

Tossup #0: History (written by Truman)

This state's city of Deerfield was evacuated after the Battle of Bloody Brook. Both George Bushes attended the Phillips Academy boarding school in this state's town of Andover. Barnstable Town in this state is home to one of the busiest ferry networks in the US with about 3 million riders annually. The British burned the town of Falmouth in a region that this state governed until 1820. Prior to land reclamation efforts this state's largest city was connected by a "neck" to its now-neighborhood of Roxbury. This state's resort town of Provincetown is a notable destination for many LGBT people. Miskatonic University is located in this state's fictional city of Arkham in the works of H.P. Lovecraft. A large Italian population resides in the North End neighborhood of this state's capital city. For 10 points, identify this US state where Samuel Sewall served as a judge in the Salem Witch Trials.

ANSWER: Commonwealth of **Massachusetts**

Tossup #0: Miscellaneous (written by Ali)

A 2019 episode of Black Mirror ends with Miley Cyrus' character under the stage name "Ashley Fuckn O" performing a song written by this person. That same year, they gave the induction speech for The Cure into the Rock and Roll hall of fame. In an incredible music video directed by David Fincher, CGI is used to animate footage of this person in a metallic pinscreen next to a newton's cradle and a laptop - that video was for the song "Only". This man has scored several films including Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem, Bird Box, and The Social Network alongside his bandmate Atticus Ross. This musician is best known for the albums "With Teeth" and "the Downward Spiral", the former of which contains the hit "The Hand that Feeds". For 10 points, name this founder and only constant member of the Nine Inch Nails.

ANSWER: Trent **Reznor**

Tossup #0: Miscellaneous (written by Andrea)

This city was the victim of two separate bus bombings in 1992 and 1997, both of which occurred on February 25th. A 2012 hijacking of a flight to this city became the first fatal hijacking since 9/11, although the official

account was questioned by the WUC, who claimed it was instead a fight over seating. An attack on this city's Saybag district saw terrorists throw explosives from two SUVs into a street market before colliding with each other in a suicide bombing. Riots in this city broke out in 2009 after two men died in the Shaoguan incident in Guangdong, which itself was sparked by false rape accusations. It's not Kunming, but a 2014 attack on a railway station in this city coincided with the last day of a visit from Xi Jinping and was perpetrated by the Turkestan Islamic Party. For 10 points, a May 2014 terror attack on what capital of Xinjiang became the deadliest in the Xinjiang conflict?

ANSWER: Ürümqi [accept Dihua]

Tossup #0: Miscellaneous (written by Fish)

This film comments “yes, women can do that” as a woman eats herself in front of the protagonist after he tells her she will be executed in court. Other things that women in this film can do include using a stun-inducing “war cry”, and they are required to continuously call out a “peace cry” to avoid fatal accidents. Cheery salsa music plays during a scene in this film where protesters are massacred by machine guns as the protagonist flies into the headquarters of Messiah, Incorporated. An Irregular senator in this film is dismembered during a Senate meeting for his belief in freedom of self-colouration, something the protagonist's son Hex is yelled at for doing. After being away from his homeland for too long, the protagonist's insides start warping from (*) gravitational pull in this film, but he somehow makes it back to his homeland in the middle of a bomb attack by the X-Axis. This film warns not to try to understand how some characters in this movie see, as “it may injure your nth dimensional brain” to do so since they live on a plane. For ten points, name this really questionable 2007 film adaptation of a geometry-themed novel by Edwin Abbott, where A Square is taken out of the two-dimensional title world by A Sphere to explore the third dimension

ANSWER: ***Flatland*** (2007) [or ***Flatland: The Film***, reject "Flatland: The Movie"]

Tossup 0: Miscellaneous (written by Phoebe)

This film is the only one in its cinematic universe with no confirmed dates for any of its major events, with the exception of a motorcycle's make and model. Ali Wong portrays a lesbian assistant district attorney in this film. One promotional poster for this film features the titular character standing in a shell surrounded by women in a parody of Botticelli's Birth of Venus. At the beginning of this film, its protagonist lives over a Taiwanese restaurant and takes up roller derby to get over her heartbreak. Its soundtrack includes artists like Kehlani, Doja Cat, and Halsey. Name, for 10 points, this 2020 Cathy Yan film described by the LA Times as a "campy and brutal carnival ride," which follows Harley Quinn after her breakup with the Joker in Suicide Squad?

ANSWER: birds of prey

or "birds of prey (and the fantabulous emancipation of one Harley Quinn)"

Tossup 0: Miscellaneous (written by Phoebe)

At a microscopic level, this substance consists of fat globules surrounded by phospholipid and protein membranes. Versions of this substance with many crystals are harder than versions of this substance that are mainly composed of free fats. The cultured version of this substance was predominantly made by fermentation over the course of several days, which is now considered a traditional method of creating this substance. This substance is commonly used to sculpt animals in the Midwest. For ten points, name this substance whose clarified version is called ghee and which is used, among other things, to flavor popcorn.

ANSWER: butter

(do not accept margarine)

Tossup 0: Miscellaneous (written by Phoebe)

this work's author attributes its being written in just two weeks to the fact that "it was already written in [his] soul." the protagonist is advised by objects named after elements of the hoshen, whose names mean "light" and "uncertainty" in hebrew. an englishman in this work represents the idea that although knowledge gained from books can be helpful, true wisdom stems from experience and life. after arriving in africa, the main character gives a stranger his money to buy camels but realizes he has been swindled, after which he must sell tea and crystals at a shop on top of a hill. the protagonist is advised by multiple entities throughout this work, including a king named melchizedek and the hand that wrote all. the latter entity helps him realize all things have their own personal legends, which people with the title profession are able to coax into achieving. for ten points, give the name of this work by paulo coelho which describes santiago's journey to the pyramids of egypt in search of treasure.

ANSWER: the alchemist

Tossup 0: Miscellaneous (written by Henry)

This game took four years to create and was inspired by viking history. According to a 2015 Wall Street journal article, the American sports team The Green Bay Packers love this game and would regularly meet up to play it. The maker of this game was a dental technician by trade before this game took off; after its success, he helped create a similar fictional game called The Cones of Dunshire that appears in Parks and Recreation. The game relies on the normal distribution and is comparable to poker in terms of luck versus skill. For ten points, name this game whose hexagonal board features four kinds of resource tiles that correspond to the sum of a roll of two dice that UW quizbowler Henry Smith won't stop fucking playing.

Answer: Settlers of Catan

Tossup 0: Myth (written by Phoebe)

when mated with horses, these creatures produce offspring that are impossible to drown and can be recognized by their shorter than normal ears. these creatures are described in a robert burns poem as "haunting the foord." interestingly enough, the d&d forgotten realms monster guide classifies these creatures as plants. they're not hippocampi, but their appearances, according to derek whitley, may originate from horse sacrifices performed in ancient scandinavia. for ten points, name these mythological creatures that resemble black horses with reversed hooves that live in bodies of water and prey on humans.

ANSWER: kelpies