

1. In a 1781 painting by Henry Fuseli, a woman doing this act became the artist's first commercially successful work, even being referenced in political satires and potentially inspiring a scene in Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. In a song from *Godspeed You! Black Emperor*, whose title is based on this act, a (*) screwdriver is used to play the electric guitar to create the haunting sound in the first half of the song. In a Cretan cave dedicated to Zeus, a Greek seer is heard to have performed this act while tending his father's sheep. For 10 points, Hypnos is the Greek god of what act that is depicted in Sir Frederic Leighton's painting "Flaming June"?

Answer: sleeping [accept word forms; accept synonyms; prompt on nap or rest or siesta].

<Erik, OtherAc>

2. Note to players: This tossup is a before-and-after. A 2017 ad campaign featuring these things, created various duos, including Champ and Babe, and Charmer and Joker. The name of this movement originated in response to the trial of George Zimmerman and his not guilty verdict. Utah hosts more of these entities per capita than any other US state, a trend thought to be due in part to lax regulation and Mormon Moms' industrial ethic. In early 2022 Tucker Carlson aired qualms over the removal of sexy clothing from two of these things, Herbalife and Avon Products, in response to a murder by (*) Derek Chauvin. For 10 points, name this social movement, which began in response to young Black men being killed by police, which gains revenue using a "Pyramid structure" and door to door sales of these small multicolored chocolate candies.

ANSWER: BLMLM&Ms [or BLM&MLM; accept BLM or Black Lives Matter AND M&Ms AND MLM or multi-level marketing]

<Euan, B&A>

3. In a 2006 film, one of these beings states to Michael that he was "fast-forwarding through life" before he met him. In that same film, one of these beings' first lines is "something stinks like french fries." While wandering around a movie set, someone who was once one of these beings states "What is it? What is it Peter? why does your mind stray...Think I'll have a filet of sole meuniere tonight. Do Germans make meuniere?" In that same film one of these beings stands beside (*) Nick Cave, unbeknownst to him, just as he is about to perform a song in Berlin. In the crowd for that song is Daniel, who was once one of these beings. In a 1946 film, Henry Travers portrays one of these beings named Clarence Odboddy who saves the main the antagonist who was contemplating suicide. For 10 points, name these beings who are the subject of Wim Wenders' *Wings of Desire* and one of whom guided Jimmy Stewart's character through a life without him in it in *It's a Wonderful Life*.

ANSWER: angels

<Connor, Film>

4. Note to players: This tossup is a before-and-after. This product names the first track on BIMBOCORE Volume 2 by Scene Queen as well as a track on 310Degrees by 310Babii. A summer 2022 Lil Nas X tweet joked that viewers who presaved his single "Late to da Party" could win a chance to meet this entity. The pinned tweet for this product's twitter account is "Don't be a pigeon, pick up [this product] in stores today" and featured a video of its namesake gliding off with a glass of this product. Chick-Fil-A once replied "Aww! ♥" ("heart emoji") to a (*) tweet that joked this entity would have a great time there. This beverage was inspired by an ad read on the NHL podcast "Spittin' Chiclets" after one of its hosts was asked "how do you drink your vodka?" This entity has lived with her fathers, Logan and Ben, in Scottsdale, Arizona since being adopted in 2016. For 10 points, name this brand of lemonade vodka that is sometimes portmanteaued with "shit" and this dog who is "Not too fond of gay people".

ANSWER: Pink Whitney Chewston [accept Pink Whitney AND Whitney Chewston]

<Haylee and Euan, B&A trash>

5. A text widely attributed to this figure describes a conversation with a God-like persona whose eyes "held infinities no human could contain, but that no one but a human could conceive" at the funeral of a copper-twiddling, "65 year old electrician whose own electrics gave out." One of the few depictions of this figure

prior to the death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg exists on the HoundCentral YouTube channel, depicting them performing at a location known mysteriously as “the Porch.” This figure appears, mouth agape and with one fist raised, in the header photo of a 2019 article by Will Campbell focusing on Team Sciborg. This politician made a rare media appearance discussing the work of (*) Iain M. Banks and the potential consequences of anti-aging on the podcast *Synthesized Sunsets*. This figure is depicted churning a vat of butter next to a poorly-drawn Union Jack and saying, “I LoVE DNA & wheat” in an artwork posted in #chat last week. For 10 points, name this current president of UW Quizbowl.

