

ACRO-Demia - Round 5

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1. **Description acceptable.** In 1948, O.B. Clarence became the first actor to portray this character on screen, doing so in a film starring and written by Judy Cambell. Denys Hawthorne and Bernard Hepton each played this man in 1996, with the latter appearing alongside Kate Beckinsale. *The Guardian* praised Michael Gambon's performance as this character in a 2019 BBC miniseries, which also earned him an Emmy nomination. In a reference to his role in *Blood Simple*, Dan Hedaya threatens a young man by noting he has a (*) "shovel and a 45" while playing an interpretation of this character who works as a high-priced litigator in Beverly Hills. Bill Nighy played up this character's hypochondria in a 2020 film by Autumn De Wilde. In a 1995 teen comedy, Mel Horowitz is an analogue of, for 10 points, what eventual father-in-law of George Knightly?

ANSWER: Mr. Woodhouse [or Henry Woodhouse; accept answers like Emma's father or the Dad in Emma or similar] <Nelson, Literature>

2. **Players can use the Pack-a-Punch Machine to transform the Mauser C96 into a laser pistol whose name jokingly refers to this mythical figure in the *Call of Duty: Black Ops* games. This mythical figure transforms into a living flame to guard Gabrielle and a certain magical item on *Xena: Warrior Princess*.** Russell Myers created Irwin Troll and Gaylord Buzzard as companions to a classic comic strip witch (*) punningly named after this mythical woman. A corruption of this mythical figure's name identifies the beloved wife of Django in *Django Unchained*. In "What's Opera, Doc?", Bugs Bunny masquerades as this figure, whom Elmer Fudd tells, "You're so wuv-wee." The Asgardian name of the Marvel hero Valkyrie is, for 10 points, what name of a vengeful, mythological warrior-queen?

ANSWER: Brunhild [or Brunnhilde or Brunhilda or Brynhildr] <Vopava, R/M/P>

3. **Rue McClanahan played an analogue of this woman in a 1967 satirical play by Barbara Garson. This woman is depicted as a villainous hawk in an episode of *The Venture Brothers* alongside her husband, who is depicted as a bee. Jennifer Jason Leigh starred as this woman in one of the most recent films directed by Rob Reiner. In a statement that somewhat sank her career, Eartha Kitt claimed "no wonder kids rebel and take pot" to this woman's face while discussing their views on (*) war.** Melissa Leo played this woman in a 2016 HBO film that co-starred Bryan Cranston. This woman used inheritance money to buy a TV station that eventually made her a millionaire. In an interview with Terry Gross, Greta Gerwig noted that a character in her 2017 film is not named after, for 10 points, what woman who became first lady in 1963?

ANSWER: Lady Bird Johnson [or Claudia Alta Johnson or Claudia Alta Taylor] <Nelson, History>

4. **This being is given the name Bernice and is used to gauge the sanity of Richard MacDuff in the novel *Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency*. Defrosting a block of ice in *Imago Fine Arts in BioShock 2* reveals an animal whose name alludes to this being. A pun on this being's name was used by *The Weekly Planet* podcast to denote Ben Affleck's post-*Justice League* involvement in the DCEU. A challenge in *Rock Band* named for this creature featured songs by Pixies, Pearl Jam, and Bon Jovi. Warren's texts and his t-shirt in *Life Is Strange* (*) humorously reference this creature. When a sealed capsule lands in a yard in *Phineas and Ferb*, Baljeet suggests that until it is opened it could contain an entire litter of, for 10 points, what animal from a famous quantum physics thought experiment?**

ANSWER: Schrödinger's cat [prompt on "cat"] [*The Weekly Planet* frequently referred to Affleck's unconfirmed future casting as Bruce Wayne as "Schrödinger's bat."] <Vopava, Science>

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5. The Wonder Years' album *Won't Be Pathetic Forever* includes a track that tells the listener "You're Not" this man, "Get Over It." Being forced to read a book by this author prompts the boys on *South Park* to write *The Tale of Scrotie McBoogerballs*. The protagonist of *Shoeless Joe*, the novel upon which *Field of Dreams* is based, travels cross-country to meet this author. A 2017 biopic stars Nicholas (*) Hoult as this author opposite Zoey Deutch as Oona O'Neill. This man is the host of *Hollywood Stars and Celebrities: What Do They Know? Do They Know Things? Let's Find Out* on *BoJack Horseman*. An extended family that appears throughout this author's works served as a template for Richie, Chas, and Margot in *The Royal Tenenbaums*. Noted pop culture murder doer Mark David Chapman was inspired by, for 10 points, what reclusive author of *The Catcher in the Rye*.

