

# ACRO-Demia - Round 3

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1. Yvonne de Carlo played a character directly inspired by this person in a 1988 horror film co-starring Rod Steiger and Michael J. Pollard. In the art for Canadian-themed VHS release of *The Adventures of Rocky & Bullwinkle*, Nell Fenwick stands in for this figure. This person frowns before being rolled up into a sardine tin in the opening sequence of *Desperate Housewives*. This figure is essentially Magenta's disguise at the church in Denton at the start of (\*) *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. A denim-clad Paris Hilton assumes this woman's visual role in most promotional photos for *The Simple Life*, while Eva Gabor assumes her role at the end of the *Green Acres* title sequence. For 10 points, name this sour-faced woman who stands next to a man holding a pitchfork in a 1930 painting.

ANSWER: the wife in American Gothic [accept answers that clearly identify the woman in American Gothic] <Vopava, Fine Arts>

2. This figure uses the name Count Iblis and is rescued from an apparent spaceship crash in the original *Battlestar Galactica*. Players with a pure black Tendency can defeat this figure to gain the Foe's Ring in *Demon's Souls*. This figure's name immediately follows the lyric "When I'm at the pearly gates / This will be on my videotape" from Radiohead's song "Videotape." In Marvel comics, this is the name of the character who (\*) grants Johnny Blaze the power to become the Ghost Rider. According to the musical *Cats*, "never was there ever a cat so clever as" a sweet, young magician cat named after this being. Emil Jannings (YAH-nings) played this villain role in F. W. Murnau's silent masterpiece *Faust*. For 10 points, name this demon who brokers Faust's deal with the devil.

ANSWER: Mephistophiles [or Mephistopheles; prompt on less specific things like the devil] <Vopava, Literature>

3. In a 1980 Gary Weis film, this man receives the credit for various historic acts actually made by a random guy named Herschel who was played by Dudley Moore. An enormous 2007 box-office bomb by Promenade Pictures featured Christian Slater as the voice of this man. A third-season episode of *Rugrats* depicts Tommy Pickles as this figure during a story being told by his uncle. A game developer formerly called Color Dreams released a 3-in-1 game whose modes include one about escorting this figure. This figure is depicted as a large, glowing (\*) face who serves as a helper to the Super Best Friends on *South Park*. Val Kilmer voiced this man in the first traditionally animated film made by Dreamworks. In a Mel Brooks film, one of three stone tablets is dropped by, for 10 points, what biblical figure played by Charlton Heston in *The Ten Commandments*?

ANSWER: Moses [accept answers like Baby Moses; accept Wholly Moses] <Nelson, R/M/P>

4. A Jodie Markell film based on a discarded work by this author was the final film released in the 2000s. A work by Akiva Schaffer made to parody this author inspired the name of Schaffer's group The Lonely Island. *Taxi Driver* was awarded the Palme d'Or by a jury that was led by this author. On *Modern Family*, Cam eagerly searches for Gloria's missing dog because doing so allows him to emulate one of this man's characters. Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor starred in the flop (\*) *Boom!*, which was based on one of this man's plays. Llewelyn Sinclair directed a musical based on one of this man's works that opens with a song that describes its setting as the "Sodom and Gomorrah of the Mississippi." Elia Kazan directed multiple adaptations of plays by, for 10 points, what author who wrote a screenplay based on his own *The Glass Menagerie*?

ANSWER: Tennessee Williams [or Thomas Lanier Williams III] <Nelson, Literature>

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5. A passive item from the *Binding of Isaac: Afterbirth* named for this man affixes a black version of the "marked" icon to Isaac's head. The urban prison outfit in *Watch Dogs 2* is acquired through a pre-order bonus mission that tasks the player with apprehending this man. The cover art for the Guns n' Roses album, "*The Spaghetti Incident?*", features an excerpt from one of this man's writings that translates as "Fuck 'em all." A poorly lit basement full of (\*) film reels is the setting of a notable scene in a film named for this man directed by David Fincher and starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Mark Ruffalo. A Robert Graysmith book titled [*This man*] *Unmasked* claims to reveal the true identity of, for 10 points, what mysterious serial killer who used a crosshair symbol and was probably not Ted Cruz?

