

ACRO-Demia - Round 6

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1. After placing a roll of this musical piece into a player piano, a drama critic's wife reveals how much she hates him in the *Twilight Zone* episode "A Piano in the House." East German businessmen watch a woman in a polka-dot dress dance on a table to this musical piece, causing a portrait of Khrushchev to fall out of its frame in Billy Wilder's *One, Two, Three*. Many YouTube videos mistakenly claim this song appears in *Pee Wee's Big Adventure*, perhaps because the (*) "Breakfast Machine" track is modeled on this piece. On *The Ed Sullivan Show*, acrobats and plate spinners were often accompanied by this piece. Quite appropriately, the theme song of the NHL team based in Buffalo is, for 10 points, what energetic passage from the ballet *Gayane* by Aram Khachaturian?

ANSWER: "**Sabre Dance**" [or "**Suserov par**" or "**Tanets s sablyami**"; prompt on "Gayane" before it is mentioned] <Vopava, Fine Arts>

2. In the title of a minor 1967 hit, Whistling Jack Smith claims to have served as this historical figure's "Batman." The title troublemaker of the Homestar Runner song "The Ballad of the Sneak" supposedly "put a Bengal tiger in" this man's "latrine." Christopher Plummer played this ruler in 2016's *The Exception*, while in an infamous 1941 Three Stooges short, Don Brodie played a parody of this ruler who bears the regnal title (*) Herman the 6⁷/₈ ("sixth and seven-eighths"). A jingoistic parade in the film *East of Eden* features a placard urging people to "SHOCK" this man, accompanied with his effigy being hanged. According to a music hall song later featured in the musical *Oh! What a Lovely War*, "Belgium Put the Kibosh (KYE-bosh) on" this ruler. For 10 points, name this German *kaiser* at the outbreak of World War I.

ANSWER: Kaiser **Wilhelm II** [accept "I Was **Kaiser Bill**'s Batman"; prompt on "(the) Kaiser" or "Wilhelm"] <Vopava, History>

3. A 2007 musical adaptation of this novel boasted a score by Damon Albarn that he based around the motif of the Communist star. The Genesis Unit of villains in *Mega Man: The Wily Wars* all resemble characters from this book. Jacob Stone on *The Librarians* studies at Shangri-La under a character from this novel who also appears as a melee diver in *League of Legends* who fights alongside his (*) clone. From 2015 to 2019, AMC aired a post-apocalyptic TV show based on this novel that starred Daniel Wu and was called *Into the Badlands*. Goku's Power Pole from *Dragonball* is based on the powerful staff wielded by a non-human character in this novel. *RWBY* and *Kung Fu Panda: The Paws of Destiny* both feature fighters named Sun Wukong, who is from, for 10 points, what 17th-century Chinese novel?

ANSWER: **Journey to the West** [or **Xī Yóu Jì**; accept **Monkey**]

4. Interpretations of this artwork appear on the cover of the In Flames album *Clayman*, as well as on the disc of most versions of Van Halen's album *Balanced*. In *Animal Crossing: New Horizons*, Redd's forgery of this artwork features a prominent coffee mug stain in its upper right corner. The original release poster for the movie (*) *Idiocracy* parodies this image. The synthetic host seen in the opening credits of *Westworld* is posed like this artwork. A hilarious bug in the widely panned demo of *NBA Elite 11* caused players to become stuck in a manner resembling this work, which is the default state of most 3D models of people. The body of the murder victim in the Louvre that Robert Langdon investigates in an uber-popular Dan Brown book is posed like, for 10 points, name this Leonardo da Vinci drawing of supposedly ideal human proportions.

ANSWER: **Vitruvian Man** [or **L'uomo vitruviano**] <Vopava, Fine Arts>

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5. In the bar scene from *Inglourious Basterds*, this woman's name is written on the forehead card of a boy who incorrectly guesses "Queen Christina." In "Like It or Not," Madonna insists that Cleopatra and this woman had their way, but "Whether they were good or bad / Is strictly up to you." This woman is the mother of James Bond's daughter Marta in 1967's *Casino Royale*. Greta Garbo's (*) biggest box office success was a 1931 biopic about this woman that ends before depicting her death by firing squad. This woman's name is dubiously rhymed with "story" in Ricky Martin's "Shake Your Bon Bon." A herring pun on this woman's name titles the spy who tries to seduce the Three Stooges in *You Nasty Spy!*. For 10 points, name this Dutch dancer executed as a German spy in World War I.

