

# ACRO-Demia - Round 4

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1. On *Bewitched*, the Stevens family is transported to this event after Aunt Clara tumbles down a chimney and begins feeling homesick. Actor Raoul Trujillo praised the "desanitized" way this event was portrayed in the 2018 miniseries *Saints & Strangers*. In the Homestar Runner universe, Strong Bad recalls an alternate version of this event that was carried out using "some cold Hardee's" after a "strange man" demonstrated how to "grow ya some nice fish-corn bushes." (\*) Wednesday leads an uprising and torches Camp Chippewa during a terrible pageant that recreates this event in *Addams Family Values*. Sally, Linus, and Charlie Brown meet Massasoit (**MASS-uh-soyt**) in a 1988 *Peanuts* TV special that culminates with, for 10 points, what historical event at the Plymouth Colony?

ANSWER: the **first Thanksgiving** [prompt on just Thanksgiving; do not accept less-specific answers like "the landing of the Pilgrims" or "the establishment of Plymouth" or similar] <Vopava, History>

2. The protagonist of the amazingly-named 1969 horrorfilm *The Mad Doctor of Blood Island* transforms himself into a monster that has this substance for blood. In recent years, Kourtney Kardashian and Mandy Moore have touted an infusion of water with this substance that has become something of a health craze among Whole Foods types. A class lecture mentioning this substance prompts Billy Madison to interrupt with a joke about being (\*) boring. In Frank Capra's film version of *You Can't Take It With You*, Jimmy Stewart's character claims that, in college, this substance inspired him to create a prototype solar panel. The *Arkham City* games state that this substance now fills Poison Ivy's veins. For 10 points, name this green pigment that helps plants and algae conduct photosynthesis.

ANSWER: **chlorophyll** <Vopava, Science>

3. In 1989 *Mad Men* star Robert Morse appeared in a one-man Broadway show about this man. A special produced for *ABC Stage 67* based on this man's youth starred Geraldine Page as this man's cousin Sook. A film character played by this man is said to be missing his pinkies, which was a joke based on this man's actual pinkies, which were unusually large. Toby Jones portrayed this man in a 2006 film based on a George (\*) Plimpton book. In a rare acting role, he played an eccentric rich guy who is seemingly killed alongside his blind butler. A book by this unlikely star of *Murder by Death* had a 1967 adaptation that was filmed at the actual home of the Clutter family. Catherine Keener played a noted childhood friend of, for 10 points, what man played in Oscar-winning fashion by Philip Seymour Hoffman?

ANSWER: Truman **Capote** [or Truman Garcia **Capote** or Truman Streckfus **Persons**] <Nelson, Literature>

4. The anniversary of this event is the *earliest* day on which random Pokémon encounter rates are secretly nerfed in *Pokémon Diamond & Pearl*. Secret experiments on the heart of Frankenstein's monster are interrupted by this event in the 1965 film *Frankenstein Conquers the World*. This event is called "Mon Amour" in a song by Ultravox, and is referenced in the title of a 1971 hit by Wishful Thinking. In a French film, a woman known as "Her" recalls visiting a (\*) museum dedicated to this event and remarks how it was "10,000 degrees in Peace Square, the temperature of the sun in Peace Square"; that film is directed by Alain Resnais ("Allen" reh-nay) and set in Japan. The children's novel *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* concerns a survivor of, for 10 points, what 1945 military action?

ANSWER: the bombing of **Hiroshima** [accept obvious equivalents identifying the nuclear bombing of **Hiroshima**] <Vopava, History>

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5. A segment from this opera is sung by a claymation character to open the 1991 Sylvester Stallone flop *Oscar*. Another excerpt from this opera is interrupted by Guido's mental image of Claudia Cardinale (car-dee-NAH-lay) first appearing in a white dress in 8½. The closing credits of the Beatles movie *Help!* are underscored by the overture to this opera. In the film *The Little Rascals*, Alfalfa's (\*) vocal warm-up includes a brief snippet from this opera, a more extended excerpt of which opens the Pudgie the Parrot cartoon that Robin Williams's character is shown dubbing at the start of *Mrs. Doubtfire*. A pedicure, shave, and a spirited, rhythmic scalp massage are given to Elmer Fudd in a Bugs Bunny cartoon aptly set to the overture from, for 10 points, what Gioachino Rossini (joh-uh-KEE-noh roh-SEE-nee) opera featuring the character Figaro?

