

ACRO-Demia - Round 2

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1. Luke Perry and Peter Fonda starred in a 2005 Hallmark Channel movie titled for one of these events, though this event never occurs in the film. The ship *Nightingale 229*, led by the James Spader-played Nick Vanzant, is central to a sci-fi horror film titled for one of these events. This occurrence names an attack that deals damage equal to 93.75 percent of players' hit points and is wielded by Safer Sephiroth in the final battle of *Final Fantasy VII*. On *Futurama*, metal being placed in a (*) microwave combines with one of these events to send its protagonists back in time. Nero, the villain of the JJ Abrams reboot of *Star Trek*, is motivated by his home planet being hit by one of these things. Some origin stories of *Superman* state that Krypton was destroyed following, for 10 points, what catastrophic celestial events?

ANSWER: supernova [or supernovae] <Nelson, Science>

2. Lister accidentally interferes with this event when he tries to go get a bulk curry order in the episode "Tikka to Ride" of *Red Dwarf*. Incestuous twins in the film and play *The House of Yes* staged an erotic version of this event when they were teenagers. This event obliged Slim Pickens to dub in the word "Vegas" to an early line in *Dr. Strangelove* and forced Stanley Kubrick to (*) remove the original pie fight ending. Season two of *The Umbrella Academy* opens with the title group becoming well-positioned to stop this historical event, whose prevention wreaks global havoc, including widespread nuclear warfare, in a book by Stephen King. In "We Didn't Start the Fire," the rhyme "blown away / what else do I have to say?" references, for 10 points, what crime prevented in the novel *11/22/63*?

ANSWER: assassination of John F. Kennedy [accept obvious equivalents identifying the killing or murder of JFK] <Vopava, History>

3. Before parodying a famous quote from this work, Captain Ventralis claims, "Even hopped up on stims, my people know the rule" in the game *Mass Effect*. In August 2020, The Dairy Men and *Reigns*-developer Nerial announced a plan to adapt this work into what is being described as an "adventure-tycoon" style video game. An image from an animated adaptation of this novel is featured on the cover art of the Clash single, "English Civil War". The organizers of "Manorgate" accidentally abduct the wrong Crystal Creasey and nickname her after a character from this novel in *The Hunt*. A Pink Floyd album featuring the (*) Battersea Power Station on its cover is loosely based on this novel. A 1999 film based on this novel stars Pete Postlethwaite as Mr. Jones. Kelsey Grammer voiced Snowball in that adaptation of, for 10 points, what George Orwell novel?

ANSWER: Animal Farm: A Fairy Story <Weiner, Literature>

4. A lawyer named Colin Gunderson is actually this mythical figure in disguise on an early-2010s fantasy comedy series from New Zealand. This figure alone understands the value of purple quiddity in *The Order of the Stick*, which depicts him with red eyes and ginger hair. On *Supernatural*, this figure is pressed against a wall and skewered with a wooden sword by the archangel Gabriel, who often masqueraded as him. In prison, Shadow Moon befriended a modern version of this deity played by (*) Jonathan Tucker on *American Gods*. The title object of *The Mask* is imbued with the powers of this deity, who proclaims "I am burdened with glorious purpose!" in a 2012 film in which he is comically thrown around and beaten against the floor by the Hulk. In the MCU, Tom Hiddleston plays a supervillain version of, for 10 points, what shape-shifting Norse trickster?

ANSWER: Loki [accept Low Key Liesmith] <Vopava, R/M/P>

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5. While employed by the World Economic Council, Natasha Fatale (**fuh-TAHL**) essentially impersonates this fictional character in the *Rocky & Bullwinkle* story arc "Box Top Robbery." Robert Duvall played this character in a 1976 film that centers on his concern over his best friend's mental state stemming from a cocaine addiction. This character names the canine companion of a Muppet whose catchphrase is (*) "Egad!" A facsimile of this character narrates a 1986 Disney film in which he helps foil the villainous Ratigan. In 14 films released between 1939 and 1946, Nigel Bruce played this character opposite Basil Rathbone. Lucy Liu starred as a genderbent version of this character in a CBS mystery series. For 10 points, name this character played by Martin Freeman on BBC's *Sherlock*.

