

2016 German History Bee – Prelim Round of 25 Questions

1. This politician refused to accept the plagiarism-inspired resignation of Defense Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg. This politician has become known for a hand gesture and has been in office since 2005. In 2015, this politician noted that "multiculturalism leads to parallel societies" and, therefore, "remains a grand delusion," echoing a 2010 announcement that immigrants and native German speakers living side-by-side "has failed, utterly failed." For the point, name this current, and first female, Chancellor of Germany.

Angela **Merkel**

2. This state was the only one to protest the signing the 1949 Basic Law, but agreed to follow it anyway. One war to prevent Hapsburg annexation of this state was derisively called the War of the Potatoes. One king of this state, ruled by the Wittelsbachs, was declared mad due to his artistic patronage, including supporting Richard Wagner and building Neuschwanstein [[**noysh-von-shtein**]] Castle. Ludwig II was king of, for the point, what largest German state by area whose capital is Munich?

Bavaria (or **Bayern**)

3. The protagonist of this novel feels guilt after failing to send money to the family of Gerard Duval, whom he stabbed. *The Road Back* is the sequel to this novel. This novel's main characters serve in the company of the strict Himmelstoss, and many of them were encouraged to enlist by the schoolmaster Kantorek. Boots are repeatedly swapped in this novel, in which Kat is killed while being carried to safety by the protagonist. This novel ends when a stray bullet strikes Paul Baumer. For the point, name this World War I novel by Erich Maria Remarque.

All Quiet on the Western Front

4. One depiction of this event apparently shows its passengers looking out the windows, but that film was a year old at the time of this event. Herbert Morrison's account of this event for WLS, recorded at a slow speed, was later added to newsreel footage. A.A. Hoehling argued that this event was the result of sabotage by rigger Eric Spehl, who died at Lakehurst Station. Thirty-six people died during, for the point, what May 1937 disaster in which the hydrogen-filled envelope of a German zeppelin caught fire, an event reported to the public with the quote "Oh, the humanity!"?

Hindenburg disaster

5. This specific place is where Luz Long finished second to a man who would go on to win four different events here. This location saw Italy and France compete in 2006 though it was built for an event seventy years before then. This sporting venue is one of the most prominent remaining examples of Nazi architecture in Berlin. For the point, name this sporting venue in the Western part of Berlin where Jesse Owens upstaged Hitler at an event meant to show Germanic athletic superiority.

Olympiastadion or the Berlin **Olympic Stadium**

6. This language is the primary language spoken among the population of Kiryas Joel, New York and it is written from right to left in a non-Roman script. Containing many Russian and Polish loanwords, it in turn introduced words such as “schmear” and “lox” into English. While derived mostly from High German, its population of speakers dropped dramatically in Europe after the Holocaust. For the point, name this Germanic language which is now mostly spoken among Orthodox Jews in the USA and Israel.

Yiddish

7. This man once walked over a hundred miles to Lubeck to hear Dietrich Buxtehude play on the organ. This man had numerous children including Carl Philip Emanuel and Johann Christian, both of whom followed this man in his line of work. This man is known for his Toccata and Fugue as well as for writing the Brandenburg Concertos. For the point, name this German baroque composer of many religious pieces, including the Mass in B Minor.

Johann Sebastian **Bach**

8. This region’s mountains, including the Schauinsland, have been affected adversely by acid rain during the years after World War II. This region’s culinary specialties include a namesake chocolate cake that contains cherries. This region, which figures prominently in folklore, parallels the Rhine as it enters Germany from Switzerland. For the point, name this landscape in Baden-Wurttemberg which is more accurately a low mountain range, as opposed to strictly being a forest.

Black Forest or Schwarzwald (prompt on Baden or Baden-Wurttemberg before “chocolate cake)

9. This organization made use of buildings called kontors and was instrumental in opening up Novgorod to the West. Bremen and Hamburg still describe themselves as cities named for this organization which gained privileges for its members throughout England and other countries in Northern Europe. For the point, name this organization of North German cities that dominated trade on the Baltic Sea in the late middle ages and early modern period.

Hanseatic League or Hanse

10. This man scored three goals in a 8-0 World Cup win for Germany over Saudi Arabia at the start of the 2002 World Cup. While he claims he nearly ended up playing for Poland, where he was born, Germany is grateful that he spent four World Cups playing for Germany, during which he became the all-time World Cup leading goal scorer. For the point, name this striker, formerly of Werder Bremen and Bayern Munich, whose last World Cup game ended with a win over Brazil in 2014.

Miroslav **Klose**

11. This novel's author was once a prisoner of war among the Germans, and he took this novel's title from a location where he survived a bombing. This novel mused that there must be a lot of human bone meal in the ground in Dresden, though it also is a work of science fiction about its main character, Billy Pilgrim. For the point, name this novel by Kurt Vonnegut whose title refers to a meat processing building where like its author, its main character survives the bombing of Dresden.

Slaughterhouse Five

12. Bismarck once remarked that people should not see how either laws or these things are made. It's not sauerkraut, but a type of this food was renamed with the modifier "Victory" during World War I in the USA. Popular types of this in Germany include Thueringer and Nurnberger while a white version of this is commonly eaten with sweet mustard in Bavaria. For the point, name this type of food that is often a staple meat in German cooking.

Sausages or **Bratwurst**

13. This man's sister, Elisabeth, made posthumous edits to his work that made him seem more anti-Semitic than he was. This man suffered a mental breakdown after hugging a horse that was being whipped on a central square in Turin, and prior to that, he had written works such as *On the Genealogy of Morals* and *Beyond Good and Evil*. For the point, name this controversial German philosopher who was known for his maxims, such as "God is dead" which he published in works such as *The Gay Science* and *Thus Spake Zarathustra*.