ANSWER: *The Barber of Seville* (or *The Useless Precaution*) [or *Il barbiere di Siviglia* (*ossia L'inutile precauzione*)] <Vopava, Fine Arts>

6. In 2016 Donald Rumsfeld released a mobile game consisting of a version of solitaire played by and named for this historical figure. In *Turning Point: Fall of Liberty*, an alternate history diverges after this man is killed after being hit by a taxi in New York City. A 1972 Richard Attenborough film depicts and is named for the early years of this man played by Simon Ward. Lucy disowns Charlie after it is revealed he stole an object once owned by this man for heroin money in an episode of (\*) *Lost*. A message from this man is read by Tommy to Alex while on a train passing through Woking in a 2017 Christopher Nolan film. In another 2017 film, that work by this man is conceived after speaking to civilians on the tube. Gary Oldman won an Oscar for portraying, for 10 points, what subject of *Darkest Hour*?

ANSWER: Winston (Leonard Spencer-) Churchill <Weiner, History>

7. Will Smith mentions this concept in his song "Miami" in reference to how he knows "ain't no city in the world like this." After mentioning this concept in "Bring the Noise," Public Enemy says "you can investigate / Don't need to wait, get the record straight." A character on *Chappelle's Show* repeatedly sings about this concept into a microphone and harmonizes with his rubbing the rim of a crystal glass. After patiently making use of this concept three times, the title character of the film (\*) *Miss Sloane* angrily shouts that she is not a drug addict. This practice titles a game on *Watch What Happens Live* in which guests can refuse only one of Andy Cohen's questions. For 10 points, name this legal strategy by which a person protects themselves from self-incrimination.

ANSWER: pleading the fifth [accept answers identifying explicit use of protections from self incrimination laid out in the Fifth Amendment, such as taking the fifth or invoking the Fifth] <Vopava, R/M/P>

8. A concept album by the German prog-metal band Vanden Plas is based on this character, but changes his story so that he kills himself. The first film to be titled for this character starred Eugene O'Neill's father, who frequently portrayed him. John Hughes used this man's name as a pseudonym when writing several of his later works, including the film *Beethoven*. The Oxford-bound teen Ned Maddstone is a modern analogue of this character in *The (\*) Stars' Tennis Balls*, a novel by Stephen Fry. Early in *V for Vendetta*, V imitates this character while watching a 1934 film titled for him, in which he was played by Robert Donat. A female interpretation of this character played by Emily Van Camp is the protagonist of the TV series *Revenge*. For 10 points, name this literary figure who was imprisoned in the Château d'If.

ANSWER: Edmond Dantès [or The Count of Monte Cristo, accept any portion] <Nelson, Literature>

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9. This event figures in James Bond's quip after he crushes Brad Whitaker with a statue in *The Living Daylights*. When Bill Haley & His Comets arrived in London in 1957, the press dubbed it a "second" version of this event due to the uncontrollable teenage mobs. A major figure in this event is killed and has his boots stolen when Lord Blackadder's time machine crushes him in *Blackadder: Back and Forth*. In *Empire Earth*, this event is the final battle of the (\*) English campaign. This battle names a thrill park in San Dimas where "one of the greatest generals in history" has a fantastic time in *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure*. The 1974 Eurovision Song Contest was won by ABBA with a song named after, for 10 points, what 1814 battle, the final defeat of Napoleon?

ANSWER: Battle of Waterloo <Vopava, History>

10. A main character in this play provides the usual alias of Eugene Judd, a Marvel comics character who also went by Geno or Belmont. Dylan Sprouse and Selena Gomez's actual first kisses happened while making an early *The Suite Life with Zack & Cody* episode about a school production of this play. Sisqo, Ben Foster, and Kirsten Dunst play high schoolers who take part in a ridiculous musical adaptation of this play in (\*) *Get Over It*. After Neil Perry's dad sees him perform in this play, Neil's dad withdraws him from Welton Academy in *Dead Poets Society*. Woody Allen's first film with Mia Farrow was a 1982 film that replaced a word in this play's title with *Sex Comedy*. Michelle Pfeiffer and Kevin Kline played Bottom and Titania in a 1999 adaptation of, for 10 points, what Shakespeare comedy?