ANSWER: Dr. Watson [or Dr. John (Hamish) Watson] <Vopava, Literature>

6. Noted NBA-and-MLB-player-turned-actor Chuck Connors improbably stars as this historical figure in a 1962 biopic that co-stars Adam West. A photo of this figure sitting in a Locomobile touring car inspired Michael Martin Murphey's 1972 song about this man's "Cadillac." "I am" this person, "you are" this person, and "we are" this person, according to the rebel radio broadcaster in the USA series *Colony*. Sam Malone straightens a (*) framed sepia photograph of this man before leaving the bar in the final episode of *Cheers*. This historical figure's name is shouted alongside cries of "bombs away" in a minor 2014 hit by the indie band Sheppard. Allegedly to show they have no fear, American parachutists often jump from planes and shout the name of, for 10 points, what Apache resistance leader?

ANSWER: Geronimo [accept Geronimo's Cadillac] <Vopava, History>

7. Jerry gets Tom to conduct "Yankee Doodle" instead of the overture from this work by rearranging a group of ants who make up the notes on a piece of sheet music. A 1943 Hammerstein musical re-imagines this work in the post-World War II United States with an all-black cast. Beyoncé parodied this work starring alongside Mekhi Phifer in a 2001 MTV film subtitled "A Hip (*) Hopera". Following the national anthem of the winning driver and constructor, a song from this work is typically played during the champagne celebration in Formula One. As Carl Fredricksen makes his way downstairs, the best-known aria from this work plays in the film *Up*. Ann Takamaki's original persona in *Persona 5* is the protagonist of this work whose story can be read in the in-game book, "The Alluring Dancer." For 10 points, name this opera, the source of the "Habanera", by George Bizet.

ANSWER: Carmen [accept Carmen Jones; accept Carmen: A Hip Hopera] <Weiner, Fine Arts>

8. Marvel supervillains named for this duo began as Mr. Doll's mannequins but had their powers transferred into two criminals who then joined the Night Shift. This duo is paired with Edward Gorey in homophonic wordplay in Andrew Bird's song "Measuring Cups." Russ Tamblyn, Buddy Hackett, and Jim Backus cameo in a 1962 film about this duo's "Wonderful World" directed by George Pal. A 2005 film named for these two men was plagued by fighting between the Weinsteins and director Terry (*) Gilliam; that film stars Matt Damon and Heath Ledger as fanciful versions of this duo. Hunters referred to by this duo's surname title an NBC action fantasy series that aired from 2011 to 2017 and featured many monsters they wrote about. For 10 points, what siblings amassed an extensive compendium of fairy tales in the 1810s?

ANSWER: The Brothers Grimm [accept Jacob (Ludwig Carl) and Wilhelm (Carl) Grimm in either order] <Vopava, Literature>

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9. On the TV show *Insatiable*, this composition underscores Bob Armstrong's interrogation of a homeless man for arson. Queen Elizabeth declares "I have become a virgin" in a montage set to this piece at the end of the film *Elizabeth*. In the TV series *Watchmen*, this piece plays during Ozymandias's trial, during which he farts and then declares, "The defense rests." Varying selections from this piece have been used for (*) Krauser's fight music in the *Fatal Fury* games. In *Bioshock: Infinite*, this composition fittingly plays inside of Lady Comstock's memorial in the Hall of Heroes. A demand for this composition in a 1984 film causes its author to literally work himself to death, which is exactly Salieri's plan. For 10 points, name this mass for the dead central to the second half of *Amadeus*.

ANSWER: Mozart's Requiem in D Minor [accept answers specifically identifying the Lacrimosa from the *Requiem* before "1984"; prompt on Requiem] <Vopava, Fine Arts>

10. Rebecca Hutman is a museum docent formulating a dissertation on this historical figure in the film *Night at the Museum*. Stevie Wonder's song "Black Man" celebrates how this figure "used no chart." In 1955's *The Far Horizons*, Charlton Heston's character romances this figure played by Donna Reed, which is wrong for countless reasons. She is the only woman mentioned in the *Schoolhouse Rock* song "Elbow Room." Gerald and Phoebe briefly debate how to (*) pronounce this woman's name on *Hey Arnold!*, which also features a song that inaccurately insists that, without this figure, a certain man "would still be in Duluth." Marge Simpson says you can get a real dollar at the bank in exchange for the dollar coin depicting this woman. For 10 points, name this female Shoshone guide to Lewis and Clark.