ANSWER: Euan McCubbin [or Euan William McCubbin; accept E; accept the McCubbers]
<Yaj, UWQB>

6. In her memoir *I’m Glad My Mom Died*, Jennette McCurdy talked about watching this show with Miranda Cosgrove until they fell asleep, saying they related deeply to this show. In a musical adaptation of this show, one character sings, “She’s bound for the movie screen!” to which another character responds, “Ha, not one that children should see.” Christi calls out a person on this show for criticizing (*) Holly’s fashion sense, considering that person’s accessories are organized as “red rhinestone crap, blue rhinestone crap.” Another song in this show’s musical adaptation contains the lyrics, “Our cores are tight, our steps are high, you’ll never see our upper thighs,” and is titled “Welcome to the Candy Apples.” In an episode of this show, Jill goes shopping with Holly and attempts to convince Abby that Kendall should play Rosa Parks in a group routine despite being white. For 10 points, name this Lifetime show about the Abby Lee Dance Company whose stars included the Ziegler sisters and JoJo Siwa.

ANSWER: Dance Moms
<Simarya, Trash>

7. *Description acceptable.* A former location of this type currently houses the art museum Museo di Roma. A building of this type in France was designed by Oscar Niemeyer, with a dome representing a pregnant woman. A building of this type in Germany was renamed by the Nazis, but had its original name restored in 1948 as the (*) Karl-Liebknecht-Haus. A former building of this type in Inner-Mongolia had an illuminated swastika on top of it. For 10 points, a former imperial garden located next to the Forbidden City is currently used by the Communist Party of China as what type of building?

ANSWER: political party headquarters [accept equivalents; accept headquarters of fascist parties; accept headquarters of communist parties; accept headquarters of the National Fascist Party or Partito Nazionale Fascista; accept headquarters of the French Communist Party or Parti communiste français; accept headquarters of the Communist Party of Germany or Kommunistische Partei Deutschlands or KPD; accept headquarters of the Party of Democratic Socialism or Partei des Demokratischen Sozialismus or PDS or The Left Party.PDS or Die Linkspartei.PDS or The Left or Die Linke; accept headquarters of the Russian Fascist Party or Vserossiyskaya fashistskaya partiya]
<Alice, OFA>

8. *Description acceptable.* In response to the usage of this phrase during a 2025 House Judiciary Committee Meeting, Congressman Thomas Massie erroneously claimed that it should be accompanied by a flexed arm. In that same meeting, Florida representative Jared Moskowitz elected to hold up a sign displaying this phrase, rather than give a long speech. After Annabelle suggested no one in UWQB was alive during 9/11, Jaime responded with (*) “ok but you guys are [this phrase].” The first usage of this phrase was by the current U.S. national security advisor shortly after incidentally adding a journalist to Houthi PC Small Group. For 10 points, name this trio of emojis delivered by Mike Waltz through Signal in response to news of an airstrike.

ANSWER: 🇺🇸🇺🇸🔥 [or fist, american flag, fire emojis; or equivalent descriptions]
<Lucas, Current Events>

9. *Description acceptable.* In the *Touhou* (“toe-hoe”) game series, several characters, including a harvest goddess, a ghost princess, and a mermaid princess, serve this role in their respective games. In *Pokémon*, the rock type is the most common type for this role, with characters such as (*) Roark, Roxanne, and Brock serving this role. In the original *Super Mario Bros.*, a Goomba acting as an impostor Bowser serves this role. While in the original *Mega Man* this role is not set, players typically choose Cut Man, Bomb Man or Guts Man to serve this role. For 10 points, Whispy Woods serves what role in most games in the *Kirby* franchise?

ANSWER: first boss [prompt on boss]

<Alice, OFA>

10. In a Julia Ducournau film, the main protagonist has sex with one of these objects, shortly after killing an obsessive fan with a hairpin. In that same film, the main protagonist, after having a metal plate inserted into her head, embraces one of these objects. Roger Ebert stated that the director for a film that centers around one of these objects was “Trying to make a pornographic movie, without pornography.” That same film, which was released in (*) 1996, was awarded a rare Special Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival despite the passionate abstaining of certain jury members. One of these objects used for the production of a Steve McQueen film was thought to be lost until 2016 when it was incidentally purchased from a backyard in Los Angeles—that film was *Bullitt*. For 10 points name these objects which Transformers can transform into.

Answer: cars [reject “trucks” or “vans”]

<Connor, Film>

11. *Two answers required.* Serge Gainsbourg and Brigitte Bardot once recorded a song titled for these two people based on the poem “The Trail’s End.” The first arrest of one of these people, the partner in crime of the other person, was for the former’s failure to return a car on time. A musical composed by Frank (*) Wildhorn based on these two people earned two Tony Award nominations in 2012 after its 2011 Broadway debut, one of which was for Best Original Score Written for the Theatre. In a review for a film about these two peoples’ careers, Bosley Crowther of the New York Times was so appalled by the film that he started a campaign advocating against the film’s use of violence and the rising brutality of Hollywood cinema. For 10 points, name this American outlaw couple who committed crimes such as murder and bank robbery from 1932 until their famously publicized murder by the law in 1934.