ANSWER: **Zodiac** Killer <Weiner, History>

6. On his 1989 album *Alligator*, Leslie West mashed a metal version of this piece up with Ernest Gold's theme from the film *Exodus*. Chipophone ("CHIP-uh-phone") versions of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" and this piece are combined in a level from *Just Dance 2018*. After "Anitra's Dance," players must complete all mazes before this piece ends in the extremely stressful final level of the 2016 game *The Witness*. In the film *M*, the serial killer played by Peter Lorre (LOR-ee) is identified by his (\*) whistling of this piece. Trent Reznor's arrangement of this piece plays in *The Social Network* while the Winklevoss twins compete at the Henley Royal Regatta. Shuki Levy (SHOO-kee LEV-ee) used this piece as the basis for the *Inspector Gadget* theme song. For 10 points, name this accelerating passage from *Peer Gynt* ("pair" GINT) by Edvard Grieg depicting vicious trolls.

ANSWER: "**In the Hall of the Mountain King**" [or "**I Dovregubbens hall**"; prompt on "Peer Gynt" before "Peer"] <Vopava, Fine Arts>

7. An early mixtape by Kendrick Lamar notes that "this is not for the children" in a song titled for a "Compton" variety of this discipline. Suzzy Roche performs on a Yeasayer single riddled with references to this discipline which concludes that, per its title, "I Am" *this discipline*. The lines "Baby you and me" and "could you start to see that" is repeated in an Arcade Fire song titled for this concept. An album titled for this concept has a cover depicting two (\*) scientific instruments seemingly having sex. That album's sort-of title track, which pleads "won't you show me everything you know," was recorded by Semisonic and notes how it's "all about" this concept. Queens of the Stone Age borrowed a DuPont slogan for a song titled "Better Living Through," for 10 points, what branch of science?

ANSWER: **chemistry** [accept "**Compton Chemistry**" or "**I Am Chemistry**" or *All About Chemistry* or "**Better Living Through Chemistry**" <Nelson, Science>

8. Specific name required. This thing "kept the laughers busy, that's how people are" according to the George Gershwin standard "They All Laughed." One of these things named "Lightnin' Bug" belonged to the uber-cool aspiring private eye Kookie on *77 Sunset Strip*. While holding a Christmas tree, one of these things is effectively destroyed in *Big Business*, one of many Laurel and Hardy shorts to feature a (\*) run-down one of them. A salesman in *The Music Man* blames this thing for "the trouble" of how it's now "7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 22, 23 miles to the county seat." One of these quickly comes to a stop when its driver glimpses Claudette Colbert's bared leg in *It Happened One Night*. With the help of flubber, Professor Brainard soars into the sky in *The Absent-Minded Professor* while inside, for 10 points, what innovative affordable car made by Henry Ford?

ANSWER: **Model T** Ford [accept Tin **Lizzie**; prompt on Ford or car or automobile] <Vopava, History>

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9. At the end of a 2011 Batman story, this literary character is seen leaping heroically in the air after being saved from the Joker. A version of this character that bore a striking resemblance to the early cartoon character Gerald McBoingBoing appeared in a TV special starring Mr. Magoo. Robin the Frog takes the role of this character in a 1992 Muppet-based adaptation of the work in which he appears. A *Futurama* parody of this character aids (\*) Bender in his trial to join the Robot Mafia and has a crutch in place of one of his arms. Mary Lou Retton cameoed as this male character in a 1988 Bill Murray film. A musician who performed as "Larry Love, the Singing Canary" adopted a stage name shared with that of this character and performed in an odd falsetto. For 10 points, name this sickly, diminutive boy from *A Christmas Carol*.

ANSWER: Tiny Tim [or Tim Cratchit or Timothy Cratchit; prompt on Cratchit] <Nelson, Literature>

10. On *Legends of Tomorrow*, this historical figure detests Mick Rory and is theorized to be a possible ancestor of Nora Dahrk. Irving Thalberg's final film project was a biopic of this historical figure that his widow Norma Shearer saw through to completion in 1938. Wednesday Addams's doll is named for this historical figure, whom Madonna dressed as to perform (\*) "Vogue" at the 1990 MTV VMAs. A woman speaks "just like" this person before remarks about "A built-in remedy / For Khrushchev and Kennedy" in the song "Killer Queen." A shopping montage in a film about this historical figure is set to "I Want Candy" and notoriously shows an anachronistic pair of lilac Converse hi-tops; in that 2006 Sofia Coppola film, Kirsten Dunst played, for 10 points, what guillotined queen of France?