ANSWER: Sacagawea [accept close variants like Sacajawea or Sakakawea] <Vopava, History>

11. The South Korean company Netcomics published a graphic novel adaptation of this work by Morim Kang. According to various tabloids, Lindsey Lohan turned to this work for inspiration during her 2007 stint in rehab, with DigitalSpy quoting her as saying "it is always with me." In the Robert De Niro-directed *A Bronx Tale*, a mob boss played by Chazz Palminteri says "I know I'm funny, but I'm not that funny" as part of his answer to a question from this work. While in prison, (*) Tupac Shakur read this work, which inspired him to release *The Don Killuminati* under a stage name. After asking himself a question posed in this work, Michael Scott, declares "Both. I want people to be afraid of how much they love me." For 10 points, name this 16th-century treatise by Niccolò Machiavelli.

ANSWER: The Prince [or Il Principe or De Principatibus; accept Of Principalities] <Weiner, R/M/P>

12. An alteration to this object allows Sarah Pazzini to kill the Comte de Saint Germain in a *Witchblade* graphic novel crossover. This object is mentioned in the opening lyrics to "The Ocean" by U2. In a 2009 film, Colin Firth's character burns down a mansion after throwing a gas lamp at this object. Moriarty holds this object hostage to force its owner to steal artifacts like Dr. Jekyll's serum in the film version of *The (*) League of Extraordinary Gentlemen*. Ivan Albright created a version of this object for MGM that is displayed in Technicolor in an otherwise black-and-white 1945 film adaptation. This object bears the image of a craven, naked man in chains on *Penny Dreadful* and allows its owner to regenerate in its presence. For 10 points, name this cursed artwork from a novel by Oscar Wilde.

ANSWER: the picture of Dorian Gray [accept either surname or forename for the painting's owner; accept answers that identify Dorian Gray's cursed portrait or painting] <Vopava, Literature>

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13. A brief interview with this man appears in Tim Kirkman's documentary *Dear Jesse*. Years before appearing on *Lost*, Ian Somerhalder portrayed Russell Henderson in a film about this man. This man is the subject of the "American Triangle," a collaboration between Rufus Wainwright and Elton John. Another TV film about this man starred Sam Waterston and Stockard Channing as his parents. Melissa Etheridge gave her song about this man the title "Scarecrow" because this man was briefly (*) mistaken for one. At the end of his career, Jason Collins wore the jersey number 98 in tribute to this man, who is the subject of a Moises Kaufman play that features noted shthead Fred Phelps as a secondary character. For 10 points, name this gay man whose 1998 murder inspired *The Laramie Project*.

ANSWER: Matthew (Wayne) Shepard <Nelson, History>

14. This painting hangs on the wall behind the pregnant wife in the dinner scene from Jim Henson's early short film *Time Piece*. In 2018 Dan Harmon recorded an entire *GQ* retrospective on *Rick and Morty* while dressed as this painting's central figure. Unlike the double he is replaced with, Dr. Meinheimer has a birthmark that resembles this painting on his left buttock in *The Naked Gun 2½: The Smell of Fear*. After being sneezed on, this painting is (*) dabbed with a handkerchief and increasingly ruined by Mr. Bean in the film *Bean*. In a promo for *Fresh Off the Boat's* fourth season based on this painting, the Huang family peers through a curtain at Jessica, who is seated in a chair with her hands on her lap. For 10 points, name this 1871 portrait of an old woman by James McNeill Whistler.

ANSWER: Whistler's Mother [or Arrangement in Grey and Black, No. 1] <Vopava, Fine Arts>

15. This author was re-envisioned as a scheming criminal mastermind in the 1990 foreign action film *International Guerrillas*. One novel by this author depicts John Lennon as the author of "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" and introduced a song by its protagonist, Ormus Cama, which was recorded by U2 for the film *The Million Dollar Hotel*. In an early episode of *Bob's Burgers*, Gene falsely claims this author wrote *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. Ultravox vocalist John Foxx designed the cover of this man's novel (*) *The Moor's Last Sigh*. In 2012 this man adapted his 1981 novel into a screenplay, whose filming was kept secret at the request of its director, Deepa Mehta, and which starred Satya Bhabha as the protagonist, Saleem Sanai. In 2004, *Top Chef* host Padma Lakshmi married, for 10 points, what subject of a 1989 fatwa?

