

*Note to players: I cannot vouch for the historical accuracy of these clues.*

One state named for these people was the lesser party in the unsuccessful 626 Siege of Constantinople. A different state named for these people was established in modern day Russia, and fell subject to the Gazikumukh Shamkhalate following the fall of the Golden Horde. They're not Sicilians, but of those states, one followed Islam, while the other followed Christianity, after having previously been predominantly shamanistic. The larger of the two states named for these people was eventually conquered by Charlemagne in 796, just 8 years after Charlemagne integrated a similarly named but unrelated region in Germany, home to the modern city of Munich. For 10 points, name these peoples who gave their name to both a Khanate in Caucasia and a Khaganate (KHA-GHA-NIT) in the Carpathian Basin.

Answer: **Avars** (accept **Avaria** or **Avar** Khanate or **Avar** Khaganate)

**In 1976, one man with this surname received a Ph.D. in English from Binghamton University with a dissertation on A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man (\*\*). A different book by the author of A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man is the favorite book of another politician with this surname, which was a subject of controversy during his presidential race. That author was James Joyce. A man with this surname won first prize in the (\*) John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum's Profiles in Courage essay contest for an essay praising then U.S. Representative Bernard Sanders. That man also competed in Quiz Bowl for Saint Joseph High School, where he graduated as valedictorian in 2000. For 10 points, give this name of the former mayor of South Bend and current Secretary of Transportation.**

Answer: **Buttigieg** [BOOT-EDGE-EDGE or BUDDHA-JUDGE] (Prompt on "Mayor Pete." The question refers to both Pete Buttigieg and his father Joseph Buttigieg.)