ANSWER: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* [Eugene Judd's moniker is Puck.] <Vopava, Literature>

11. A college student named after this person was mutated into a humanoid lizard on *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*. This person "and Mad Hatters . . . Turn around and say good morning to the night" in a song by Elton John. Buddy reproduces this person's image on the Etch-a-Sketch he hangs on a Christmas tree in the film *Elf*. Just before destroying a stained glass window, Lampwick strikes a match on a (\*) painting of this person in *Pinocchio*. Bob Hoskins plays small-time gangster George in a 1984 crime film named for this person, who also lends her name Jean Ralphio's spoiled sister on *Parks and Recreation*. A lover named for this woman is asked whether she is "just a cold and lonely, lovely work of art?" in a Nat King Cole song. For 10 points, name this Italian noblewoman painted by Leonardo da Vinci.

ANSWER: Mona Lisa <Vopava, Fine Arts>

12. Jamiroquai (juh-MEER-uh-kwye) bizarrely claims, "I remember we freaks out on the beach like" this man, "sweet love from dusk to dawn" in the 2017 track "Something About You." In 2019 Nepeos developed a classic-style isometric city builder named for this man. Infinity's Song, Peter Collins, and Vanessa Beecroft are among the prominent artistic contributors to a 2019 stage work about this ruler. Massive fifteen-liter bottles of wine are officially known by the name of this (\*) biblical figure. In *The Matrix*, Tank, Link, and Morpheus pilot a hovership named after this ruler, whom Sheck Wes played in the first of two dubiously-categorized operas composed by Kanye West. In *Civilization V*, this man is the leader of Babylon. For 10 points, name this king whose dreams were interpreted by Daniel.

ANSWER: Nebuchadnezzar (II) <Vopava, R/M/P>

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13. This novel is alluded to in the title of a 2019 Netflix documentary series about workers in Gabriela Cámara's restaurants. For absolutely no reason, this novel and its author appear in the end credits of *Airplane!*. Ronald Colman shaved his iconic mustache to star in a 1935 film adaptation of this novel, which titles a J. Cole song that begins, "Since a (\*) young'un, always dreamed of gettin' rich." After Batman's apparent death in *The Dark Knight Rises*, Commissioner Gordon recites the final line from this novel in a voiceover. Monty Burns chastises a monkey at a typewriter for incorrectly noting that this novel's first sentence uses the word "blurst." The second Bill Murray *Garfield* movie has a subtitle that is a pun on, for 10 points, what Charles Dickens novel set during the French Revolution?

ANSWER: *A Tale of Two Cities* <Vopava, Literature>

14. A short, modulated excerpt from this musical piece opens the song "He Said She Said" by Ashley Tisdale. In *La Dolce Vita*, Steiner jokingly plays a jazzy vamp before earnestly performing this piece, which is used to underscore officials, teams, and audiences gathering at the start of the movie *Rollerball*. Both the butler Max von Mayerling and Captain Nemo play this musical piece in the films (\*) *Sunset Boulevard* and *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*, respectively. Upon starting a new game, the 1980s pinball machine *Haunted House* would play this piece, an homage to its popularity in horror films. Images of abstract forms accompany this composition in *Fantasia*, in which it is the first piece featured. For 10 points, name this spooky-sounding organ piece by Johann Sebastian Bach.

ANSWER: *Toccata and Fugue in D Minor* <Vopava, Fine Arts>

15. Members of these groups are the namesake of characters in a 2007 made-for-TV movie based on the horror film *Pumpkinhead*. A pair of artifacts that belonged to these groups are magnetically attracted to each other on the TV series *Warehouse 13*. The first Warner Bros. cartoon to use the name "Elmer Fudd" depicts him alongside a parody of these groups. A 2012 film about these groups starred Christian Slater as Thomas Bramlette. In a 1979 game show, members of these groups spent a week (\*) competing against each other. The History Channel had a smash hit with a 2012 mini-series that starred Bill Paxton and Kevin Costner as these groups' leaders. Costner earned an Emmy for playing "Devil Anse," the patriarch of one side of, for 10 points, what 19th-century American families?