Answer: Bonnie AND Clyde [or Bonnie Elizabeth Parker AND Clyde Champion Barrow].

<Erik, Film>

12. One of these figures’ namesake “Natak” was transcribed into Gurmukhi by Guru Gobind Singh. Four of these beings exist outside the ten categories of beings in the universe, including a red-bottomed one, one with long limbs, and one with six ears. Sugriva was the leader of a kingdom of these beings called Kishkindha. One of these creatures is strengthened after he is placed in a crucible for forty-nine days by an alchemist to retrieve pills he had eaten. The mantra *om maṇi padme hūṃ* was used to imprison that one of these creatures, where he is fed molten iron and copper. Arthur Waley’s popular 1942 translation of a (*) Wu Cheng’en novel is titled for this animal. One of these animals is taught to defend against the “Three Calamities” with seventy-two “Earthly Transformations.” One of these creatures tried to eat the sun, thinking it was a mango. Deities taking the form of these creatures include one who accompanies Tang Sanzang on a journey atop the White Dragon Horse. For 10 points, name this creature embodied by Hanuman and Sun Wukong.

ANSWER: monkeys [or primates or apes or equivalents; accept Monkey King; accept vānaras; accept hóuzǐ; prompt on Sūn Wùkōng; prompt on Hanuman]

<Yaj, Mythology>

13. A natural spring in this region, Kitch-iti-iki, is nicknamed the “mirror of heaven” for its clear waters. The many cedar swamps of this region leak tannins into its Tahquamenon Falls, giving them the nickname “Root Beer Falls.” Rock arches and sea caves formed from Cambrian sandstone make this region’s Pictured

Rocks National Lakeshore a popular destination for freshwater scuba diving. Copper Harbor, a town in this region's (*) Keweenaw County, serves as a departure point for visitors to Isle Royale National Park. The largest wooden dome in the world, Superior Dome, is located in this region's most populous city, Marquette. The Straits of Mackinac ("MAH-kin-aaw") separate the mitten from, for 10 points, what landmass in northern Michigan?

ANSWER: Upper Peninsula of Michigan [or U.P. or Yoop or Upper Michigan; prompt on Michigan; prompt on Great Lakes; prompt on Upper Midwest]

<Lucas, Geography>

14. A director for a film shot in this style regarded taking ayahuasca as "almost professional research" for inspiration for its visual style. That film, which also utilized Ernst Haeckel's illustrations as inspiration for its visual style, was primarily filmed in Tokyo where the director had to make deals with the Yakuza for certain filming locations. In one scene in another film shot in this style, the camera follows a receptionist played by Lila Leeds, rather than focusing on the conversation at hand—that film is (*) *Lady in the Lake*. In another film shot in this style, one character yells from a bus "Great jacket, where can I get one?" before being torched by a flamethrower. For 10 points, name this style of shooting utilized in films such as *Enter the Void*, *Presence*, and *Hardcore Henry*.

Answer: POV [or point-of-view; or first-person; accept equivalents]

<Connor, Film>

15. In 2014, the construction of a theme park in South Korea associated with this company was halted due to the discovery of a large archeological site. Godtfred Kirk Christiansen, the son of this company's founder, perfected the design of its (*) trademark product. A film named for this company features Chris Pratt portraying a construction worker having a midlife crisis while rebelling against an Orwellian government. This company's name is a combination of two words that translate as "play well." The Duplo brick line is by, for 10 points, what Danish toy company that created Ninjago and minifigures?

ANSWER: The Lego Group

<Yaj, OtherAc>

16. The design of the collapsed Florida International University pedestrian bridge included faux structures to resemble this type of bridge, even though it was actually supported by a centerline truss. A bridge of this type in Nienburg was the first of its type designed to carry heavy wagons, and its 1825 collapse led to an over 100-year hiatus on constructions of bridges of its type. In February 2025, a bridge of this type was selected to replace the collapsed Francis Scott Key Bridge. A blue-and-green Basko truck became a widely circulated symbol of a collapsed bridge of this type due to its precarious position at the edge of the road. One bridge of this type was constructed to replace a bridge that collapsed after the (*) MV *Summit Venture* struck one of its piers. Corrosion at the top of pillar 9 of the Ponte Morandi, a bridge of this type, led to the death of 43 people when its deck suddenly collapsed in 2018. For 10 points, the new Sunshine Skyway Bridge is what type of bridge, which has its deck directly strung to its pylons?