ANSWER: Mata Hari [or Margaretha Geertruida MacLeod or Margreet MacLeod or Margreet Zelle] <Vopava, History>

6. Two answers required. The player helps Bill and Karen rob a bank in a mission from *Red Dead Redemption 2* with these locations in its title. These places title the final track from the Village People's album *Macho Man*, with the title subjects being described as entities "with one man you can't trust." A "show" named for these two locations titles a Pet Shop Boys song. A Japanophile named for one of these locations is the boss of the subway level from *Final Fight* and would later appear in the *Street Fighter Alpha* games, while a demon named for the other one of these locations is the first boss of (*) *Bayonetta 2*. Although not related to Hinduism, Colonel Muska claims that Laputa is responsible for the destruction of these two locations while demonstrating the island's power in *Castle in the Sky*. For 10 points, name these two cities that are destroyed by God in Genesis.

ANSWER: Sodom and Gomorrah [accept answers in either order] <Weiner, R/M/P>

7. Matthew Barney's incredibly rare film series *Cremaster* co-starred this author as Harry Houdini. Savage Garden's song "Santa Monica" describes a person who wouldn't know the difference between this man and a supermodel. Though he isn't credited for it, this man wrote the first draft of Sergio Leone's *Once Upon a Time in America*. While on the set of *The Dick Cavett Show*, this man (*) head-butted Gore Vidal, who had given a tepid review to one of this man's books. This man directed himself in a film in which Rip Torn legitimately hit him in the head with a hammer. Tommy Lee Jones starred in a film adaptation of one of this man's works as condemned prisoner Gary Gilmore. The annual "Pazz & Jop" poll was published by a magazine co-created by, for 10 points, what author of *The Executioner's Song* and *The Naked and the Dead*?

ANSWER: Norman (Kingsley) Mailer <Nelson, Literature>

8. The *Crime Doctor* film *Just Before Dawn* begins with a man being murdered by having this substance replaced with poison. A man played by Andy Samberg shouts "it's *this substance*, you dick" while berating the bad parenting of his father in the film *That's My Boy*. Jeremy Renner's character regularly requires this substance in the 2013 action horror film *Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters*. In 1988, a young Giovanni Ribisi played a boy who dies after his Christian parents (*) throw away this substance in the TV movie *Promised a Miracle*. While at Lerner Airport, Cameron Poe seeks out this substance to aid Baby-O in *Con-Air*. Due to amnesia, Sammy Jankis kills his wife by giving her too many doses of this substance in *Memento*. For 10 points, name this drug used to treat diabetes.

ANSWER: insulin <Nelson, Science>

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9. Minister for Magic Evangeline Orpington is believed by many to have illegally intervened in this Muggle conflict. The Jasper Fforde novel *The Eyre Affair* is set in an alternate world where this conflict has lasted for more than a century. A Michael Crichton film starring Sean Connery and Donald Sutherland revolves around a plot to steal gold meant to pay British soldiers involved in this conflict. "You'll take my (*) life, but I'll take yours too" opens a heavy metal song that describes a battle in this conflict. At the end of *The Blind Side*, Michael writes an essay about a poem set during this war. Iron Maiden's "The Trooper" which describes "the mighty roar of the Russian guns" from the perspective of a British soldier, takes place during, for 10 points, what 1853 to 1856 war fought on a namesake Eastern European peninsula?

ANSWER: Crimean War [or War of the Crimea] <Weiner, History>

10. A bag lady turns into a princess after being kissed by a struggling artist portrayed by this man in the film *Downtown 81*. The 2017 winner of the Caldecott Medal, *Radiant Child*, depicts the life of this man, who portrayed a DJ in the video for the Blondie song "Rapture." A work by this man is the cover art of *The New Abnormal*, a 2020 album by The (*) Strokes. This man's death inspired the Living Colour song "Desperate People." The documentary *Some Kind of Monster* briefly depicts Lars Ulrich's sale of an enormous work by this artist titled *Profit I*. Julian Schnabel's directorial debut starred Jeffrey Wright as this artist. The Weeknd claims his more outlandish hairstyles were largely inspired by, for 10 points, what Haitian-American graffiti artist?