ANSWER: J. D. Salinger [or Jerome David Salinger] <Vopava, Literature>

6. A gas station owner played by Paul Le Mat is unaware that this person is who he rescues after a motorcycle crash in a 1980 film. A gigantic explosion at Nicholson Electroplating obliges Cole Phelps to ask to interview this historical figure in a late mission from *L.A. Noire*. Noted sausage namesake Jimmy Dean played a figure heavily inspired by this man named Willard Whyte in the James Bond film *Diamonds Are Forever*. This director of the war movie (*) *Hell's Angels* was used by Stan Lee as the primary template for Tony Stark. This man retreats to a bathroom and compulsively repeats "the way of the future, the way of the future" at the end of a 2003 Martin Scorsese biopic starring Leonardo DiCaprio. For 10 points, name this American business mogul and notorious recluse.

ANSWER: Howard Hughes <Vopava, History>

7. The music video for Force MD's "Love Is a House" inserts the group into a painting by this artist, which is also reproduced on the cover to Silverchair's 2007 album *Young Modern*. A work by this painter titles a 2009 film starring Gillian Anderson, Alan Cumming, and Danny Huston as collectors fighting to acquire one of his best-known paintings. In an early episode of *Arthur*, Binky is somehow able to tell that an art gallery has hung a painting by this artist (*) sideways. Yves Saint-Laurent used this painter's motifs for the iconic cocktail dresses in his Fall 1965 collection that have since become emblematic of mod style. The cover for the White Stripes' album *De Stijl* appropriately references, for 10 points, what Dutch painter of grid-and-color-block paintings like *Broadway Boogie Woogie*?

ANSWER: Piet Mondrian [or Pieter Cornelis Mondriaan] <Vopava, Fine Arts>

8. A cinematic trailer for *FEAR 3* titled for this recurring event consists of spectre Paxton questioning Point Man about the action of killing him. In the 2007 remake of *Hairspray*, Link's friend expresses his confusion over the name of this event just as the pair see Tracy in detention for the first time. A one-hit wonder for a band named for this event is narrated by a "friendly stranger in a black sedan"; that 1970 song is titled (*) "Vehicle." The George Clooney-played Governor Mike Morris has a press secretary played by Ryan Gosling in a 2011 political film titled for this date. A Louis Calhern-played character is told to "beware" this date in a 1953 film adaptation starring Marlon Brando as Mark Antony. For 10 points, name this Roman deadline for settling debts, corresponding to March 15th.

ANSWER: Ides of March [prompt on March 15th] <Weiner, History>

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9. The Shirley Bassey song "Going, Going, Gone" began as the opening number to a Broadway musical based on this novel that closed during previews in 1971. A Prince song named after this novel features the lyric "You're tryin' to write checks your body can't cash." The opening narrative of this novel is quoted at the start of "Off to the Races," a song by (*) Lana Del Rey. A schoolteacher "starts to shake and cough / Just like the old man in" this novel in the Police song "Don't Stand So Close to Me." This novel lends its name to a 1990s Japanese subculture noted for ornate and "cute" Victorian clothes. In 1992 the media dubbed Amy Fischer the "Long Island" version of this novel's title character. Sue Lyon wore heart-shaped sunglasses as the title character of Stanley Kubrick's adaptation of, for 10 points, what Vladimir Nabokov novel?

ANSWER: Lolita <Vopava, Literature>

10. Holly is initially unsure whether to accept David's invitation to go see this opera in *Hannah and Her Sisters*. Music from this opera underscores a 2012 Super Bowl commercial in which a grandma slingshots a baby to snag a bag of Doritos. Bill Pullman starred as a Wall Street executive in a 2003 modern reimagining of this opera, one aria from which Frasier Crane planned to sing on a PBS membership drive before being disastrously forced to sing "Buttons and Bows." Spats Colombo is asked "What's his first name and address?" after giving this opera as an (*) alibi in *Some Like It Hot*. Double Clef FM in *Grand Theft Auto III* plays the authoritative Luciano Pavarotti recording of a solo aria from this opera, which describes a "fragile woman." For 10 points, name this opera by Giuseppe Verdi that features "La donna è mobile" (lah don-nah ee MOH-bee-lay).