ANSWER: cable-stayed bridge

<Andrea, Other Science>

17. Note to moderator: emphasize the first word of each sentence (they have been underlined). For those of you being read a toss up right now, I just wanted you to know that this tossup isn't going to have an indicator. 10 of you are probably being like "oh they just used an indicator" but like, c'mon folks I just told you it's not gonna be like answerline "this tossup" hehehehehe, we are past that. Points aren't all there is to life, I took a nice walk yesterday, that was pretty cool, def comparable to second lining a PLAYTIME Tossup, but like different, more calming. Buzz-ing of bees and hummingbirds, I even saw a bald eagle, or a beagle as I like to call them; it was a pretty chill vibe, so why don't we take a couple of seconds to try and recapture that magic (*). [Wait for 10 seconds] Oh yeah, and for 10 points, buzz.

ANSWER: accept literally anything even if they buzz and stay silent
<Euan, Euan>

18. **The Garcia Report, a 2014 investigation into this organization's practices, found that one country bought votes from 2 of its executives. Amnesty International has criticized one of this organization's events for furthering the kafala system, such as controlling workers' passports. After corruption charges, this organization's Ethics Committee removed its longtime president Sepp Blatter, who was replaced by Giovanni Infantino. This (*) sporting organization allowed Russia to compete under a different name after it invaded Ukraine. The 2026 edition of this organization's main event will be hosted across North America from June to July. For 10 points, name this highest governing body of association football, which runs its namesake "World Cups" every 4 years.**

ANSWER: **FIFA** [or **Fédération Internationale de Football Association** or **International Federation of Association Football**]

<Yaj, OtherAc>

19. **In a film with only one credited cast member, this man rambles alone in his study with only a tape recorder, a glass of whisky, and a gun. In that film, *Secret Honor*, Philip Baker Hall portrays this man, who was still alive at the time of the film's release in 1984. A writer for one film that centered around this man pelted him with ice cubes as a child when staying in the same hotel as him. *Klute*, *The Parallax View*, and a 1976 film that revolves around this man make up Alan Pakula's (*) Paranoia Trilogy. In one film, right before commencing a TV interview, this man asks the interviewer "Did you do any fornicating?" Oliver Stone directed a biopic on this man which was released in 1995, only one year after his death. Anthony Hopkins portrayed, for 10 points, what president who was also the subject of Woodward and Bernstein's investigation in *All the President's Men*?**

ANSWER: Richard **Nixon** [or Richard Milhous **Nixon**]

<Connor, Film>

20. **During the Second Yemenite War, the North Yemeni air force consisted of just 14 Saudi planes operated by 80 personnel from this country. This country was secretly supplied by Operation Zet, which included several thousand airmen and ground crew of the Soviet Volunteer Group. This country's 34th "Black Bat" Squadron worked with the CIA to conduct reconnaissance and infiltration missions over a neighboring country in the 1950s and 60s. This country was the first to use air-to-air missiles in combat, which were covertly delivered by the U.S. to defend its (*) Matsu and Kinmen islands from the PLA. Only the first of three American Volunteer Groups were successfully deployed to support this country in December 1941. For 10 points, the "Flying Tigers" were organized to aid which country during WWII?**

ANSWER: **Republic of China** [or **ROC**; or **Republican China** or **Nationalist China** or **Zhōnghuá Mínguó**; accept **Kuomintang** or **Guómíndǎng** or **KMT** or **GMD**; accept **Taiwan**; prompt on **China** or **Zhōngguó**; reject "People's Republic of China" or descriptions of communist China]

<Andrea, WHist>

21. **Note to players: This tossup is a before-and-after. Despite its hidden location within the White Palace, this trail receives over 190,000 visitors a year in its downtown sections. The idea for this trail was first introduced in a 1963 letter to the Chicago Tribune by May Theilgaard Watts in which she wrote, (*) "To witness secrets sealed, one must endure the harshest punishment." Although Elroy Sparta State Trail in Wisconsin was finished first, this route was the first proposed rail-to-trail project in Hallownest. Upon reaching this trail's terminus in Wheaton and defeating two Kingsmoulds, a cutscene plays in which the Hollow Knight shares a moment with their father. For 10 points, name this rail trail in DuPage County infamous for being covered in sawblades.**

ANSWER: Illinois Prairie Path of Pain [accept Illinois Prairie Path AND Path of Pain]
<Alex, B&A Trash/Geo>

