



**ONLINE QUIZ LEAGUE**  
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**Round 1**

1a	A member of the Outer World Investigation Agency, who was the only woman fighter in the original <i>Mortal Kombat</i> game?	<b><u>SONYA</u></b> Blade
1b	What Himalayan country is locally known as "Druk Yul," or "Land of the Thunder Dragon"?	<b><u>BHUTAN</u></b>
2a	The One Love Peace Concert saw Bob Marley physically join the hands of Edward Seaga and Michael Manley, political rivals in what country, in 1978?	<b><u>JAMAICA</u></b>
2b	Divided into "integral" and "differential" varieties, what is the mathematical study of change? Some high schoolers change from loving to hating math during classes in it.	<b><u>CALCULUS</u></b>
3a	In photography, what term names the opening in a lens that allows light to come through? Sizes of these are usually given in terms of the f-stop.	<b><u>APERTURE</u></b>
3b	Joni Mitchell's performance of "Both Sides Now" at the 2024 Grammys was accompanied by several artists including what indie pop band's vocalists Jess Wolfe and Holly Laessig? Their 2022 album <i>Second Nature</i> featured the singles "Next to Normal" and "Dance Around It."	<b><u>LUCIUS</u></b>
4a	Which dystopian sci-fi animated film, which reportedly cost \$100 million to make, was set in the 31st century and centers around the near-destruction of the human race by an alien life form known as the Drej? It was such a colossal commercial failure that it singlehandedly torpedoed 20th Century Fox's animation division, as well as the career of creator Don Bluth.	<b><u>TITAN A.E.</u></b>
4b	In the video game <i>Katamari Damacy</i> , the katamari needs to be about 9 cm to roll up which Japanese food item: balls of deep-fried dough most commonly filled with octopus?	<b><u>TAKOYAKI</u></b>

**Round 2**

1a	Part of which composer's masterwork <i>Bachianas Brasileiras</i> is a vignette called "The Little Train of the Caipira," which mimics the sound of a train in the Brazilian countryside?	Heitor <b><u>VILLA-LOBOS</u></b>
1b	Geologists sometimes define a "continent" as a portion of Earth's crust built around <i>what?</i> This term refers to a combination of a shield layer and a platform layer that have been stable for longer than most portions of the surface.	<b><u>CRATONS</u></b>
2a	In 2018, which Chinese-American comedian joined <i>Saturday Night Live</i> , where he has played roles including George Santos and the iceberg that hit the Titanic?	Bowen <b><u>YANG</u></b>
2b	What historical region, now split between Poland, Germany, and Czechia, has its largest city at Wroclaw (VROT-slav), formerly known as Breslau?	<b><u>SILESIA</u></b>
3a	A study in the <i>Cardozo Law Review</i> found that which giant green mascot of the Philadelphia Phillies was the "most-sued mascot in the majors", for incidents including throwing a woman in a hotel pool and permanently injuring her?	Phillie <b><u>PHANATIC</u></b>
3b	Although it is considered a fairly mild idiom or insult today, which "colorful" slang term for someone who fawns over someone else for social advantages originally comes from a literal image involving placing a body part near someone's anus?	<b><u>BROWN-NOSE</u></b> (accept word forms)
4a	What accords of 1993 did Palestinian-American philosopher Edward Said describe as "Palestinian Versailles"? They were signed in 1993 in Washington, D.C. - not the namesake European city where secret negotiations took place - and had a second agreement in 1995 as well.	<b><u>OSLO</u></b> Accords
4b	Classical Hindustani music uses the <i>tabla</i> , a set of what type of instrument? They are typically referred to as "left" and "right" with the right-sided one being smaller.	<b><u>DRUMS</u></b>

**Round 3**

1a	Which longtime Dolphins quarterback acted in <i>Ace Ventura: Pet Detective</i> , as the target of villain Ray Finkle?	Dan <b><u>MARINO</u></b>
1b	Which major bookstore chain was believed to be near death in 2019? CEO James Daunt has focused heavily on allowing employees more autonomy to highlight books that are popular with customers rather than pushed by publishers, reduced emphasis on their Nook e-readers, and in 2023 they expanded for the first time in recent memory	<b><u>BARNES &amp; NOBLE</u></b>
2a	Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim, and Ron, who live at the Cooper's Case Retirement Village, are the members of the Thursday Murder Club in the bestselling mystery series by which author, maybe better known as a BBC presenter?	Richard <b><u>OSMAN</u></b>
2b	Now an American standard, what song that begins "The shark, babe, has such teeth, dear" had its most popular recording by Bobby Darin in 1959?	<b><u>MACK THE KNIFE</u></b>
3a	Empress of Ethiopia from 1889 to 1913, what wife of Menelik the Second commanded cannons at the Battle of Adwa in a victory against Italy in 1896, after holding a hard line against them in the negotiations over the Treaty of Wuchale (woo-CHA-lay)?	<b><u>TAYTU</u></b> Betul
3b	Six separate Nobel prizes have been awarded to scientists working with what genus in the order Diptera? Charles Woodworth began its use as a model organism for biological research.	<b><u>FRUIT FLY / DROSOPHILA</u></b> Melanogaster
4a	The otherwise obscure George Blaeholder is most known for developing which baseball pitch, with sideways motion and velocity between a curve and a fastball? Randy Johnson's version of this pitch known as "Mr. Snappy" was among the very best in baseball history.	<b><u>SLIDER</u></b>
4b	A major anthropological controversy lasting decades was caused by Derek Freeman's attacks on <i>what BOOK</i> , which asked the question "Under different conditions, does adolescence present a different picture?"	<b><u>COMING OF AGE IN SAMOA</u></b>

