

## **2016 German History Bee – Final Round of 25 Questions and 5 tiebreakers**

1. The biographer Einhard spent much time in this city which was the first major city in what is now Germany to fall to advancing American troops in World War II. This city, also known as Aix-La-Chapelle in French, is where the Frankish Empire was led from in the early 9<sup>th</sup> century. For the point, name this German city near Cologne that is most famous for being the site of Charlemagne's court.

**Aachen**

2. In *Howard's End*, Helen Schlegel claims this piece represents "goblins marching across the universe." E.T.A. Hoffman wrote a glowing review of this piece, whose third movement begins similarly to the last movement of Mozart's Great G minor symphony. This piece is quoted in every movement of a piano sonata whose movements are named for famous New England authors. William Ives' *Concord Sonata* musically quotes, for the point, what symphony that opens "G, G, G, E flat," a motif described as "fate knocking at the door," that was composed by Ludwig van Beethoven?

Ludwig van **Beethoven's Symphony No. 5** in C minor (Beethoven not needed after mentioned)

3. This co-founder of the Neue Schule Hamburg acquired her one-word stage name while on a family vacation to Spain as a small girl. Her most famous song is actually about nuclear war, which is easy to overlook given its bouncy lyrics which may be sung either in German or English, where it became a global hit. For the point, name this German singer who as part of the New German Wave sang about Neunundneunzig Luftballons.

**Nena**

4. This man's father was a strong supporter of German reunification, though he found himself at odds with the German government which refused to support a major policy decision of his administration in 2003. This man famously gave a backrub to Angela Merkel, and during the final year of his administration, Barack Obama attracted a crowd in the tens of thousands in Berlin. For the point, name this US president, who was rather unpopular among Germans throughout most of his time in office.

**George W. Bush**

5. One city with this name used to contain what is now the city of Slubice (**swoo-BEE-tsu**) which became part of Poland in 1945. The first freely elected German parliament met in a different city of this name in 1848, but was unable to unify Germany. Since 2008, this city has hosted countless anti-capitalist protests outside the headquarters of the European Central Bank and Deutsche Bank. For the point, name this city on the Main river, the financial capital of Germany.

**Frankfurt**

6. In a letter to his wife, Walter Congreve stated he did not participate in this event as he "thought they might not be able to resist a general." On the 100th anniversary of this event, members of the Royal Welch Fusiliers recreated a soccer game at a Frelinghien monument. Pope Benedict XV advocated for an official version of this event by asking "that the guns may fall silent, at least upon the night the angels sang." A photo of this event shows British and German Soldiers standing arm-in-arm between opposing trenches. For the point, name this very brief lull in World War I that took place in December 1914.

World War I **Christmas Truce** (accept descriptions of soldiers not fighting on Christmas; prompt on truce, ceasefire, etc.)

7. At one of these events in 1980, Gundolf Kohler was killed while carrying out a bombing that killed 12 other people. This event, which takes place in Ludwigsvorstadt-Isarvorstadt, commemorates Ludwig I's marriage to Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen, and has grown to become the most massive concentration of dirndls and lederhosen on the planet. For the point, name this annual festival held in Munich, a 16-day celebration of beer that starts on the third Saturday in September and ends at the beginning of its namesake month.

### **Oktoberfest**

8. This composer wrote the piece "A new song we raise" in response to the execution of Johann Esch and Heinrich Voes. J.S. Bach wrote a set of canonic variations on his Christmas piece "Vom Himmel hoch." Another of his hymns was quoted in the finale of Felix Mendelssohn's fifth symphony, written for the 300th anniversary of the Augsburg Confession. "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" was written by, for the point, what German whose hymns and other religious writings, including the Ninety-Five Theses, helped initiate the Protestant Reformation?

Martin **Luther**

9. This publication was led by one man for 55 years, Rudolf Augstein, who founded it together with a British army officer in 1947. This publication helped uncover the Flick Affair, and it is widely known for investigative journalism led from its headquarters in Hamburg. For the point, name this most influential German newsmagazine with a distinctive red border whose name means "the mirror" in English.

Der **Spiegel**

10. This group largely took inspiration from Carlos Marighella's Minimanual of the Urban Guerilla. Members of this group committed suicide during "death night" while being held in Stammheim Prison. The first incarnation of this group is referred to as the Baader-Meinhof Gang, and it was responsible for the deaths of Jurgen Ponto and Hanns Schleyer during the 1977 German Autumn. For the point, name this West German left-wing terrorist group that operated during the 1970s.