22. *Description acceptable.* A type of this event is theorized to have been caused by the 2004 Indian Ocean Earthquake, with a similar one of these events theorized to have been caused 60 years prior by the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Another event of this type led to a successive chain of events of this type that saw the introduction of Buddhist and Taoist groups into Gensokyo. Several events of this type are related to weather and the seasons, such as when the sun was blocked out by a Scarlet Mist or when all four seasons were present in Gensokyo at the same time. In the video game (*) *Touhou* (“toe-hoe”) *Imperishable Night*, the namesake event of this type was actually caused by the protagonists in order to investigate the actual event of this type, where the moon in the night sky was replaced with a fake one. For 10 points, name these types of events that the plot of Touhou games revolve around which the playable characters attempt to resolve.

ANSWER: incidents [or ihen or unusual event or strange occurrence or strange phenomenon or something abnormal; accept equivalent words or descriptions of an event being out of the ordinary]
<Alice, OFA>

23. In an episode of *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*, Raymond Holt throws these items in celebration after learning of Madeline Wuntch’s death. In a scene from *The Devil Wears Prada*, Emily asks if someone had eaten one of these items, which would explain the foul smell in Miranda Priestly’s office. In another episode of *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*, one of these foodstuffs is (*) lit on fire and thrown into a trash can to start the Jimmy Jab Games. The question’s author jokes that in their hometown, people either go to church on Sunday mornings or purchase this foodstuff from a local shop. For 10 points, name this foodstuff, whose Montreal variety has a larger hole in the center than its New York counterpart.

ANSWER: bagels [accept onion bagels]
<Simarya, OFA>

24. After arresting and defenestrating their political rival Atanasio Ndongo Miyone, this person took photographs of their opponent dying on the street which he later shared with Newsweek. This person allegedly burned most of his country’s reserves amounting to around 100 million US dollars. Along with a heavy abuse of cannabis and other drugs, this president’s inner circle believed him to be a psychopath, influencing his actions like banning the Catholic Church and declaring himself God. On Christmas Eve, this dictator rounded up 186 alleged dissidents to execute them inside the National Football Stadium in (*) Malabo while loudspeakers played Mary Hopkin’s “Those Were the Days.” This dictator was executed by firing squad in the infamous Black Beach Prison after being sentenced to death 101 times. For 10 points, name this deposed first president of Equatorial Guinea.

ANSWER: Francisco Macías Nguema [or Mez-m Ngueme; or Masie Nguema Biyogo Ñegue Ndong]
<Gavin, WorldHist>

25. This artist allowed fans who could find Pontiac G6’s he had hidden across the country to listen to his new album early. That album ends with an emotional bonus track about the sacrifices it takes to make it, in which this artist’s father drops a verse starting, “This my son, he came from deez nuts.” This artist laments a fractured relationship with a sibling on a song that demands, “Send me all the money that I gave you over Cash App” and on which James Blake sings, “Just remember, remember who I am” in the chorus. The song (*) “Sistanem” appears on an album by this artist where a Mos Def verse is introduced by saying, “And now, a word from our ancestors.” This artist discusses a friend who is “doin’ four plus eight without a court date” on a song where [emphasize] another artist referenced Sean Combs with the line, “He didn’t just spell the word ‘rapper’ and leave out a P, did he?” A viral song by this artist samples Aretha Franklin’s “One Step Ahead” and includes a short Baby Tate feature that is cut off by static. For 10 points, name this Atlanta rapper whose album *The Forever Story*

includes “Dance Now” and “Surround Sound.”

ANSWER: JID [or Destin Choice Route]

<Yaj, AFA>

26. During one performance, a member of this band tried to crowd surf, but ended up falling straight on the floor. That same member of this band famously performed at their first live concert inside a mango box. This band’s latest EP featured four songs, one for each of the members to sing as the lead vocals. One song by this band begins by asking if another day is coming to an end, before declaring that they will try to change themselves, even if it is a little. This band’s most common performance venue is (*) *Starry* in Shimokitazawa, although they have started playing at other venues like Shinjuku *Volt*. This band covered two different Asian Kung-Fu Generation songs as a part of their discography, with their lead guitarist as vocals rather than Kita Ikuyo. For 10 points, what band from *Bocchi the Rock!* is behind the songs “That Little Sea” and “Guitar, Loneliness, and Blue Planet”?

