



## ONLINE QUIZ LEAGUE - REGIONS

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## Round 1

1a	In the soundtrack of <i>Civilization 6</i> , what modern country's theme is based on the real-world folk song <i>Kalinka</i> ? This was included as one of the themes on early versions of Tetris.	<b><u>RUSSIA</u></b>
1b	The Archdiocese of Detroit has long permitted Catholics in the area to eat which swamp-dwelling rodent on days of abstinence during Lent, where meat from animals other than fish is normally forbidden? A Captain and Tennille song about these furry rodents' amorous adventures includes sound effects meant to evoke them doing the...well, you know.	<b><u>MUSKRAT</u></b>
2a	Alchemical practice in the West was generally dedicated to which ancient Greek deity? A term referencing this deity and referring to an alchemical method of sealing containers for transformation has made its way into modern English as a synonym for "sealed in such a way as to be impervious to the elements".	<b><u>HERMES</u></b> Trismegistus [the referenced term is "hermetically sealed"]
2b	In Jewish mythology, what term names an evil spirit that can cling to a person's soul? The 2012 horror film <i>The Possession</i> centers around one of these beings.	<b><u>DYBBUK</u></b>
3a	The Persian mathematician Al-Khwarizmi is known as the father of algorithms, which get their name from a Latinization of his own. What other important word takes its name from the title of his work, the <i>Compendious Book on Calculation by Completion and Balancing</i> ?	<b><u>ALGEBRA</u></b>
3b	What very northerly city in Scotland is regarded as the "capital of the Highlands"? It lies near the site of the battle of Culloden Moor.	<b><u>INVERNESS</u></b>
4a	Formerly the home of the local NBA team and adjacent to Joe Louis Arena, Cobo Arena was the site of 1994's famed Nancy Kerrigan attack. In what city did this occur?	<b><u>DETROIT</u></b>
4b	One of Rocky Balboa's training exercises involves running up the stairs of which building in Philadelphia? The actual building has since installed a Rocky statue at the bottom of the stairs that is popular for photo ops. You may provide either the general type of building, or its actual name.	Philadelphia <b><u>MUSEUM</u></b> of Art; basically anything including "museum" ("Art Museum", etc.) is acceptable here.

## Round 2

1a	Which Indian independence activist is considered the primary architect of the country's constitution, and played a particularly important role in ensuring that protections for scheduled castes were written into that document? He served as India's first Minister of Law and Justice and was a Buddhist activist after his conversion later in life.	B.R. (Bhimrao Ramji) <b><u>AMBEDKAR</u></b>
1b	2023's <i>Camp Damascus</i> , a horror novel set in a conversion camp, is the first traditionally published work by which author, who first made his name with self-published dinosaur erotica?	Chuck <b><u>TINGLE</u></b>
2a	What Chicago rapper—who is definitely a rapper, as his stage name will tell you—has parlayed his success with albums like <i>Coloring Book</i> into a role as a new coach on NBC's <i>The Voice</i> as of 2023?	<b><u>CHANCE</u></b> the Rapper
2b	In 2015, which then-73-year-old lifestyle magnate gave a gloriously profane speech at a Comedy Central roast of Justin Bieber? After talking about her time in prison she closed by propositioning the Beebs, describing herself as "a playa in the board room and a freak in the bedroom".	Martha <b><u>STEWART</u></b>
3a	What combat sport is contested at the Olympics in Greco-Roman and Freestyle varieties?	<b><u>WRESTLING</u></b>
3b	Sandy Denton and Cheryl Jones became friends as coworkers at a Sears call center in Queens. The two would become famous as members of what hip-hop act, whose national hits included "Push It" and "Let's Talk About Sex"?	<b><u>SALT-N-PEPA</u></b>
4a	What type of medicine is abbreviated by the "O" in the common professional suffix "D.O."? Often found in family medicine or working alongside M.Ds, these doctors have additional training in musculoskeletal manipulation.	<b><u>OSTEOPATHic</u></b> / OSTEOPATHY
4b	What winner of the 2022 Nobel Prize in Economics, perhaps the most prominent public figure ever to do so, was also the 2009 <i>Time</i> Person of the Year?	Ben <b><u>BERNANKE</u></b>