ANSWER: Rigoletto <Vopava, Fine Arts>

11. In 2014, Greek filmmaker Ismene Daskarolis set this story to the backdrop of the country's ongoing economic crisis. A 1988 *SNL* sketch depicts Phil Hartman as Donald Trump in a low-effort parody of this story, which is also seen as a subplot in the Mexican golden age film *Ustedes los Ricos*. The final part of a 1952 anthology film, which was written by Walter Bullock, is an adaptation of this story; that film is titled for the (*) "Full House" of this story's author. The Russell Hoban storybook titled for Emmett Otter's Jug Band is essentially a rip off of this story, which is partially re-created by Dr. Forrester and TV's Frank in the *MST3K* episode featuring *Santa Claus Conquers the Martians*. The *Honeymooners* episode "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" adapts, for 10 points, what O. Henry story about giving presents?

ANSWER: "The Gift of the Magi" <Nelson, Literature>

12. In the number "I'm Still Here" from Stephen Sondheim's *Follies*, Carlotta uses only this man's first name to describe a period of history that was "fun and a half," and adds, "anything else is a laugh." Will Rogers gives a radio address at the behest of this man near the end of *The Will Rogers Follies*. A volleyball-tennis hybrid played with a heavy medicine ball is named for this public figure, who apparently "says that now's the time to buy!" in the song "Let's Have Another (*) Cup of Coffee." "We sure could use a man like" this politician "again," according to the theme song of *All in the Family*. Optimus Prime says that this president hid the Allspark on Earth by building his namesake dam over it. For 10 points, name this U.S. president at the start of the Great Depression.

ANSWER: Herbert (Clark) Hoover <Vopava, History>

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13. According to the campaign editor for *StarCraft*, this location is the namesake of an advanced form of the Zerg overlord unit. This structure comprises the center location in the strategy board game *Blood Rage*. In the MCU, a mural of this structure appears in a church where the Tesseract is stored prior to World War II. All of reality is controlled by a computer named for this structure in the manga series (*) *Ob My Goddess!*. The plot of *Xenoblade Chronicles 2* concerns an idyllic world found within an analogue of this structure. In another MCU film, the Convergence results from an alignment within this structure, which is depicted as a celestial map. The game *Munin* concerns a Raven travelling around, for 10 points, what world-connecting mythological tree?

ANSWER: Yggdrasil <Nelson, R/M/P>

14. In the *South Park* episode "A Million Little Fibers," Oprah Winfrey's anus is depicted as an analogue of this literary character. A prizefighter played by Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje is an analogue of this character in a 2012 David Blair film. The Looney Tunes short "Hoppy Go Lucky" introduced a cat with a red hairdo named Benny based on this character. James Earl Jones portrayed this man in a 1974 Broadway revival; another such revival earned (*) Chris O'Dowd a Tony nomination for playing him. At a Comedy Central Roast, Hannibal Buress likened Shaquille O'Neal to Tyler Perry's version of this character. This man's death is referenced in *The Walking Dead* when Carol kills Mika, a psychotic child, whom Carol tells to "look at the flowers." In a film by Gary Sinise, John Malkovich played, for 10 points, what large, childlike worker in *Of Mice and Men*?

ANSWER: Lennie Small [accept either] <Nelson, Literature>

15. In the original game *Alone in the Dark*, this piece plays on the gramophone in the dance hall. A klezmer version of this piece underscores Colin Robinson's tracking down of a literal internet troll on *What We Do in the Shadows*. A player grand piano clangs out this piece during an appropriate pageant in Jean Renoir's *The Rules of the Game*. The theme song of Ryan Murphy's new show (*) *Ratched* is this piece, which accompanies Shrek's entrance in Prince Charming's musical in *Shrek the Third*. In the episode "Hush" of *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, Giles plays a recording of this piece to accompany his overhead projector presentation on the Gentlemen. Fittingly, this song plays at the beginning of the YouTube review series *Musical Hell*. For 10 points, name this spooky Camille Saint-Saëns (san-sawnz) piece.

