

Bowl Round 1 – MIDDLE SCHOOL

First Quarter

(1) One man who held this position is controversially the namesake of Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs. The only man to hold this position whose native language wasn't English was Martin van Buren. More recent holders of this position include Jimmy Carter and George W. Bush. For ten points, name the position held by the chief executive and commander in chief of the USA.

ANSWER: US **President**

(2) This nation is depicted in the six-part cycle *Ma Vlast*, whose best-known portion depicts the Vltava [**vul-TAH-vah**] River, or Moldau. This nation's composers have found inspiration in its landscapes in Bohemia near the border with Poland and Germany. Antonin Dvorak [**duh-VORE-zhok**] was from, for ten points, what modern-day country in Central Europe whose capital is Prague?

ANSWER: **Czech Republic** (or **Czechia**)

(3) In 1999, this country and its eastern neighbor established "Earthquake Diplomacy." In 2015, there was high speculation that this country would abandon the Euro. For ten points, name this Balkan country, currently ruled by the SYRIZA Party under Alexis Tsipras, which has suffered from a bad economy in Athens.

ANSWER: **Greece** (or **Hellenic Republic**)

(4) This country's government is divided between the princelings and the Youth League faction. This country has been controversially reclaiming land in the Spratly Islands. It signed the Paris Agreement with the United States, a significant step as this country is the largest producer of carbon emissions. For ten points, name this country led by Xi Jinping that hosted the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

ANSWER: People's Republic of **China**

(5) The slogan "Pike's Peak or Bust!" was used by people who traveled to Colorado to mine this material. This material was what people known as 49ers sought in California in the mid 19th century. For ten points, what precious metal is stored at Ft. Knox and has been the subject of namesake "rushes."

ANSWER: **gold**

(6) Winston Churchill lost his job as First Lord of the Admiralty for supporting a campaign in what is now this country, in which New Zealand and Australia provided troops. The Gallipoli Campaign was fought near the Dardanelles in what is now, for ten points, what Eurasian country, ruled from Ankara?

ANSWER: Republic of **Turkey**

(7) An engraving by Paul Revere shows an attack led by Thomas Preston in this city. John Adams won the acquittal of the six attackers, who fired into a crowd in this city, killing Crispus Attucks. For ten points, name this capital of Massachusetts where British soldiers carried out a 1770 "massacre."

ANSWER: **Boston**

(8) The capital of this country is home to the Alvorada Palace, designed by architect Oscar Niemeyer. Until 1960, this country's capital was a southern city overlooked by the statue of Christ the Redeemer. For ten points, name this South American country whose capital moved to a new planned city from Rio de Janeiro, and which hosted the 2016 Summer Olympics.

ANSWER: **Brazil**

Second Quarter

(1) Vladimir Putin said he did not mean to scare this leader after he brought his pet dog to a meeting with her in 2007. This leader's country received 1.1 million asylum seekers in 2015. The "triangle of power" hand gesture is often made by, for ten points, what current leader of the Christian Democratic Union and Chancellor of Germany, often cited as Europe's most powerful woman?

ANSWER: Angela **Merkel**

BONUS: A plurality of the asylum seekers in 2015 in Germany were fleeing a ongoing Civil War in which Middle Eastern country?

ANSWER: **Syria**

(2) This author's less famous works set in ancient times include *Coriolanus* and *Timon of Athens*. More famous are his works titled for English kings, such as *Henry the Fourth* and *Richard the Third*. For ten points, name this famous British playwright who also wrote plays titled after *Julius Caesar* and *Romeo and Juliet*.

ANSWER: William **Shakespeare**

BONUS: Which Shakespearean title character has a disastrous love affair with Cleopatra, with whom he lost the Battle of Actium?

ANSWER: Mark **Antony**

(3) This city's patron saint supposedly picked up his head and walked for miles after being martyred in a district of this city that now hosts the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. One university in this city was built in 1253 in its Latin Quarter. The Sorbonne University is located in, for ten points, what city, also home to the Louvre Museum which is the capital of France?

ANSWER: **Paris**

BONUS: In 1123, Maurice de Sully began construction of this Parisian cathedral, which is famous for its flying buttresses and a namesake hunchback.

ANSWER: **Notre Dame** de Paris

(4) The Plan of Ayala called for land redistribution as a component of this country's 1910 revolution, but revolutionaries in this country continued to oppose Francisco Madero for not doing enough to help the poor. Porfirio Diaz was a dictator of, for ten points, what North American country where rebels were led by Emiliano Zapata and Pancho Villa who also raided the USA to its north?