### Round 3

1a	Though many of those famous "phobia" words are kind of made up, there is a descriptive entry in the DSM-5 for the phobia known as "thalassophobia," the fear of what? This is often exacerbated when traveling.	large bodies of <b><u>WATER</u></b> (accept any large body of water such as "ocean" or "lake", or just "water")
1b	Many countries that were never Marxist-Leninist are still Socialist Republics. One of these is which island country off the southeastern coast of India?	<b><u>SRI LANKA</u></b>
2a	When Louisville won March Madness in 1980 and 1986, they represented what bygone athletic conference? Its short name came from the sizable locations of many founding members: Tulane, St. Louis University, Cincinnati, and Memphis State among others.	<b><u>METRO</u></b> Conference (do not accept "Metro Atlantic," a totally different thing; this conference did merge with another to become Conference USA but that is also incorrect here)
2b	Donald Duck, José Carioca, and Panchito Pistoles are the title characters of which 1944 Disney feature, one of the studio's first to combine live action and animation? They're not "Amigos," but another Spanish word.	The <b><u>THREE CABALLEROS</u></b>
3a	The 1996 album "No Code" is the only album with more than one word in its title among the first six offerings by what band? Other albums included "Yield" and "Binaural."	<b><u>PEARL JAM</u></b>
3b	Which Taiwanese-Canadian fashion designer is most famous for creating both of Michelle Obama's inaugural gowns?	Jason <b><u>WU</u></b>
4a	Photographer Joe Rosenthal is best known for his photograph of American soldiers raising a flag on Mount Suribachi on which Japanese island in the aftermath of a World War II battle there?	<b><u>IWO JIMA</u></b> (or <b><u>IŌ TŌ</u></b> )
4b	Which Swiss-born architect and urban planner vandalized Eileen Gray's modernist landmark house E-1027 with unauthorized murals on the walls? This architect was obsessed with E-1027, which conformed to some of his own "Five Points of Architecture".	Le <b><u>CORBUSIER</u></b> (or Charles-Édouard <b><u>JEANNERET</u></b> )

**Round 4**

1a	Who was the only playable woman character in <i>Street Fighter II</i> ? This iconic Chinese fighter is known for her lightning kicks and Spinning Bird Kick.	<b><u>CHUN LI</u></b>
1b	In anime and manga fandom, what term refers to the feelings of affection, warmth, and preciousness generated by adorable characters, particularly youthful feminine ones?	<b><u>MOE</u></b> [pr. "MOW-eh"; be generous]
2a	Also described as an inclined plane wrapped around a central cylinder, which of the six classical simple machines converts rotational motion to linear motion?	<b><u>SCREW</u></b>
2b	What is the most common U.S. county name that does not feature the name of a person? The most populous contains Elizabeth, New Jersey, and there are ironically 6 counties of this name in former Confederate states.	<b><u>UNION</u></b> County
3a	Which former U.S. Secretary of State wrote the memoir <i>Read My Pins: Stories from a Diplomat's Jewel Box</i> ?	Madeleine <b><u>ALBRIGHT</u></b> (born Marie <b><u>KORBELOVA</u></b> )
3b	A 2016 play by Scott Sheppard and Jennifer Kidwell centers around two teachers who devise a game to teach students about which historical phenomenon? In the play, students are split into Union and Confederate teams, and some of them must smuggle baby dolls along this route.	<b><u>UNDERGROUND RAILROAD</u></b> (the play is called <i>Underground Railroad Game</i> )
4a	What do the four letters "T.R.O.Y." stand for in the title of a rap hit by Pete Rock and CL Smooth? The song is about childhood memories.	<b><u>THEY REMINISCE OVER YOU</u></b>
4b	Which Italian word for the collaborative workshop of an artist also appears in the name of a major fashion house founded in Vicenza but partly named after Venice; an online coding education program; and an Italian winery of prosecco and sparkling wines?	<b><u>BOTTEGA</u></b>

HALFTIME – SWITCH SIDES!