**Round 4**

1a	Joan of Arc led troops at the siege of what city, which she is popularly known as the "Maid Of"?	<b><u>ORLEANS</u></b>
1b	John Coolidge Adams and Giacomo Puccini both have written separate operas - differing by one pluralized noun - set in California in the 1850s. Puccini's was based on a David Belasco play of 1905. Name either.	<b><u>GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST / GIRLS OF THE GOLDEN WEST</u></b> (acc. "Fanciulla del West" for the Puccini opera)
2a	Which NASCAR racer, who drove for his own namesake team, is second only to Richard Petty in career starts and held the tour's record for consecutive starts until Jeff Gordon broke it in 2015?	Ricky <b><u>RUDD</u></b>
2b	Several modern companies create "reimaginings" of which lost cocktail ingredient: a syrup based on passionfruit that was originally produced for Hurricanes and popular in tiki drinks?	<b><u>FASSIONOLA</u></b> (accept <b><u>PASSIONOLA</u></b> , the name of a predecessor product)
3a	The artist Carolee Schneemann—referenced in Le Tigre's "Hot Topic" and best known for her performance piece <i>Meat Joy</i> —was among the primary inspirations for Julianne Moore's portrayal of Maude in which 1998 film?	<i>The</i> <b><u>BIG LEBOWSKI</u></b>
3b	The Psalm which begins "By the Rivers of Babylon" would notably refer to what specific river that ran through the city of Babylon, the more southerly of two major rivers of Mesopotamia?	<b><u>EUPHRATES</u></b>
4a	Actors who are about to go onstage may be found "waiting in" which part of the theater, just off of stage left or stage right?	<b><u>WINGS</u></b>
4b	The most widespread primate in South and Central America - other than humans - is what group of monkeys known for their loud vocal communications?	<b><u>HOWLER</u></b> monkey

HALFTIME – SWITCH SIDES!

**Round 5**

1a	Dave Van Ronk—a folk singer who was a contemporary and rival of Joan Baez—wrote a posthumous memoir called <i>The Mayor of MacDougal Street</i> that was one of the major inspirations for which Coen Brothers film?	<b><u>INSIDE LLEWYN DAVIS</u></b>
1b	Hold on tight! What threatened group of seven monkey species in South and Central America is known and named for their long limbs?	<b><u>SPIDER</u></b> monkey
2a	One major dispute between Michael Manley and Edward Seaga related to their support for what Soviet ally in the Caribbean, Jamaica's close neighbor to the north?	<b><u>CUBA</u></b>
2b	No one is entirely sure about the original specifics of which tiki ingredient that was possibly created in Barbados in the late 19th or early 20th centuries? It is normally rum-based and also includes lime and spices like allspice or ginger.	<b><u>FALERNUM</u></b>
3a	Which great rival of Richard Petty is second to him in both all-time career NASCAR victories, with 105, and poles, with 113?	David <b><u>PEARSON</u></b>
3b	One of John Coolidge Adams's best known orchestral work, which he called a "fanfare," is titled WHAT two words "in a Fast Machine"?	<b><u>SHORT RIDE</u></b>
4a	In photography, what term names the amount of light recorded on the film? Photos where this value is overly high will look unrealistically bright.	<b><u>EXPOSURE</u></b>
4b	What river mentioned frequently in the Bible connects the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea? The country named for it lies to its east.	<b><u>JORDAN</u></b>