ANSWER: Hatfields and McCoys [accept answers in either order] <Nelson, History>

16. A teenaged Giancarlo Esposito appeared in a 1984 adaptation of one of this author's works made for *American Playhouse*. For a 2020 film festival, Khalil Muhammad reimagined this author's role in a historical event held at the University of Cambridge. This author wrote a dramatic setting for a Carnegie Hall concert by Ray Charles, which this man wanted to titled the "Hallelujah Chorus." A different book by this author was adapted into a film that included the breakout role of (\*) Kiki Layne. This author's unfinished work *Remember This House* was adapted by Raoul Peck into a 2016 documentary. Barry Jenkins' follow-up to *Moonlight* was based on a book by, for 10 points, what author whose writings are the basis of *If Beale Street Could Talk* and *I Am Not Your Negro*?

ANSWER: James (Arthur) Baldwin [or Jimmy Baldwin] <Nelson, Literature>

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17. This man's name appears in the title of a 1977 Czech film about 30 schoolgirls who resist the need to learn about him. Robert Emms played a young and highly awkward version of this figure in the BBC series *Atlantis*. This figure appears as a projectile-throwing old man in the Game Boy exclusive *Kid Icarus: Of Myths and Monsters* and is weirdly depicted as the father of King Leonidas's granddaughter in *Assassin's Creed Odyssey*. This man is seen as a (\*) harp-playing band leader in a 1959 animated short starring Donald Duck. Upon receiving an honorary Doctorate of Thinkology, an incorrect explanation of one of this man's works is given by the Scarecrow at the end of *The Wizard of Oz*. For 10 points, name this bean-hating weirdo who did an important triangle theorem.

ANSWER: Pythagoras <Nelson, Science>

18. The central character of this literary scene re-enacts it in a school library after Cosmo gives him "magic lessons" on the *Fairly OddParents*. In a 1973 Sherman Brothers musical, characters in this scene sing about "what a righteous glow you get / From honest sweat" in the song "Gratification." In the second half of this scene in a 1930 adaptation, Jackie Coogan plays a jaw harp while sitting on a bucket. Mac hatches a plan based on this scene to get Bloo from *Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends* out of sorting (\*) garbage. In *Futurama*, the Big Brain declares, "May this corny slice of Americana be your prison for all eternity!" after being dropped into this scene, which he calls "less fun than previously indicated." For 10 points, name this scene in which gullible boys help Tom Sawyer with a chore.

ANSWER: Tom Sawyer whitewashing the fence [or painting the fence; accept answers identifying the scene from *Tom Sawyer* in which Tom is tasked with (or tricks other boys into) whitewashing a fence or painting a fence] <Vopava, Literature>

19. Specific term required. A comically rural group of these figures are the focus of a 2013 BBC Four sitcom created by Jessica Hynes. Paul McCartney sings "I thought the Major was" one of these people in the song "Jet." Another song celebrating these people declares, "Though we adore men individually / We agree that as a group they're (\*) rather stupid"; that song is performed by Glynis Johns as Mrs. Banks early in *Mary Poppins*. This type of person titles a 2015 film in which Carey Mulligan's character watches a famous one of these people get trampled to death by George V's racehorse at the Epsom Derby. The command "don't lean on me, man, 'cause you can't afford the ticket" appears in David Bowie's song about a "City" of, for 10 points, what female activists who fought for the right to vote?

ANSWER: suffragette [accept Lady Suffragette or "Sister Suffragette" or "Suffragette City"; prompt on "feminist" or "suffragist" or "activist" before "Major"] <Vopava, History>

20. A version of this work with dogs added is displayed during the Professor's dissent speech in *Isle of Dogs*. Since the Modern Masters set, *Magic: the Gathering's* Rampant Growth card art has closely mimicked this artwork, whose distinctive motifs also flank the planeswalker Kiora in the Theros set. This artwork was used in old ads for the Great Pacific Iron Works, the original Patagonia store. Missy Peña created a 2014 parody of this artwork set (\*) "off Kanto" into which she inserted the Pokemon Gyarados (GAIR-uh-"dose") and Magikarp. The logo of the skate brand Quiksilver is a minimalist rendering of this artwork, while a simpler version has been used by Apple since 2015 as a blue-and-white emoji depicting a certain aquatic phenomenon. For 10 points, name this woodblock print by Hokusai.

ANSWER: *The Great Wave off Kanagawa* [or *Under the Great Wave (off Kanagawa)* or *The Wave (off Kanagawa)*] prompt on *36 Views of Mount Fuji* <Vopava, Fine Arts>