ANSWER: Marie Antoinette [or Maria Antonia Josepha Johanna] <Vopava, History>

11. A guy played by Nigel Patrick dies while trying to achieve this feat in a 1952 David Lean film co-starring Ralph Richardson. An elemental *Skylanders* character named for a phenomenon associated with this feat is a griffon who attacks by tossing eggs. A vessel that can do this titles a Kinks song that begins, "Let me (\*) take you on a little trip." The Alka-Seltzer sniffing Elsa is described in an early Oasis song titled for this feat, which is done by birds that show the listener "how it all began" in a Coldplay song. An NBA team named for this characteristic played at the KeyArena and moved to Oklahoma City in 2008. A certain video game hedgehog has a name that suggests he can reliably achieve, for 10 points, what feat that can produce a sonic boom?

ANSWER: moving at (or exceeding) the speed of sound [accept supersonic; accept clear equivalents; prompt on sonic boom or similar by asking "by doing what?"; prompt on less specific answers like moving fast; do not accept or prompt on answers mentioning the speed of light"] <Weiner, Science>

12. A Mike Vogel-played version of this character sings songs like "Shine" and "If It Ain't Broke (Break It)" in a very bad 2003 MTV movie, in which this character is re-imagined as a wannabe rock singer. Just before the attack in *An American Werewolf in London*, the howling werewolf is brushed off as probably being this literary character. Andrew Lincoln co-starred as the romantic rival of this character in a 2009 British miniseries, in which Tom Hardy wears the worst wig in history while playing this man. In a song from the 1978 album *The (\*) Kick Inside*, he is told "I've come home, I'm so cold / Let me in through your window"; that song is by Kate Bush and is titled for the novel in which this man appears. A George Gately comic strip about a *non-lasagna-loving* orange cat is named after, for 10 points, what Byronic lover of Cathy Earnshaw in *Wuthering Heights*?

ANSWER: Heathcliff <Vopava, Literature>

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13. In a 1971 comedy, this artwork serves as the secret inspiration for Rhonda Bolt's artistic depiction of her illustrious husband. In the first season finale of *Leverage*, the team tries to steal a priceless object used in the creation of this artwork from Ian Blackpool. This work inspired the name of the Michael Fassbender-played android in the film *Alien: Covenant*. Theo remarks "my mum had a plastic one in the bathroom" upon seeing this work in the Ark of the Arts in (\*) *Children of Men*. In *The Goonies*, Chunk tips over and partially breaks a replica of this artwork in Mikey's living room. When Spongebob taps his chisel on Squidward's block of marble, he creates a close facsimile of this statue, complete with a scallop shell over its groin. For 10 points, name this nude sculpture by Michelangelo.  
ANSWER: Michelangelo's David <Vopava, Fine Arts>

14. The song "Everybody Says Don't" from the musical *Anyone Can Whistle* adds "and if you fail, you fail" After encouraging re-enacting this scene. A 2017 board game named for and modeled on this scene is essentially a card game version of "chicken" using blue and red tokens on a cobblestone path. In a 2017 film, just after this scene, a woman shows Javier, a shoemaker played by Jonathan Pryce, the way to a set of ruins, which (\*) Toby suspects is a hiding place for terrorists. Dialogue from this scene is the origin of the name of the band They Might Be Giants. Peter O'Toole's character uses his sword, not a lance, in this scene from the film version of the musical *Man of La Mancha*. For 10 points, name this scene from *Don Quixote* involving a joust against a supposed giant.  
ANSWER: (Don Quixote) tilting at windmills [accept answers that identify the scene from *Don Quixote* in which Quixote jousts with windmills (that he thinks are giants)] <Vopava, Literature>

15. In a 2001 promo for Game Show Network, a dweeby woman in glasses fails to give this object as a correct answer, despite home viewers all yelling its name at their TVs. A Norwegian singer whose stage name is this object once performed 36 concerts in 72 hours. This object partly names the English new wave band behind the 1982 hit "Love Missile F1-11." In the first scene of the film *Quiz Show*, Dick is at a car dealership when he hears a man on a car radio say that the sound of this object indicates that (\*) "All is not well." An overeager pig on the PBS Sprout series *Astroblast* is named for this object, which is the last thing to drift off of WALL-E after EVE's probe departs for the Axiom. Homer Hickam in *October Sky* is inspired to take up the hobby of rocketry after the launch of, for 10 points, what early Soviet satellite?  
ANSWER: Sputnik 1 <Vopava, History>