**Red Army Faction** (or Rote Armee Fraktion; prompt on Baader-Meinhof Gang)

11. Robert F. Kennedy and KGB spy Georgi Bolshakov once diffused a conflict that took place at this specific location. Counterparts to this location were found at Dreilindeneck and Friedrichstrasse train station, which military members could not use. This location was near the strategically situated Café Adler and it took its name from the NATO phonetic alphabet. For the point, name this crossing point between East and West Berlin where a museum currently documents the Cold War.

**Checkpoint Charlie** (prompt on Berlin, prompt on Berlin Wall)

12. Since leaving his highest political office, this man has become a leader of a consortium seeking to increase Russian gas exports to Germany via a Baltic Sea pipeline. This man was in office for a much shorter time than his predecessor or successor, but he helped pass the influential Hartz-IV (Hartz Four) reforms that led in part to Germany ultimately having fewer unemployment problems than France or Italy. For the point, name this German SPD chancellor who served after Helmut Kohl and before Angela Merkel.

Gerhard **Schroeder**

13. A man pretending to be East German astronaut Sigmund Jähn claims to replace Erich Honecker in this film. This film, which was both set and filmed near Alexanderplatz features the actor Daniel Bruehl whose character falls in love with a Soviet nurse. At the end of this movie, Germany is reunified, and the dramatic tension of keeping the fall of the Berlin Wall from the main character's mother is resolved. For the point, name this popular 2003 German film about metaphorically bidding farewell to the founder of Soviet communism.

**Good Bye, Lenin**

14. This nation's inhabitants refer to Germans as Piefkes and is the only other Western European country to commonly use the title of chancellor for its head of government. A man who was born in what is now this country briefly united this country with Germany in a move that was very popular among many of its residents in 1938. This country's name means Eastern kingdom in German, a reference to its geographic location vis a vis the Frankish Empire. For the point, name this nation that in an earlier form contested the question of German dualism with Prussia.

**Austria**

15. This man's work was supported and funded by Johann Fust, who later sued this man to collect on the debt. Twenty-one copies of this man's edition of the Vulgate, using 42-line pages, are currently known and complete; the most recent of those to be sold went for over two million dollars at auction in 1978. For the point, name this 15th century publisher from Mainz whose introduction of the movable-type printing press revolutionized Europe.

Johannes **Gutenberg**

16. It's not Marilyn Monroe, but this woman is purported to have had a brief affair with JFK during a White House visit in 1962, her other lovers included John Wayne, George Bernard Shaw, and Frank Sinatra. She first came to prominence when directed by Joseph von Sternberg as Lola-Lola in *The Blue Angel*, and late in life successfully lobbied against closing the Babelsberg film studios. For the point, name this glamorous German-American actress who became a style icon over a six decade career in show business.

Marlene **Dietrich**

17. Ernst von Bandel designed a statue to this man that after several decades was finally completed at the end for the Franco-Prussian War. This man attacked the forces of Varus in AD 9, wiping out three legions in a battle where he took advantage of the Roman troops being strung out while marching. For the point, name this commander of the Cherusci who won the Battle of Teutoburg Forest.

**Arminius** or Hermann (the German)

18. Early work toward this discovery was made by Philippe-Charles Schmerling in the Belgian Engis Caves, as well as a specimen found in Gibraltar. Johann Fuhlrott suggested the name for this species, based on the river valley near Dusseldorf where its first fossils were discovered. In 2014, scientists announced that this species died out during a European ice age before *Homo sapiens* reached the continent. For the point, name this subspecies of genus *Homo* that lived some tens of thousands of years ago.

**Neanderthal** (or *homo (sapiens) neanderthalensis*)

19. A line separating northern regions that produce this product from regions specializing in producing a different product to the south roughly parallels the Limes, or the former Northern border of the Roman Empire. Roughly 20% of all producers of this product in the world are found in Bavaria, including the nearly millennium old Weihenstephaner. This product has been produced for centuries according to the Reinheitsgebot, and leading German exporters of it include Loewenbraeu and Becks. For the point, name this stereotypically German beverage, which also names a famous hall where a putsch occurred in Munich

**Beer**

20. One work by this man shows a figure wearing a crown of snakes. One of this man's works features a sphere, a truncated cube, a magic square, and a frustrated angel. This man depicted St. Jerome working on the Vulgate in his study in another work, and tried to depict a rhinoceros in another. For the point, name this German artist of *Melancholia I* and *Knight, Death, and the Devil*, two of his many engravings, in addition to numerous woodcuts of apocalyptic scenes.