## Round 5

1a	The Red Wings and Pistons now play in a Detroit arena nicknamed "the Pizza Box" because its lead sponsor is what chain, featuring a man who holds a pizza on a spear in its logo? Along with the Red Wings, this Michigan-based chain is owned by the Ilitch family.	<b><u>LITTLE CAESARS</u></b>
1b	Despite Rocky's skepticism, his coach Mickey Goldmill has him chase which very common farm animal through a back alley in <i>Rocky II</i> ? Mickey says "if you can catch this thing, you can catch greased lightning."	<b><u>CHICKEN</u></b>
2a	Which Saudi Arabian-born Indian independence activist was the youngest-ever president of the Indian National Congress? A staunch opponent of Partition and advocate for a secular government, he was one of the drafters of India's constitution and served as the nation's first-ever Education Minister after independence.	Maulana <b><u>AZAD</u></b> [Abul Kalam <b>AZAD</b> , Abul Kalam Ghulam <b>MUHIYUDDIN</b> ]
2b	Chuck Tingle's short story "Space Raptor Butt Invasion" was a 2016 finalist for which major literary award? Tingle celebrated the occasion of his nomination with a series of self-published works in which the manifestation of this award pounds him in the butt.	<b><u>HUGO</u></b> Award (accept other synonyms for "Award" so long as "Hugo" is given)
3a	What type of medicine is abbreviated by the "P" in the common professional suffix "D.P.M"? Such doctors treat a specific part of the body.	<b><u>PODIATRIC</u></b> / PODIATRY (note this is not "pediatrics")
3b	What advisor to Reagan, after he retired from the University of Chicago, was the 1976 winner of the Nobel Prize in Economics?	Milton <b><u>FRIEDMAN</u></b>
4a	In the soundtrack of <i>Civilization 6</i> , what modern country's theme is based on the classical guitar piece <i>Memories of the Alhambra</i> , by countryman Francisco Tarrega?	<b><u>SPAIN</u></b>
4b	In 2010, the Archbishop of New Orleans stated in a letter that which large reptile was "considered in the fish family" and acceptable to eat on Lenten days of abstinence? Their ribs, tails, and backs are used in Cajun cuisine, and in Florida hunters can get permits to collect two per year, although the ones you'll find on restaurant menus are farmed.	American <b><u>ALLIGATOR</u></b>

## Round 6

1a	The song "They Reminisce Over You T.R.O.Y." by Pete Rock and CL Smooth is Troy Dixon, better known as Trouble T. Roy, who was a hype man in what successful rap group led by Pete Rock's Jamaican-born cousin?	<b><u>HEAVY D AND THE BOYZ</u></b> (accept anything with "Heavy D" and "Boyz." Prompt on parts.)
1b	What French word for a workshop also appears in the name of Dominique Crenn's flagship restaurant in San Francisco; a line of clean beauty products founded by and named for Gucci Westman; and the name of a Playstation series of Japanese RPGs?	<b><u>ATELIER</u></b>
2a	There is a descriptive entry in the DSM-5 for the phobia known as "trypanophobia," the fear of what? This is often exacerbated when visiting a medical professional.	<b><u>NEEDLES</u></b> (accept equivalents like "getting shots", etc.)
2b	Many countries that were never Marxist-Leninist are still Socialist Republics. One of these is which North African country that borders Morocco and is the largest by area in Africa?	<b><u>ALGERIA</u></b>
3a	Soviet photographer Yevgeny Khaldei is best known for his photograph of Red Army soldiers raising a flag over the Reichstag in the aftermath of the World War II battle of which capital city?	<b><u>BERLIN</u></b>
3b	Which Chinese artist actually had to destroy two artifacts for his 1995 photographic performance triptych <i>Dropping a Han Dynasty Urn</i> , as the photographer was not able to capture the first attempt? He revisited the vase vandalism motif in 2010's <i>Colored Vases</i> , where he dipped Neolithic vases in inexpensive industrial paint.	<b><u>AI</u></b> Weiwei (prompt on "Weiwei")
4a	Who was the only playable woman character in <i>Mortal Kombat</i> ? This special forces agent uses a handstand leg grab and a purple projectile.	<b><u>SONYA BLADE</u></b> (accept either name)
4b	In anime and manga fandom, what term refers to characters who initially present as haughty or aloof before revealing a softer and more moé side?	<b><u>TSUNDERE</u></b> [pr. tsoon-de-RAY; be generous]