ANSWER: Kessoku Band [prompt on *Bocchi the Rock!*]

<Alan, AFA>

27. The reward for achieving 100% completion in this game is the “Newborn” version of another playable character. The only playable character in this game with bombs is the Berserker, but other characters can equip the Fireworks item for a similar ability. In this game, an extra ability that helps the player find quests in the overworld can be purchased in front of the Prancing Pony. Like other games in the series, each level in this game features 10 collectible (*) minikits in the form of treasure chests. Mithril bricks are used in this game to forge items that give special abilities when equipped. This game’s bonus level sets the player in a micro-scale Middle-earth as Sauron, with the objective being to collect one million studs. For 10 points, name this video game by Traveller’s Tales based on a J.R.R. Tolkien fantasy series and themed around a building toy.

ANSWER: LEGO The Lord of the Rings [prompt on *Lord of the Rings*]

<Rosie, OFA>

28. Note to players: Full title required. While working for a bar called the Cafe Bizarre, this album’s band got fired on the spot after playing the second to last song featured on this album. The lead singer of this album’s band invented the ostrich tuning, where all guitar strings are tuned to (*) the same note, which was used in two songs on this album. An article published in 2017 reveals that a superfan of this album owned 800 copies of the album. Brian Eno once joked that while this album sold 30,000 copies, “Everyone who bought one of those 30,000 copies started a band.” For 10 points, name this 1967 album that is sometimes cited as the original art rock record with influences spanning multiple subgenres and features Lou Reed as one of its two lead singers.

Answer: The Velvet Underground and Nico [prompt on *The Velvet Underground*]

<Erik, AFA>

29. These devices, which were invented by Karl Swartzel at Bell Laboratories, initially had a design of three vacuum tubes that was used in the SCR-584 anti-aircraft radar system during World War II. A thirty-picofarad capacitor is used to offset frequency instability via the Miller effect in these devices’ popular Fairchild $\mu A741$ (“mu-A-7-4-1”) model. These devices operate linearly within the bounds of their power supply voltages, outside which they exhibit saturation. Negative (*) feedback circuits with these devices are distinguished by whether the output terminal is connected to the inverting or non-inverting inputs, whose voltage difference is assumed to be zero. These devices are represented on schematic diagrams as triangles with five pins. For 10 points, name these circuit elements named for their ability to perform analog tasks like addition and multiplication via a voltage gain.

ANSWER: operational amplifiers [or op amps; prompt on partial answers]

<Yaj, OtherSci>

30. For years, this person unknowingly listened to a song that was about killing their own relatives. This person's ancestors had to change their family name to one meaning "sacred room" due to a naming taboo. A relative of this person orchestrated the murders of three separate (*) emperors, however that dynasty still remained in power. This person has an amulet that contains a piece of wood containing a piece of the soul of an ancestor who led a battle that resulted in an emperor drowning at the straits of Shimonoseki. For 10 points, name this quizbowler who is related to two noble families that are both cadet branches of royal families from Japan and Vietnam.

ANSWER: Alice Ton Nu [accept Yui Minamoto; prompt on Ton That] (*Line 1 refers to the Tonyare Bushi, an anti-Tokugawa clan song, which is a cadet branch of the Minamoto clan. Line 2 refers to the Ton That family changing their name's characters from "Imperial Clan" to "Sacred Room". Line 3 refers to Ton That Thuyet and the Nguyen Dynasty. Line 4 refers to Minamoto no Yoshitsune and the Battle of Dan-no-ura. Line 5 refers to the Minamoto clan and the Ton That clan, both cadet branches of the Imperial Family of Japan and the Nguyen Dynasty respectively.*)

<Alice, Whist>

31. One team based in this city was home to the only two-time Widowmaker 1v1 champion during the duration of the Overwatch League, who won in both 2019 and 2020. That player's gamertag is paired with Philadelphia Fusion's Carpe, Diem. This city holds the most Mid-Season Invitational titles with four, with one team winning the inaugural MSI and another winning in 2018, 2021, and 2022. (*) XiaoHu became the only player to win international titles in multiple different positions with RNG, a team based in this city. A team from this city featuring Fate, Void, and Lip would complete a remarkable turnaround to win the 2021 Overwatch League championship. For 10 points, what city is home to Edward Gaming, Royal Never Give Up, and a team that went winless in their first season, the 0-40 Dragons?

ANSWER: Shanghai, China

<Alan, Sports>

32. This musical group owns a branded manhole cover. Two members of this group are rumored to be in a relationship, which may be a reference to the convenience store 7/11. A different two members of this group have names which differ only by an "H." At the start of one music video by this group, one of its members, Barry, proffers a red needle and uses it to spew the rest of this group out. This group's name is ontologically incorrect, as one of the members is a (*) girl despite claiming that "I have the penis of a man" during their breakout hit's bridge. During one verse of that song, Abraham-H and Constantine sing "[this band] the biggest boy band and that's for sure, more boys than I think you've ever seen before". For 10 points, "Girl You Need A Shot [of this band]" is by what outsized boy band featuring Steve Smith from *American Dad*?