Albrecht **Durer**

21. This organization labeled itself the "Shield and Sword of the Party." One leader of this organization, Markus Wolf, installed Gunter Guillaume as secretary for Willy Brandt, leading to Brandt's resignation. According to legend, one in seven citizens served as informants for this group, whose records have been open to the public since reunification. For the point, name this "Ministry for State Security," a secret police force that operated in East Germany.

### **Stasi**

22. A song by the Rolling Stones claims "I rode a tank in the general's rank when "this" raged and the bodies stank. This technique was explained in works such as Heinz Guderian's *Achtung Panzer!* and it featured prominently in the initial sweep through the Ardennes Forest and around the Maginot Line. This term in German means lightning war. For the point, name this method of quick invasions making use of combined arms and motorized infantry that Germany used to great effect during the opening stages of World War II.

### **Blitzkrieg**

23. This event was blamed in 2001 for giving half the animals in the Berlin Zoo diarrhea. It originally grew out of a birthday party for Matthias Roeingh under the motto Friede Freude Eierkuchen, or Peace, Love, Pancakes. It was originally held on the Kurfurstendamm, but moved to the Tiergarten, where over a million people attended in 1997. For the point, name this techno festival that was permanently cancelled after 21 people were killed in a stampede at its 2009 version in Duisburg.

### **Love Parade**

24. This man was captured on Garibaldi Street and later dressed in a flight attendant's uniform to be smuggled out of Argentina. After he arrived in Israel, Hannah Arendt coined the phrase "the banality of evil" as he stood trial for crimes during the Third Reich. For the point, name this former Nazi and logistical architect of the Holocaust who was hanged in 1962.

### **Adolf Eichmann**

25. These people are the namesake of a linguistics law that describes how consonants developed from Proto-Indo European into Proto-Germanic. Despite that achievement, they are best known for cataloging such works as *The Goose Girl* and *The Frog Prince*, which can be analyzed along the principles of Jungian and Freudian psychology. For the point, name these siblings who systematically launched the study of German folklore by writing down tales such as *Cinderella* and *Hansel and Gretel*.

### **Brothers Grimm**

## **Tiebreaks**

51. A famous painting by Johann Tischbein shows this man in the Roman campagna during his Italian journey. A rash of suicides followed the publication of one of this man's works though he lived into his 80's before dying in Weimar. This native of Frankfurt is today the namesake both of the major university in Frankfurt and a series of centers that promote Germany and German culture abroad. For the point, name this Romantic German poet and author, most famous for writing *Faust*.

Johann Wolfgang von **Goethe**

52. Matthias Mueller took over this company after Martin Winterkorn, its former CEO resigned in disgrace. This company's shares are controlled in large part by the state of Lower Saxony as well as by Porsche. This company first faced a scandal relating to defeat devices in 1974, which then erupted into a much larger scandal among its diesel models in 2015. For the point, name this "people's car" whose models include the Golf and the Passat.

## **Volkswagen**

53. This party discussed the rehabilitation of its country's military in the Himmerod memorandum. The Black Money exposed this party's secret bank accounts, which disgraced its former leader, Helmut Kohl. This party's leaders Ludwig Erhard and Konrad Adenauer sparked an "economic miracle" in its country post-World War II, and it has participated in various "Grand Coalitions" with the Social Democratic Party. For the point, name this center-right political party in Germany, currently led by Angela Merkel. **Christian Democratic Union** (accept the Christian Democratic party)

54. The city of Magdeburg was nearly completely destroyed during this 17<sup>th</sup> century conflict. This conflict featured a Scandinavian king leading one side before he died at the Battle of Lutzen. The twin treaties that ended this war were named for the cities of Muenster and Osnabrueck in what is now Westphalia. For the point, name this conflict that devastated much of present-day Germany from 1618-1648.

## **Thirty Years' War**

55. J.S. Bach's Musical Offering is dedicated to this man, who was caught with Hans Hermann von Katte in a failed escape to Britain. This man described his enemies' failure to occupy Berlin as the "Miracle of the House of Brandenburg." This patron of Voltaire argued in favor of enlightened despotism as domestic policy and consolidated his territory against Russian strength via the first Partition of Poland. For the point, name this 18th century Prussian king, a "Great" ruler during the Seven Years War.

## **Frederick the Great**