ANSWER: (Ahmed) Salman Rushdie <Nelson, Literature>

16. The 2019 Tool song "Fear Inoculum" describes "my own" version of this action "growing through delusion to mania." This process allows a trio of villains on *Powerpuff Girls* to steal every orange in Townsville. Constant interruptions prevent Sabrina and Harvey from learning what exactly this action "is" on *Sabrina the Teenage Witch*; similarly, on *Community*, Jeff tries to learn about this process but is waylaid by Shirley and Pierce's efforts to (*) sign the sandwich shop lease. On *The Big Bang Theory*, Leonard dreams that Sheldon triggers this process by eating loads of Thai food. Bella and Edward share a microscope to study this process in science class in *Twilight*. Exposing Metroids to Beta rays makes them undergo, for 10 points, what process in which non-gamete eukaryotic cells reproduce and divide?

ANSWER: mitosis [or mitotic phase or M phase]

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17. According to a Nick Cave song, Nick's girlfriend screams out this person's name "every time I try to give that girl a kiss." In season three of *Sleepy Hollow*, Ichabod infects himself with malaria to poison a centuries-old weapon wielded most famously by this person. In the very first episode of *Kolchak: The Night Stalker*, Kolchak electrocutes an immortal spirit who apparently was also this person. Lulu, the protagonist of the silent masterpiece *Pandora's Box*, is last seen (*) encountering this person, who is actually the vampire Lord Hastings according to the 2015 video game *The Order: 1886*. This figure is essentially the villain of Alfred Hitchcock's *The Lodger: A Tale of the London Fog* Alan Moore's graphic novel *From Hell* is about, for 10 points, what Victorian-era London serial killer?

ANSWER: Jack the Ripper <Vopava, History>

18. The Killers song "Believe Me Natalie" asks, "Remember the arch of roses right above your couch?" after alluding to a nondescript painting by this artist. A real work by this painter is stolen from the Met and then ingeniously disguised as a Pissarro in the 1999 remake of *The Thomas Crown Affair*. Halsey boasts that she's "lookin' as fine as a damn" one of this artist's paintings in the opening lyrics of "Don't Play." The insufferable Paul Bates pompously details the backstory of a room-filling (*) panorama painted by this artist early in *Midnight in Paris*. This painter's name identifies a woman where, "from far away it's okay, but up close it's a big ol' mess," according to Cher in the film *Clueless*. In *Titanic*, Rose apparently owns a painting of water lilies by, for 10 points, what French Impressionist?

ANSWER: (Oscar-) Claude Monet <Vopava, Fine Arts>

19. An October 2002 *Garfield* comic strip depicts Garfield reciting a copy-written work by this author, leading it to be heavily edited in recent collections. Stuntman Mike recites a passage from this author in order to receive a lap dance from "Butterfly" in Quentin Tarantino's *Death Proof*. While dying in Ponyboy's arms, Johnny quotes a (*) poem by this author in S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders*. A work by this author is the epigraph of the *Twilight* novel *Eclipse*, and is recited by Bella at the start of that book's movie adaptation. Pop punk band New Found Glory named its debut album after one of this man's poems, which is also referenced by the debut album of First Aid Kit, *Stay Gold*. Glory George R. R. Martin's epic fantasy series takes its name from a work by, for 10 points, what American poet of "Fire and Ice" and "The Road Not Taken"?

ANSWER: Robert Frost <Weiner, Literature>

20. This historical figure is the title character of the first tactical RPG produced by Level-5, which was an exclusive to the PlayStation Portable. This figure is the *second* person mentioned in the theme song to *Maude*. Box office returns for a 1948 film about this woman suffered after the exposure of its star (*) Ingrid Bergman's affair with Roberto Rossellini. Arcade Fire sings "tell the boys their time is through" in the chorus of a song about this woman on the album *Reflektor*. This woman's name is punningly shared by the protagonist of the *Perfect Dark* game series. Maria Falconetti shot to stardom in a 1928 film about *The Passion of* this woman, whom Tal Bachman mentions between Cleopatra and Aphrodite in the song "She's So High." For 10 points, name this French peasant girl and military commander.

ANSWER: Joan of Arc [or Jeanne d'Arc] <Vopava, History>