the *Twilight Zone* episode is associated with the eating people"]

On *Family Guy*, this fact results after the central character fails to take a phone message from Tony. Learning this fact prompts the watching of the 1993 movie *Alive*, about cannibalistic Uruguayan rugby players in the Andes, in the *Friends* episode named for the fact that Phoebe did not know this fact because her mom shielded it from her. This fact results after Arliss is nearly attacked in the corn crib. For 10 points, what fact results when Travis shoots a certain rabid dog?
ANSWER: the fact that **Old Yeller dies** or is **shot** by Travis [accept any equivalent]

The concealed nature of this fact leads a man to say "it's not like spotting a toupee!" This fact pertains to a woman who keeps getting offered Snapple while discussing it. This fact leads to the awkwardness of a story about throwing a purse on a couch and having a diaphragm fall out. This characteristic of a professional closet organizer is eventually lost to John F. Kennedy Jr. For 10 points, name this fact pertaining to the inexperience of one of Jerry's girlfriends.
ANSWER: the fact that **Marla is a virgin** [accept any answers including the fact that **Marla Penny is a virgin**; prompt on "Jerry's girlfriend is a virgin" or equivalents]

A headline anticipating this outcome notes that the central man "Can't Swallow Own Story." This outcome is blamed on an "anonymous clan of slack-jawed troglodytes," and the central man notes the irony that "if I were to have them killed, I would be the one to go to jail." This outcome occurs despite a campaign ad in which Charles Darwin explains a three-eyed fish. For 10 points, name this outcome that results in the victory of Mary Bailey over a nuclear power magnate.
ANSWER: the fact that **Mr. Burns loses the election** for governor [accept equivalents; accept **Mary Bailey winning the election** for governor before "Mary"]

Xavient Haze wrote a 2015 book about this theory. Some people claim that the identity Jon Burrows is important to this theory. A piece of evidence for this theory is the spelling of “Aron” with one ‘A’ on a tombstone. A Missouri woman named Louise Welling perpetuated this theory by making claims about a Felpausch supermarket in Vicksburg, Mississippi and a Burger King in Kalamazoo, Michigan. For 10 points, name this theory about the King of Rock and Roll.

ANSWER: the fact/theory that **Elvis Presley is alive** [accept any equivalents such as **Elvis didn’t die when people thought** or **Elvis sightings** or **Elvis faked his death**]

This fact made for a funny seat-sharing arrangement between the central man and Reggie on Jock Lindsey’s seaplane. This fact traces back to 1912, when a man fell into a crate aboard the Dunn and Duffy Circus train while evading Fedora with the Cross of Coronado. This fact is highlighted by the “moving floor” of the Well of Souls, which prompts a question beginning “why’d it have to be.” For 10 points, name this fact about an archaeologist and certain reptiles.

ANSWER: the fact that Indiana **Jones hates snakes** [accept equivalents like **Indiana Jones is afraid of snakes**]

For a documentary about this fact by Zak Penn, designer Howard Scott Warshaw journeyed to an archaeological site supervised by Fuel Industries. James Heller oversaw the execution of this fact, which occurred in Alamogordo and also affected copies of a port of *Pac-Man*. For 10 points, name this fact that resulted from the confluence of the video games crash of 1983, poor sales of a game based on a Steven Spielberg movie, and a big plot of land in New Mexico.

ANSWER: the fact that many copies of the video game **E.T. the Extraterrestrial were buried** in New Mexico [accept **burial of Atari 2600 games** or **burial of Pac-Man**]

This fact was technically not accomplished right away, because of a refusal at the hospital that required the listing of “Ian Donald Calvin Euclid.” This fact led to the delightful name of a Food Network program costarring Lisa Loeb. It is a reference to the curled pinky toe of a woman named Gail, and was prefigured by the earlier use of the appellation “Moon Unit.” For 10 points, name this fact concerning the frontman of the Mothers of Invention and his eldest son.

ANSWER: the fact that Frank **Zappa named one of his sons Dweezil** [accept any equivalents involving **Dweezil Zappa’s name**]

This possible fact was revealed after the central man had a meeting with a retiree who now raises money for One Mind For Research. This fact, which was discussed by Riki Ellison and is paralleled by the beliefs of *Star Trek: Into Darkness* writer Roberto Orci, led to an awkward line of questioning in a meeting with Peter Chiarelli, a retired four-star general. For 10 points, name this fact that might lead a certain football guy to question whether jet fuel can melt steel beams.

ANSWER: the theory/fact that Pete **Carroll is a 9/11 truther** [accept any equivalents indicating that Pete Carroll may be sympathetic to the idea that 9/11 was an inside job]