ANSWER: Boyz 12 [or B12]

<Euan, AFA>

33. Actors in this film took Japanese lessons so that they were able to speak for select scenes, to which Japanese journalists at the Cannes Film Festival praised one of the actresses for her proficiency. In the first part of this film, the movie briefly shows Katsushika Hokusai's painting *The Dreams of the Fisherman's Wife*. During one of this film's love scenes, the directors took steps to ensure privacy and comfort for the actresses by having only one female (*) crew member holding the boom mic during the shooting of the scene. One of the main characters in this film is named after a famous Japanese actress named Hideko Takamine while another character is named after the author of the novel that the film is inspired by. For 10 points, name this 2017 Korean film inspired by Sarah Waters's 2002 novel about a Korean pickpocket who falls in love with a Japanese heiress.

Answer: The Handmaiden [or Agassi or The Lady]

<Erik, Film>

34. The majority of characters that appear in this franchise's first installment ended up being cut out of it later on for being too flat. In one instance in this franchise, a character asks how to spell "Addis Ababa" while her brothers talk about being shipped off "to somewhere you've never heard of". A running joke in this franchise involves the continued referencing of zambonis, including one notable instance where several of them exit a cave at a certain time of night. A character in this franchise lives in (*) Needles, California, and constantly looks for opportunities to wear his "Mickey Mouse Shoes". A different character in this series receives his nickname after being called a repeat of one of his older siblings—that character is Rerun Van Pelt. For 10 points, name this series whose characters include Schroeder, "Pig-Pen", and the unseen Red Baron, a comic strip created by Charles Schulz.

ANSWER: Peanuts

<Sasha, Amlit>

35. Note to players: This tossup is a before-and-after. This flora was initially published only 8 years after its author's birth in 1985 in British Columbia. This database's author is known for her numerous line drawings, as well as for her appearance in *Grease: Live*. This book's second edition, subtitled (*) *Vascular Plants of California*, was published in 2012, 5 years after its author's appearance on Canadian Idol. After playing Cinderella on Broadway, this book's author released her third studio album, *Emotion*, which includes information about nearly 8,000 taxa. For 10 points, the author of what eponymously named botanical guide is best known for her single "Call me Maybe"?

ANSWER: Carly Rae Jepsen Manual

<Alex, B&A OtherAc>

36. Many of the earliest of these texts are by an unknown author, including 5 of these texts which are identical. The only one of these texts to contain a foreword spends its entire length debunking that foreword. One antithesis of these texts proclaimed a royal decree on the "Kings Day". In October (*) 2024 these texts shifted to a less widespread audience, though they still occasionally use their previous distribution method. Inexplicably, recent examples of these texts have drawn responses of seemingly random country flags. In winter 2025 these texts alternated between mentioning two destinations, due in part to an overhaul of the UW room scheduler. For 10 points, name these texts usually published twice a week, which indicate that UW Quizbowl members should go to Savery at 7 pm.

ANSWER: UWQB practice announcements [accept equivalents, prompt on UWQB announcements]

<Euan, UWQB>

37. A letter by this author recounts visiting convicts at an island penal colony. That trip inspired a short story by this author in which the title soldier's body is gnawed at by a shark. One of this author's characters, who has long viewed women as a "lower race," ponders the double life he lives as he explains why there is no thunder in the winter to his daughter. That work by this author concludes by stating that "the (*) hardest, the most complicated part was only just beginning." Moscow banker Dmitri Gurov meets the title character in Yalta in a work by this author that Vladimir Nabokov called "one of the greatest stories ever written." A play by this author ends as an aging butler is abandoned at the title estate, where axes can be heard chopping down trees offstage. For 10 points, name this Russian author of "The Lady With the Dog" and *The Cherry Orchard*.

ANSWER: Anton Chekhov [or Anton Pavlovich Chekhov]

<Yaj, Eurolit>

38. In one game in this genre, a girl dreams of seeing her brother again as a faceless tall stick creature while in a coma. The player helps grow a tree that eventually returns the girl back to the real world in that same game's ending. Games in this genre can be classified as vertical scrollers, such as one game that features ULTIMA and World's End levels. Another game in this genre was nicknamed the (*) "washing machine game" for its unique layout and method of playing. Rayark Games is a notable publisher of games in this genre, including

DEEMO, Cytus, and Sdorica. Many arcade games in this genre have a folder dedicated to Touhou and NICONICO charts. Many games in this genre revolve around a 16 year old blue haired girl and her friends. The slogan of one game in this genre urges its players to “click the circles.” For 10 points, what genre of games includes arcade games such as CHUNITHM, MaiMai, and Dance Dance Revolution?