## Round 7

1a	Which archaic term for sulfur-containing compounds—such as sulfuric acid—may have its origin in an alchemical acronym meaning "visit the interior of the earth, and purifying you will find the hidden stone"? This term is the etymological origin for an English noun referring to harsh rhetoric.	<b><u>VITRIOL</u></b> (accept any word form)
1b	In Jewish mythology, what term names the product of a union between an angel, or elohim, and a human woman? In the Hebrew Bible, they are described as giants wandering the Earth.	<b><u>NEPHILIM</u></b>
2a	What vehicular sport is contested at the Olympics in road, track, and mountain varieties?	<b><u>CYCLING</u></b> (be generous and accept things like "bicycle")
2b	Among Salt-n-Pepa's coworkers at that Sears call center were Kid 'n' Play and which comedian? After hosting <i>Def Comedy Jam</i> and starring on a namesake mid-90s sitcom, he starred in films like <i>Bad Boys</i> and <i>Big Momma's House</i> .	Martin <b><u>LAWRENCE</u></b>
3a	The second new coach on NBC's <i>The Voice</i> in 2023 is Niall Horan, who was a member of what mega-successful UK boy band that formed on <i>X Factor</i> in 2010?	<b><u>ONEDIRECTION</u></b>
3b	Since 2014, Martha Stewart has been in a feud with which actress-turned-dubious lifestyle guru? As part of the feud, <i>Martha Stewart Living</i> ran a dessert article called "Conscious Coupling," leading this actress to respond with a recipe for "Jailbird Cake".	Gwyneth <b><u>PALTROW</u></b>
4a	What major mathematician from Pisa wrote the "Book of Calculation" or <i>Liber Abaci</i> , one of the first books in the West to import the Arabic numeral system, including zero?	Leonardo <b><u>FIBONACCI</u></b>
4b	What northeasterly city in Scotland is regarded as the "offshore oil capital of Europe"?	<b><u>ABERDEEN</u></b>

## Round 8

1a	Also described as a portable inclined plane, which of the six classical simple machines converts force from the blunt end into force perpendicular to its inclined surfaces?	<b><u>WEDGE</u></b>
1b	What is the second most common U.S. county name that does not feature the name of a person? Rural counties in Michigan and Minnesota appropriately go by this name for a geographic feature, as does the northeasternmost county of Illinois.	<b><u>LAKE</u></b> County
2a	What band released two ostensibly one-word albums including their debut "Badmotorfinger" and a major 1994 album that's also missing a space, before giving up that gimmick with 1996's "Down on the Upside"?	<b><u>SOUNDGARDEN</u></b>
2b	Also favored by Michelle Obama was which designer, who was born in Singapore to parents of Nepalese descent? With four other AAPI fashion designers, he created the comic <i>House of Slay</i> in 2021.	Prabal <b><u>GURUNG</u></b>
3a	When San Francisco won the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament in 1955 and 1956, they represented what still-active conference where they still play, mostly consisting of Catholic schools?	<b><u>WCC / WEST COAST</u></b> (Athletic) Conference (acc. defunct name "California Basketball Association" if anyone is super serious about the earlier name of the conference from 1955)
3b	Two books by Mary Norton were the basis for which 1971 live-action/animated Disney feature, about a witch named Eglantine Price who becomes entangled with three children who were evacuated from London during The Blitz?	<b><u>BEDKNOBS AND BROOMSTICKS</u></b>
4a	Which former U.S. Secretary of Defense wrote the memoir <i>Known and Unknown</i> ?	Donald <b><u>RUMSFELD</u></b>
4b	Sicangu Lakota playwright Larissa FastHorse's work is being produced on Broadway for the first time in 2023. Her play is named for and centers around which holiday? In the play, several Caucasian educators attempt to create a student play about the first instance of this holiday that is sensitive to Native American perspectives.	<b><u>THANKSGIVING</u></b> (the play is called <i>The Thanksgiving Play</i> )

## Spare Questions

1	What prefix, named for part of a circle, is used to refer to the inverses of trigonometric functions like cosine and tangent?	<b><u>ARC</u></b> (as in "arctangent")
2	What was the title of Sam Smith's theme from the Bond film Spectre? It was the second to win the Oscar for Best Original Song.	<b><u>WRITING'S ON THE WALL</u></b>
3	Sometimes thought to be the longest MLB home run on record, what visiting outfielder deposited a 540-footer into the fifth deck of the SkyDome in the 1989 AL Championship Series?	Jose <b><u>CANSECO</u></b>
4	In logical philosophy, "truth tables" for propositions typically use what two letters for a hypothesis and a conclusion, or a premise and implication?	<b><u>P</u></b> and <b><u>Q</u></b>