ANSWER: **Mexico** (or the United **Mexican** States)

BONUS: The Mexican Revolution came to an end with the 1917 enactment of one of these documents. The United Kingdom does not have a written version of this set of rules for governance.

ANSWER: **Constitution**

(5) This king wrote the Defense of the Seven Sacraments attacking Martin Luther. This man, who dissolved the monasteries, ordered his chief ministers Cardinal Wolsey and Thomas Cromwell to arrange an annulment and marriage to Anne Boleyn. For ten points, name this fat English King who founded the Church of England so that he could divorce the first of his six wives.

ANSWER: **Henry VIII** Tudor

BONUS: Henry's first, fifth, and sixth wives had this name. The first was a relative of Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain, the fifth was executed for adultery, and the last survived by outliving Henry.

ANSWER: **Catherine**

(6) This structure's completion was celebrated by the world's first ticker-tape parade. It was built on what was then known as Bedloe's Island, thanks in part to Joseph Pulitzer's fundraising drive. This statue depicts a broken chain at the feet of a woman holding a tablet reading "July 4, 1776." Frederic Bartholdi designed, for ten points, what green-hued statue in New York Harbor?

ANSWER: **Statue of Liberty**

BONUS: The Statue of Liberty was engineered by this Frenchman, the namesake of another monumental 19th century construction in France.

ANSWER: Gustave **Eiffel**

(7) This religion spread along the East African coast attracting merchants of this religion who previously traded at Mogadishu. This religion was spread across the Sahara desert by Berber traders, and in the Maghreb, it was spread by the Almoravid and Umayyad Dynasties. For ten points, name this religion that spread to Africa from the Middle East after its founding by the prophet Muhammad.

ANSWER: **Islam** (accept **Muslim** or **Sunni** Islam)

BONUS: The Umayyads held this type of Islamic state, led by a successor to Muhammad, in North Africa. In 2014, ISIS demanded the allegiance of all Muslims in claiming to have formed this type of state, a move that was roundly criticized.

ANSWER: **caliphate**

(8) In 1989, large storms on this planet were discovered by Voyager 2 and were named Scooter and the Great Dark Spot. Urbain Le Verrier was able to predict this planet's existence by studying the orbit of a neighboring planet. For ten points, name this planet with a methane-blue atmosphere that, after the demotion of Pluto, became the farthest planet of the Solar System.

ANSWER: **Neptune**

BONUS: Le Verrier mathematically predicted Neptune's existence by studying the orbit of this seventh planet from the Sun.

ANSWER: **Uranus**

Third Quarter

The categories are ...

1. English Civil War
2. Countries in World War II
3. Australia

English Civil War

Name the...

(1) English legislature that fought against the king and was reduced to "Rump" size by Pride's Purge.

ANSWER: (Rump) **Parliament**

(2) Island where Oliver Cromwell suppressed Royalists from his base in Dublin.

ANSWER: **Ireland**

(3) Kingdom to the north of England that intervened in the conflict.

ANSWER: **Scotland**

(4) The century in which it was fought.

ANSWER: **17th** (accept 1600's)

(5) Stuart monarch executed during the Civil War.

ANSWER: **Charles I** (prompt on Charles)

(6) Document, originally written to protect 13th century barons, which was cited by the Petition of Right leading up to the War.

ANSWER: **Magna Carta**

Countries in World War II

In World War II, which country...

(1) Was allied with Germany until the Allies invaded it and captured Rome?

ANSWER: **Italy**

(2) Was the first to be invaded by Germany, on September 1, 1939?

ANSWER: **Poland**

(3) Created the Maginot Line to defend against Germany, but quickly surrendered anyway?

ANSWER: **France**

(4) Attacked Japan with the first nuclear weapons used in war?

ANSWER: **United States** or **USA**

(5) Allied with Germany after it was invaded during the Winter War near Helsinki?

ANSWER: **Finland**

(6) Was where the battle of El Alamein in North Africa, preventing the seizure of the Suez Canal?

ANSWER: **Egypt**

Australia

Name the...

(1) European country that colonized it.

ANSWER: **United Kingdom** (or **UK**; accept Great **Britain**; accept **England**)

(2) Capital city that was planned and built in 1913?

ANSWER: **Canberra**

(3) City founded in 1788 on Botany Bay and is the site of a famous opera house.