Friedrich **Nietzsche**

14. This man suffered a serious setback when his subordinate, Walter Thiel, was killed and his workplace destroyed during Operation Hydra. This member of the Peenemunde group was lauded in propaganda for creating new "wunderwaffen" by Joseph Goebbels. After the war, this man was headquartered in Huntsville, as Operation Paperclip brought him to the United States. The phrase "I aim for the stars but, sometimes, I hit London" was used to mock, for the point, what German rocket scientist who developed the V-2?

Wernher **Von Braun**

15. One employee of this company, Gerhard Domagk, won a Nobel Prize but was arrested by the Nazis for contemplating accepting it. This company appointed Fritz ter Meer as its chair shortly after he finished his prison term for Nazi war crimes. Felix Hoffmann's work with this company included an acetylation of morphine, creating a compound that this company trademarked as heroin. For the point, name this German pharmaceutical company whose chemists synthesized acetylsalicylic acid, or aspirin.

Bayer AG

16. This city was where *Achtung, Baby* was recorded, and David Hasselhoff claimed to be instrumental in the demise of a structure in this city. This city is where Spartacist league member Karl Liebknecht was assassinated, and where a man famous compared himself to a baked good at Rathaus Schoeneberg. Christopher Isherwood wrote a book entitled "Goodbye to *this city*" which was famous for its decadence in the 1920's. For the point, name this cultural hotspot where the Blue Man Group has performed for over 10 years at a theater near Potsdamer Platz.

Berlin

17. This party was at the center of a frequent flyer miles scandal in 2002 that forced the temporary resignation of Cem (**pr. Jem**) Ozdemir. This party was affiliated with the group Bundnis 90, and it first entered a coalition government in the Bundestag with the SPD in the late 1990's under Joschka Fischer. For the point, name this political party that has often espoused left-wing causes such as fighting genetically modified organisms and denuclearization.

Green Party or Die **Gruenen**

18. US Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson took a leave of absence to travel to this city. This city, considered the largest in Franken, or Franconia, is known for its toy museum and well-preserved medieval walls, but it is best known for being both the site of massive rallies and a series of procedures where Hermann Goering committed suicide. For the point, name this city where after World War II, the Allies established a war crimes tribunal to try former high-ranking Nazis.

Nuremberg

19. This group's time in Germany was profiled by Malcolm Gladwell as an example of the 10,000 hour rule establishing the amount of time it takes to become a leading expert in one's field. That time this group spent in Germany saw Stu Sutcliffe fall in love with Astrid Kirchherr before dying in her arms, and the release of the songs "Sie liebt dich" and "Komm gib mir deine Hand". Those songs by this band are better known in English as "She Loves You" and "I Want to Hold your Hand". For the point, name this band that spent several years in Hamburg playing many clubs near the Reeperbahn before John, Paul, George and Ringo achieved worldwide fame.

The **Beatles**

20. This food was originally cooked horizontally before Hacı İskender of the city of Bursa adjusted the position it was prepared in. Annual sales of this product in Germany have grown over the past few decades to approximately 2.5 billion euros while a disproportionately high number of shops has kept the cost of this food in Berlin lower than in the rest of Germany. For the point, name this food prepared by many recent Turkish immigrants which involves meat being heated on a vertical cooking spit.

Doener Kebabs (Accept either or both together)

21. One leader of these people named Johann Rall was overwhelmed during an attack on Christmas night. Those people had been serving as mercenaries on a different continent from their homeland in 1776 when attacked during the Battle of Trenton. Other people known as these have lived in or near Central German cities such as Darmstadt or Kassel. For the point, name these people who live in the German state where Frankfurt am Main is found.

Hessians

22. This woman was featured prominently in magic shows by David Copperfield, whom she rather inexplicably was married to for six years. This former partner of Elle MacPherson and Naomi Campbell in the Fashion Café restaurant was a major factor in the rising popularity of Guess Jeans in the 1990's. For the point, name this woman who was discovered in a Dusseldorf nightclub before becoming along with Heidi Klum, the most successful German supermodel.

Claudia **Schiffer**

23. This publication has for years published in various cities in Spain for the German expatriates who are found there. It ran the headline "Wir sind Papst" upon the election of Josef Ratzinger as pope, meaning "We are pope" and it was founded by Axel Springer in 1952. This publication still has a circulation higher than any American newspaper, or indeed, than any other newspaper outside Asia. For the point, name this influential German tabloid, whose name means "Picture" in German.

Bild

24. Harry Truman spent time at this city's Schloss Cecilienhof in 1945, where he reached a major decision about the use of the atomic bomb on Japan. This city is where Voltaire was once a guest at Sans Souci, one of this city's many former royal residences. This city survived World War II in much better shape than Berlin and was thus in part selected for a conference that laid the groundwork for much of post-war Europe. For the point, name this city which is found just southwest of Berlin.

Potsdam

25. This man negotiated the Gastein Convention with Austria after a war with Denmark, then reneged on it and soon engineered a war against Austria itself. During that war, Prussia was victorious at Koeniggratz, after which this man's manipulation of the Ems Dispatch led to war with France. This man's adroit diplomacy led to the rise of the German Empire before he was removed as chancellor by Kaiser Wilhelm II. For the point, name this man who claimed that blood and iron would settle the questions of the day.

Otto von **Bismarck**