ANSWER: rhythm games

<Alan, OFA>

39. In one film, a musician learns of the use of one of these objects after picking up a phone outside of Johnnie’s Coffee shop. In that same film, the main character, played by Anthony Edwards, only finds out about the use of one of these objects due to oversleeping and missing a date. It is not a type of vehicle but, in a 1990 film, a character’s ethnicity is discussed as a possible reason for defection after learning of his disappearance with one of these objects. In that film, despite playing a Soviet (*) Lithuanian, one actor uses his native Scottish accent. In one film, while attempting to repair electrical wiring, Major T.J King Kong sits atop one of these objects. Shortly after successful repairs, this object is dropped from the sky with Kong atop it, prompting him to wave his cowboy hat as this object descends to the ground. For 10 points, name this weapon, which the detonation of one in a Christopher Nolan biopic causes complete silence.

ANSWER: nuclear bomb [prompt on bomb or missile]

<Connor, Film>

40. Kōhsuke Kindaichi is a popular character in Japanese literature of this occupation, even to the point of having his own film adaptations in the 70s. In a 1924 silent comedy film, Buster Keaton falls asleep and dreams that he walks straight into the (*) movie screen to play a character of this occupation. In the beginning of a 1941 English novel, the protagonist of this profession takes a holiday in Devon and finds a former actress flirting with a man named Patrick Redfern. For 10 points, name this profession of famous characters like Columbo, Philip Marlowe, and Nancy Drew.

Answer: detective [accept police detective or Dick or private eye or sleuth or crime investigator].

<Erik, Otherlit>

41. Henderson et. al 2020 was a highly cited paper about the “climbing” problem that can occur during this chemical reaction. A “Tunnel Chamber,” which uses counter current flow between products and reactants, is often used for large scales of this reaction. The company MonoSol developed a polyvinyl alcohol matrix that can be used to simplify this reaction without needing to be removed part way through (*). Dr. Gronkowski made the public announcement “what the heck is going on people” after a video showing laboratory misuse of a quick start reagent pack for this chemical reaction surfaced online. Perchloroethylene is a common alternative solvent for this reaction—that reaction is called its “dry” form. They aren't centrifuges, but devices designed for this reaction typically spin between 1000 and 1600 RPM in order to wick away excess moisture. Depending on the flask used, it may be necessary to add quarters or use an app to add energy into this reaction. For 10 points, what common chemical reaction may involve a softener in addition to detergent, water, and clothing?

ANSWER: doing the laundry [accept washing clothing or equivalents, prompt on washing]

<Euan, Chemistry>

42. This country’s military stole an enemy P-12 radar installation during Operation Rooster-53 by disassembling it and loading it onto helicopters. Supporters of this country’s independence worked with the Panamanian government to create a fake airline to smuggle weapons stolen from U.S. military bases. Other aid principal to the founding of this country’s military was secretly provided by Czechoslovakia, which included 60 ex-British fighter planes painted in Yugoslav markings. Al Schwimmer, who founded this country’s primary aerospace defense company, organized a plan to smuggle 30 surplus B-17 bombers from the Azores to this country, circumventing an American arms embargo. Agents of this country infiltrated a Swiss facility in order to steal design plans for the Mirage 5 fighter-bomber, whose sale to this country was

cancelled due to a French arms embargo. That same embargo led to this country colluding with various businessmen to dupe the French into allow this country to steal five missile boats built for them being held in (*) Cherbourg. For 10 points, an Iraqi MiG-21 was stolen during Operation Diamond by agents of what country's Mossad?

ANSWER: The State of Israel

<Andrea, WHist>

43. If EA Miendlarzewska's theory of musical training and childhood brain development is to be applied to American children, Tony Hawk's second divorce could be cited as a primary instigator of this band's creation. Pitchfork's retrospective 2025 description of this band's self-titled album as a "holy text" within its genre was met with mixed reactions among its genre's primary audience. A sequel album sees one member of this band proclaim the end of their bloodline in one song by "popping these hormones (*)... that's what's up"; that song is "everybody's eyes." The declaration "there was a period of time you were my only friend" punctuates a song where the singer mournfully reflects on an abusive situation who they still think "deserve[s] a good life" by this musical duo. For 10 points, what hyperpop duo behind tracks like "credit card knife" and "mos thoser" consists of American artists Gupi and Fraxiom?

ANSWER: Food House

<Ben, AFA>