ANSWER: **Sydney**

(4) Type of people initially sent to settle Australia as punishment.

ANSWER: **prisoners** (accept **convicts** or equivalents)

(5) The Australian island that separated from New South Wales in 1825.

ANSWER: **Tasmania** (accept **Van Diemen's Land**)

(6) Discoverer of its eastern coast, an explorer who sailed aboard the *Endeavour* and died on Hawaii.

ANSWER: James **Cook**

Fourth Quarter

(1) Description acceptable. **In 1975, Junko Tabei, who died in October 2016, became the first woman to perform this action, which often involves traversing the (+) Khumbu Icefall. After performing this action in 1988, Jean-Marc Boivin paraglided for his descent down to Camp 2. In 1953, Tenzing Norgay and Sir (*) Edmund Hillary became the first people to accomplish, for ten points, what feat of conquering the tallest peak in the Himalayas?**

ANSWER: climbing Mount Everest (or descriptions of submitting or reaching the top of Mount Everest)

(2) **Early construction at this site included a round ditch and pits known as Aubrey holes. The material for this structure may have been taken from Marlborough Downs (+) or Wales. The slabs that form the outer ring of this structure align with the sun during the summer and winter solstice. (*) For ten points, name this Neolithic structure on Salisbury Plain in Southern England.**

ANSWER: Stonehenge

(3) **In the Total War franchise, this empire's Nizam i-Cedit soldiers are named for its military reforms carried out by Selim III. In Civilization 5, this empire's naval maintenance costs are reduced by 67 percent due to the (+) "Barbary Corsairs" skill, and it can recruit Sipahi horseman and Janissary units. (*) For ten points, name this empire represented in numerous video games by Suleiman the Magnificent.**

ANSWER: Ottoman Empire

(4) **One work about these people is divided into sections concerning "History," "Psychology," and "Biology" and argues that these people have become a (+) passive "Other." One philosopher distinguished these people from barbarians and the uneducated to argue for their (*) suffrage. John Stuart Mill wrote about the Subjection of, for ten points, what group of people, the subjects of Simone de Beauvoir's *The Second Sex* who comprise slightly over 50% of humanity?**

ANSWER: women (accept equivalents)

(5) **This leader approved Lavrentiy Beria's plan for what became the Katyn massacre. This leader may have responded to a rebellion by organizing a (+) famine in Ukraine, the Holodomor. Hundreds of thousands of political opponents, including fellow (*) Communists, were killed in a Great Purge ordered by this man in the 1930's. For ten points, name this dictator of the USSR who ruled during World War II.**

ANSWER: Joseph Stalin

(6) **This crop is freeze dried and eaten as chunyo by the Quechua people, and has been since at least the 13th century. This crop arrived in Europe via Spanish sailors returning from the (+) Andes Mountains in Peru. An 1845 infestation caused a serious blight on this crop, dooming over a million people to (*) famine in Ireland. For ten points, name this starch, densely nutritious food that, in American cuisine, is commonly baked, mashed, or cooked into French fries.**

ANSWER: potatoes

(7) **This region was the origin of the H5N1 “bird flu” virus. The question of how to implement universal suffrage led to the (+) Occupy Central movement in this region, in which protesting students carried umbrellas to defend against police.** (*) For ten points, name this former British colony which, along with Macau, became part of China in the 1990s.

ANSWER: Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (or Xianggang Tebie Xingzhengqu)

(8) **This President’s administration threatened the end of food shipments to England if they recognized the United States’ opponent in a (+) 19th century war, for whom a British shipyard built a warship, the *Alabama*.** (*) For ten points, name this U.S. president whose relations with England were strained by war with the cotton-producing Confederacy before he was shot by John Wilkes Booth.

ANSWER: Abraham Lincoln

Extra Question

Only read if you need a backup or tiebreaker!

(1) **This city is home to the tomb of Ulysses S. Grant. An International style building in this city designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe has a bronze and glass facade. This home city of the (+) Seagram building includes a large park designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. One building in this city has corner decorations modeled after (*) radiator caps, and a large art deco style “crown.”** For ten points, name this city whose skyscrapers include the Chrysler Building and Empire State Building.

ANSWER: New York City (accept Manhattan)

BONUS: What sport, played by Lionel Messi and opposing soldiers during the Christmas Truce, names a brief 1969 war between El Salvador and Honduras?

ANSWER: football (or soccer; accept Football War or Soccer War; do not accept American football)