ANSWER: Jean-Michel Basquiat <Nelson, Fine Arts>

11. In the *Stargate: Universe* episode, "Hope", a song inspired by this work is played by Brody in attempt to relax Volker before he declares it "not very relaxing" and instead puts on T.I.'s "Live Your Life". In the 1991 remake of *Cape Fear*, Keresek follows Max Cady all day only to find him spending his time at the public library reading this work. The Monolith-developed (*) *Xenosaga: Episode III* is subtitled for this work. The notes of a musical piece titled for this work play as Buzz Lightyear jumps across floating pads at the beginning of *Toy Story 2*. In a scene featuring that piece, the skull of a tapir is smashed by a bone that is turned into a satellite via a match cut. For 10 points, name this title shared by a Friedrich Nietzsche work Richard Strauss tone poem used as the theme to *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

ANSWER: Thus Spoke Zarathustra: A Book for All and None [or Also sprach Zarathustra: Ein Buch für Alle und Keinen; accept: Thus Spake Zarathustra] <Weiner, R/M/P>

12. In one work, this woman nervously claims "there is no barrier between us" while dancing with a suitor at a ball. Lily James' first TV role after leaving *Downton Abbey* was as this character in a 2016 mini-series starring Paul Dano. Shortly after marrying Mel Ferrer, Audrey Hepburn co-starred with Ferrer in a film in which she played this character. Phillipa Soo was approached about starring in *Hamilton* after she was seen playing this character in a 2012 Off-Broadway (*) musical; Denée Benton played the same role when that musical premiered on Broadway in 2016. Works depicting this character tend to weirdly ignore that she ages 15 years over the course of the enormous novel in which she appears. A musical featuring the "Great Comet of 1812" is centered on, for 10 points, what Leo Tolstoy character?

ANSWER: Natasha Rostova [or Natasha Rostov; accept Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812 prompt on Rostova] <Nelson, Literature>

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13. A lyricist who shares his first and last name with this man wrote the vaudeville songs "Alice Blue Gown" and "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows." In TV movies, this historical figure was played in 1977 by Peter Boyle and in 1994 by *Mitchell* star Joe Don Baker. R.E.M. included audio clips of this man on a 1987 track titled for "Exhuming" him. A common criticism of this politician is parodied when John Iselin ("EYES"-lin) takes inspiration from a Heinz ketchup bottle in *The (*) Manchurian Candidate*. The man widely credited with causing this man's downfall plays Judge Weaver in *Anatomy of a Murder*. A crusade against this man is the focus of *Good Night, and Good Luck.*, a 2005 film about Edward R. Murrow. For 10 points, name this Wisconsin senator behind some Communist "witch hunts."
ANSWER: Joe McCarthy [or Joseph (Raymond) McCarthy] <Vopava, History>

14. Major Ironhand leads a tech-focused faction named after this novel in the game *Crossout*; a much better episodic 2001 Flash game named for this novel is subtitled *The X-Creatures Project*. Boney M. used this novel's title to identify a man who is "a lost and lonely one" and "forever on the run." John Malkovich was among the inaugural members of a theater company that founder (*) Gary Sinise named after this novel. A comic book villain named for this novel is the uncle of Darkseid and was played by Ciaran Hinds in Zack Snyder's *Justice League*. The soundtrack to *Easy Rider* opens with two songs by a rock band named for this novel. "Born to Be Wild" was a hit for band named after, for 10 points, what novel by Hermann Hesse (HAIR-mahn HESH-uh) metaphorically titled for a wandering predator?
ANSWER: Steppenwolf (SHTEP-en-vulf) [accept Steppenwolf: *The X-Creatures Project* or "He Was a Steppenwolf" or Steppenwolf Theatre Company] <Vopava, Literature>

15. References to this work of art are found throughout the Lotus Temple in *Jackie Chan Adventures*. A lyric alluding to this artwork provides the final set of directions to the dance floor in Ninja Sex Party's "Mansion Party." Lancelot steals the tablet from Larry and Teddy Roosevelt during a fight inside this artwork in *Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb*. The title edifice of *Warehouse 13* features a perilous (*) vault that mimics this artwork. In *Family Guy*, a print of this artwork is hung up in Brian's dorm room, only for Stewie to break it while playing Ultimate Frisbee. Jareth sings "Within You" while pursuing Sarah through an area inspired by this artwork in a late scene in the film *Labyrinth*. For 10 points, name this mind-bending lithograph by M. C. Escher that Stewie Griffin liked to call "Crazy Stairs."
ANSWER: Relativity <Vopava, Fine Arts>

