

# QB Mini-Packet 1

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*Dedicated to all the interesting details I couldn't include*

Tossup 1

This author compared one of his novels to a Rorschach inkblot, anticipating criticism which would come from feminist groups criticizing its themes of sexual harassment. In another novel by this author, eco-terrorists try to create a tsunami along with other natural disasters. That novel concluded with a 20 page "message from the author" detailing this author's skepticism of anthropogenic global warming. This man wrote another science fiction novel in which a microbe kills humans through rapid blood clotting and mutates into a form that eats through plastic. That microorganism, because it came from space, was codenamed for an astronomical object which also titles that book. For ten points, name this author of *The Andromeda Strain* and *Jurassic Park*.

**Michael Crichton**

Tossup 2

Several ads run by this politician declared that he was "not a business-as-usual politician." That set of ads also ended by declaring "The candidate is (this candidate). The choice is yours." One of the controversies miring a political campaign by this man was the accusation from multiple newspapers that he made all his volunteers take loyalty oaths. This presidential candidate made another blunder when he referred to Black Americans as "you people" in front of a speech to the NAACP. This person described the outsourcing of manufacturing jobs to Mexico as creating a "giant sucking sound." However, he failed to stop the North American Free Trade Agreement from coming into effect. For ten points, name this third party candidate who was once the frontrunner in the 1992 presidential election.

**Ross Perot**

Tossup 3

After failed negotiations with striking workers led by Herbert Sorrell, this man travelled to South America, in part to escape the "disillusionment and discouragement" he felt. That trip was primarily undertaken to promote cultural contact between the United States and Latin America, in an attempt to curb fascist influence in Latin America as part of the Good Neighbor policy promoted by Franklin D. Roosevelt. This man would later continue to fight against fascism on behalf of the US government by producing several propaganda films, a partnership which likely saved his namesake company from bankruptcy in 1941. For ten points, name this man who produced those films, some of which were called *Education for Death - The Making of a Nazi* and *Der Fuehrer's Face*.

**Walt Disney** (Prompt on Disney)

Tossup 4

Studies into the ability of these animals to distinguish between different tones and melodies were conducted by Bernhard Rensch. That ability of these animals was first observed by professionals called mahouts, who work with them. A Youtube video claiming to show one of these animals painting another one of itself was labeled “partly true” by Snopes. Researcher Martin Meredith once observed a group of these animals gently touch one of their dead, cover them with leaves and sticks, and spend two days standing over the body. These animals are therefore one of very few non-Hominids found to have death rituals. This animal’s high brain-to-body ratio and long juvenile period is evidence of the importance of learning in its development. For ten points, name these animals colloquially known for their long memories.

**Elephants** (Accept specific types of elephants)

Bonus 1

Sharia law has several stipulations for how Muslims can engage in business. For ten points each, answer these questions about Islamic finance.

One of the practices forbidden under Islamic law is referred to as “riba”. This practice taken to excess is also called usury.

**Charging Interest**

Muslims have found several workarounds for the ban on charging interest. One such workaround is this type of financial asset, which imitates a bond by granting partial ownership of the underlying asset instead of interest.

**Sukuk bond** (prompt on Sharia compliant bond with “what is the Islamic term?”)

Sukuk bonds and other Sharia-compliant forms of equity financing are collectively referred to with a term named for the sharing of these two opposing concepts.

**Profit and loss** sharing

Bonus 2

For the past several months, my “About Me” section on discord has read “Average Gregori-Heitzfeld syndrome haver”. For ten points each, answer the following questions related to Gregori-Heitzfeld syndrome. No looking it up now!

Description acceptable. People diagnosed with Gregori-Heitzfeld syndrome have this unusual condition.

**Not aging** past childhood (Accept immortality, living forever, etc.)

By now you’ve probably realized that Gregori-Heitzfeld syndrome does not exist. It was created by Hobart Phillips as part of a retro futuristic alternate universe focusing on this utopian society, which is located in an alternate version of Iceland.

**Veklleir** (pronounced “Veck-lie”)

Hobart Phillips has drawn hundreds of artworks of life in Veklleir. One such piece, entitled [Absolute Quiet](#), shows a girl watching a massive pillar of white smoke extend upwards in the distance. That drawing, whose description ends with the sentence “So ended the old ways and so started the new,” depicts the beginning of this kind of event.

**Nuclear War** (Accept anything mentioning the use of a nuclear weapon, Prompt on anything mentioning war)

Bonus 3

For ten points each, answer the following questions.

Upon this country's independence, it entered a rapid period of modernization, in part propelled by a program called Tiigrihüpe (Tie-greh-hoop) which translates to Tiger Leap in this country's native language. That program was first proposed by Toomas Hendrik Ilves (Taw-muss Hen-drik ILL-vess)

**Estonia**

One of the most important aspects of Tiigrihüpe was an effort to bring this service to all schools in Estonia. In the year 2000 the Estonian government declared this service to be a human right.

**Internet access** (Accept synonyms)

In 2014 Estonia became the first country in the world to offer this status to foreigners. This status confers access to Estonian banking, payment processing, taxation, and company formation.

**e-Residency** (Accept electronic residency and virtual residency)

Bonus 4

For ten points each, answer the following questions.

This graduate-level creative writing program is directed by Lan Samantha Chang from a midwestern university. It is often considered the most prestigious Master of Fine Arts program in the United States

**Iowa Writers' Workshop**

Twenty-nine Iowa Writers' Workshop faculty and alumni have won this literary prize presented by Columbia University. Faculty member Robert Penn Warren won this prize in 1947 for *All the King's Men*.

**Pulitzer Prize**

Description acceptable but not advised. Iowa Writers' Workshop graduate Eric Bennett wrote a book called *Workshops of Empire*. That book argued that programs such as the Iowa Writers' Workshop have promoted certain writing advice for political reasons, particularly this three word phrase attributed to Anton Chekov.

**Show, don't tell**

Bonus 5 (Meme question- read if the mood calls for it, otherwise skip)

For ten points each, answer the following questions about number theory.

Name this integer which is greater than 6 and less than 7.

**Thrembo**

WRONG. ZERO points. There is NO number between six and seven called "thrembo." Thrembo does NOT exist. Take this class of drug which comes in typical and atypical forms which is often used to treat schizophrenia.

**Antipsychotics** (Accept neuroleptics)

The most common symbol for Thrembo is the letter Janja from this alphabet. This alphabet, which originated from Greek, borrowed several letters, including Janja, from the Demotic Egyptian script.

**Coptic Alphabet**