ANSWER: "Danse Macabre" <Vopava, Fine Arts>

16. A parody of this novel's protagonist threatens Mighty Mouse and his wife Pearl in the penultimate episode of *Mighty Mouse: The New Adventures*. The band Collective Soul took its name from a line in this novel. Barbara Stanwyck convinced Jack Warner to buy the movie rights to this novel, and left Warner Brothers after she wasn't cast in the film. A reference to this novel's protagonist is seen in an ad for a construction company outside Eve's Garden, a strip club in a 2007 (*) video game. In 2020 Zack Snyder abandoned plans to make a movie based on this book for fear it would be seen as propaganda. Nora Ephron wrote a scathing review of this book for *The New York Times*, claiming it made her want to be assaulted by an architect. Gary Cooper starred in a film version of, for 10 points, what novel in which Cooper played objectivist Howard Roark?

ANSWER: *The Fountainhead* <Nelson, Literature>

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17. A 1971 film set during this conflict named for the World War II NFL Philadelphia-Pittsburgh "Steagles" features a professor adopting a new persona in various US cities. A 2019 Polish film starring Bill Pullman as an American chess-playing mathematician begins during this conflict. Negotiations to resolve this conflict are ongoing when zombies attack in the backstory for the *Call of Duty* zombies map "Five". Frederick Stafford plays André Devereaux in an (*) Alfred Hitchcock film set during and around this conflict. This conflict is the setting of the film *Topaz*, as well as a superhero movie whose protagonist-turned-villain kills the Kevin Bacon-played Sebastian Shaw using a Nazi-era coin. The climax of *X-Men: First Class* is set during, for 10 points, what 1962 stand-off between the U.S. and Soviet Union over the placement of weaponry on a Caribbean island?

ANSWER: Cuban Missile Crisis [or Caribbean Crisis; prompt on October Crisis; prompt on Cold War] <Weiner, History>

18. A Rea Irvin parody of this artwork was the cover of *The New Yorker* in July 1944 and shows FDR smoking next to George V. Nazis, witches. Black cats are rendered in the style of this art work for the opening credits of Disney's *Bedknobs and Broomsticks*, while a more faithful depiction appears in the opening credits of (*) *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*. In 2017 the Ulster Museum in Belfast unveiled a version of this artwork that depicts the entirety of the TV series *Game of Thrones*. In a popular early-2000s meme, modern phrases are rendered in faux-Old English--"speke ye unto the hand," for instance--and placed over scenes cobbled from this art work. For 10 points, name this woven medieval work that chronicles the Battle of Hastings.

ANSWER: Bayeux Tapestry <Vopava, Fine Arts>

19. A Bay-area based deathcore band named for this system is best known for their album *Ultu Ulla*, which included "The Macrocosm," a popular song among *Guitar Hero* streamers. An early hit for the Christian rock band Skillet describes how you can't see this system "with your eyes." *Outside In* was the initial name of a 2018 Stephen van Vuuren film titled for this system that used over 7.5 million photographs to simulate (*) traveling around it. At the beginning of *The Taken King*, following a battle with the Awoken, Oryx's (OR-ik-siz) Dreadnaught is situated within this system, causing a large interruption in its 'B' and 'C' portions. Before moving to a lunar surface, *Mario Kart 7*'s iteration of Rainbow Road has players drive on, for 10 points, what things that surround the sixth planet from the Sun?

ANSWER: rings of Saturn [or Saturn's rings; prompt on partial answers] <Weiner, Science>

20. This ruler's subjects "gathered 'round him / Like the leaves around a tree / In their clothes of many colors" in an incredibly reductive song by Neil Young. A race car driver punningly named after this ruler left behind a vintage car filled with gold in a *Rocky and Bullwinkle* story arc. In 2014 Steven Spielberg failed to revive interest in Dalton Trumbo's long-abandoned screenplay about this ruler. A shortening of this ruler's name titles a PopCap puzzle game in which players launch colored balls from a stone (*) frog. In a classic video game, this ruler's fabled treasure is sought by Panama Joe. In *Age of Empires II*, this man names the campaign in *The Conquerors* expansion dealing with Spanish invaders. Diarrhea suffered by tourists in Mexico is known as the "revenge" of, for 10 points, what Aztec emperor?

ANSWER: Montezuma (II) [or Moctezuma II] <Vopava, History>