16. The 1996 musical *Play On!* is a retelling of this play set to the music of Duke Ellington in 1940s New York. An important bike race is the backdrop of a 2001 Disney Channel Original Movie based on this play titled *Motocrossed*. In the opening of Greta Gerwig's *Little Women*, Jo first catches the attention of Professor Bhaer while attending a performance of this play. In a 2006 film based on this play, the protagonist joins a (*) soccer team at a rival school of her ex-boyfriend. The author of this play bases it on his Gwyneth Paltrow-played love interest in a Best Picture winner, in which this play is commissioned by Elizabeth I ("the first"). The Amanda Bynes film *She's the Man* is based on, for 10 points, what comedy that concerns the cross-dressing antics of twins Viola and Sebastian following a shipwreck?
ANSWER: Twelfth Night, or *What You Will* <Weiner, Literature>

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17. This man made an uncredited appearance as a "man on a float" in the Alfredo Zacarias film *The Bees*. The final film role of Blake Edwards's frequent collaborator Dick Crockett was playing this man in *The Pink Panther Strikes Again*. Bill Camp played this man in Adam McKay's *Vice*. The film version of *Grease* initially cast this man's son as Tom Chisum. A woman screams "bang bang bang!" while fruitlessly throwing bullets at this man in the musical (*) *Assassins*. This politician objects to Jane Curtin's tax question by noting "It was my understanding that there would be no math" in an early debate spoof on *Saturday Night Live*; another SNL sketch depicted the pre-recording of various reports of his death. For 10 points, name this president whose re-election attempt was thwarted by Jimmy Carter.
ANSWER: Gerald **Ford** [or Leslie Lynch **King**] <Vopava, History>

18. In the Poor Righteous Teachers song "Allies" the speaker declares, "I passed it off the levels of your mere mathematics, I'm on some [this field]." The singer declares, "I find no comfort in what my mind can't comprehend" after declaring that this field will "never be my closest friend" in the Wombats song "Tokyo (Vampires & Wolves)". In an xkcd comic titled for this field of study, a sign for the (*) department of this field states "Yes, everybody has already had the idea... it sounds good but doesn't really fit the data." A man who works in this field in real life played the character Merlin in *The Last Sharnado: It's About Time*. The discoverer of "Planet Bollywood", Raj Koothrappali, has a PhD in this field on *The Big Bang Theory*. For 10 points, what field of science "for people in a hurry" was the subject of a 2017 Neil deGrasse Tyson book?

ANSWER: **astrophysics** [accept similar forms like **astrophysicist**; prompt on astronomy or physics; do not accept or prompt on "astrology"] <Weiner, Science>

19. In 1978, Brian Cox played this man in a 13-part mini-series in which he was the oldest of three depicted monarchs. Alexandra Gauge played this man in a 1951 film that unusually featured a voice role by T.S. Eliot. The most notable film about this man was remade as a TV film in 2003 and starred Patrick Stewart and Glenn Close; that original film about this man was also the film debut of Timothy (*) Dalton. This man's relationship with his wife is strongly echoed by that of Terrence Howard's character in the TV series *Empire*. A guy earned Best Actor Oscar nominations for playing this man in two unrelated films, including in a 1964 film that starred Richard Burton as the film's title archbishop. In multiple films, Peter O'Toole played, for 10 points, what ruler central to *The Lion in Winter*, a film that also features his wife, Eleanor of Aquitaine?

ANSWER: **Henry II** of England [prompt on Henry] <Nelson, History>

20. "Trust No One" is the subtitle of a Game Boy Advance first-person shooter titled for this substance. This substance names a virus that can disable all of the world's electronics in the 2003 thriller *The Recruit*, as well as a different virus weaponized by Michael Emerson's Harold Finch during the last season of *Person of Interest*. A song titled for this substance follows the title track of *Surfing with the Alien* by Joe Satriani. This substance is the namesake of the company that owns the publishing rights to the Grateful Dead's catalogue. At a gas station on *Futurama*, a bag of this literary substance is "appropriately" offered free with a purchase of any (*) six-pack. The theme from *Jams* was adapted into a song by a Boston metalcore band whose name places the word "Kills" after, for 10 points, what deadly form of water in Kurt Vonnegut's *Cat's Cradle*?

ANSWER: **ice-nine** <Nelson, Literature>