16. Donald Duck's flute playing causes the band in *The Band Concert* to stop playing this piece and start playing "Turkey in the Straw." Along with the school song, this piece accompanies "the Best Timeout in College Basketball," which happens when Indiana takes a third TV time-out. After D-Day drives up the stairs on his motorcycle in *Animal House*, he (\*) drums a snippet of this piece on his windpipe. Wendy Carlos's sped-up arrangement of this piece accompanies Alex's threesome with the record store girls in Stanley Kubrick's *A Clockwork Orange*. The Animaniacs' "Presidents Song" is set to this piece. For 10 points, what opening passage from a Gioachino Rossini opera set in Switzerland was used as the theme song to *The Lone Ranger*?  
ANSWER: William Tell Overture [prompt on "William Tell"] <Vopava, Fine Arts>

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17. The final entry of the episodic *Doctor Who: The Adventure Games* series states that this event was orchestrated by two warring alien races. The second side of the album *John Lennon/Plastic Ono Band* opens with a song that references this event at its end. A 1945 Sherlock Holmes radio play concerns a royal descendant's fear of this event being recreated. Kit Harington starred in a 2017 miniseries about this event, in which he played one of his direct descendants who was involved in it. Another re-creation of this event is threatened in (\*) "The Empty Hearse," the third season debut of *Sherlock*. A character who routinely refers to this event is vehemently opposed by Adam Sutler of the Norsefire Party. The mask-wearing title character of *V for Vendetta* is inspired by, for 10 points, what 1605 event planned by Robert Catesby and Guy Fawkes?

ANSWER: Gunpowder Plot <Nelson, History>

18. The website for an 8-bit game named for this man claims to be a translation of a lost Famicom game titled *Doki Doki Toshokan*, which was purchased for thirty cents. In the 2018 film *Burning*, Jong-su comments how Seoul is full of Korean versions of this character after comparing the mysterious Ben to him. Taylor Swift parallels a novel named for this character in her music video for "Delicate"; in "This Is Why We Can't Have Nice Things" she claims to have (\*) felt like this man "for that whole year." A reaction meme featuring this character raising a glass comes from a 2013 Baz Luhrmann film. A 1974 film stars Mia Farrow as the love interest of Robert Redford's portrayal of, for 10 points, what character also played by Leonardo DiCaprio, who titles a 1925 novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald?

ANSWER: Jay Gatsby [accept either underlined portion; accept The Great Gatsby] <Weiner, Literature>

19. This historical figure discusses "Ode on a Grecian Urn" in an entirely made up interview in the first novel by Frederic Tuten. Gregory Peck once played a professor whose chance meeting with this man causes his handlers to consider detonating a bomb secretly implanted in his skull. This man has a very contentious meeting with a spiritual leader in a 1997 biopic written by Melissa Mathison and directed by (\*) Martin Scorsese. Diana Christiansen hopes to produce a legally questionable true-crime reality show named for this man in the movie *Network*. A huge poster of this man is hoisted by accordion-playing marchers in a late scene from *The Last Emperor*. In the Beatles song "Revolution," the listener is chastened for "carrying pictures of," for 10 points, what leader of China's Cultural Revolution?

ANSWER: Mao Zedong [or Chairman Mao or Mao Tse-tung] <Vopava, History>

20. A virus whose name references this phrase results in AutoReivs committing murders in a 2006 anime that is centered on beings known as the "Proxy". At the beginning of *Summer Belongs to You*, Phineas and Ferb build a jump roping robot who's only line of dialogue is a parody of this phrase. To calm the office amidst talks of downsizing, David Brent claims "We're the most efficient branch, [this phrase], we'll be fine." A Prince song whose title is a parody of this phrase begins with a command stating, "NPG to the maximum!" In *Blade Runner*, (\*) Roy has Pris say this phrase as justification for the claim that they are "not computers" but instead are "physical." The Monty Python "Bruces' Philosophers Song" states, "I drink" in a parody of, for 10 points, what phrase that René Descartes used to declare his own existence?

ANSWER: cogito ergo sum [or I think, therefore I am or je pense, donc je suis; prompt on cogito] <Weiner, R/M/P>