**Round 6**

1a	During what conflict between England and France did Joan of Arc fight? She also insisted on the coronation of Charles the Seventh during this war.	<b><u>HUNDRED YEARS' WAR</u></b>
1b	In the video game <i>Katamari Damacy</i> , the katamari needs to be about 18 cm to roll up which Japanese food item: triangular rice balls decorated with nori seaweed?	<b><u>ONIGIRI</u></b>
2a	Which 1995 pirate film grossed \$10 million on a \$100 million budget, and is credited with killing both its production company, Carolco, as well as major studios' willingness to produce action films with female protagonists for decades to come?	<b><u>CUTTHROAT ISLAND</u></b>
2b	Calculus was developed independently by Leibniz and what English thinker, who also made seminal contributions in optics and motion?	Isaac <b><u>NEWTON</u></b>
3a	Which lowered area between the house and the stage of a theater is where the orchestra sits to perform music?	Orchestra <b><u>PIT</u></b>
3b	What two-word African country lying on the upper Volta river has a name which means "land of the incorruptible" in the local language?	<b><u>BURKINA FASO</u></b>
4a	Clad in blue, which character introduced in <i>Mortal Kombat II</i> had a notorious infinite combo in that game with her Fan Lift and Fan Toss moves? She used fans rather than the blade her name sounds like.	<b><u>KITANA</u></b>
4b	Joni Mitchell's Grammy performance of "Both Sides Now" also included what Canadian singer-songwriter of such songs as "Eve Was Black"?	Allison <b><u>RUSSELL</u></b>



**Round 7**

1a	In 2020, which Philadelphia Flyers mascot was the subject of a police investigation after a man alleged that he had punched his teenage son in the back?	<b><u>GRITTY</u></b>
1b	Margaret Mead wrote the foreword for what Ruth Benedict work of 1934, citing its essential idea as "her view that human cultures are 'personality writ large'"?	<b><u>PATTERNS OF CULTURE</u></b>
2a	Lindsay, Cindy, Claire, and Yuki are members of the Women's Murder Club in novels by which author? The books are titled for ordinal numbers.	James <b><u>PATTERSON</u></b> . Prompt on Maxine <b><u>PIETRO</u></b> , who co-wrote some of the later books.
2b	Bobby Darin's version of "Mack the Knife" was included on his album "That's All" with what other signature song of his, titled for the location of a lover who "watches the ships that go sailing"?	<b><u>BEYOND THE SEA</u></b>
3a	In 2018, which Nigerian-American comedian joined <i>Saturday Night Live</i> , where she has played roles including Dionne Warwick and Lisa from Temecula?	Ego <b><u>NWODIM</u></b>
3b	Which major electronics chain was believed to be near death in the mid-2010s, but engineered a major turnaround under Hubert Joly and Corie Barry? They began offering price matching, expanded Geek Squad tech support partnerships, and have grown sales rapidly.	<b><u>BEST BUY</u></b>
4a	The Christian movement known as Antonianism - which taught that Jesus was from Kongo - was led by what Kongolese prophet, was also known by the name of a Catholic saint? Her followers occupied the abandoned capital of Sao Salvador in 1705 during a war with the Portuguese occupiers.	<b><u>KIMPA VITA</u></b> / Dona <b><u>BEATRIZ</u></b>
4b	Thomas Hunt Morgan's work with <i>Drosophila</i> flies and demonstrated the importance of what specific packages housed within cell nuclei? These contain histone proteins for folding.	<b><u>CHROMOSOMES</u></b>

**Round 8**

1a	Which American minimalist composer wrote the 1988 work <i>Different Trains</i> about his Jewish heritage, as a reflection that if he had grown up in Europe instead of America he would have had to ride starkly different trains as a child? The composition integrates spoken-word testimonies from three Holocaust survivors.	Steve <b><u>REICH</u></b>
1b	Traditionally made from bamboo with holes cut into it, the <i>bansuri</i> is what type of instrument used in Hindustani classical and folk music?	<b><u>FLUTE</u></b> (accept "wind instrument")
2a	Which pitch is significantly slower than the other major baseball pitches, and is used to throw batters off-balance? It may be thrown with a variety of grips; Greg Maddux was especially renowned for his "circle" variation.	<b><u>CHANGE</u></b> or <b><u>CHANGEUP</u></b>
2b	What historical region now in central Romania contains the country's second-largest city of Cluj (KLOOZH)?	<b><u>TRANSYLVANIA</u></b>
3a	The Oslo peace process ended in July 2000 after a summit at what American location, where in 1978 accords were signed between Menachem Begin and Egypt's Anwar Sadat?	<b><u>CAMP DAVID</u></b>
3b	Specifically, the stable areas of rock called "cratons" have been unaffected by WHAT, the mountain-building events taking place at convergent plate margins? This process may involve subduction OR collision.	<b><u>OROGENY</u></b> (accept word forms "orogenous" "orogen" "orogenesis" etc.)
4a	Which longtime Packers quarterback acted in <i>There's Something About Mary</i> as an ex-boyfriend of the title character?	Brett <b><u>FAVRE</u></b>
4b	Although it is considered a fairly mild insult today, which seven-letter term may originally have referred to a used condom, although this etymology is disputed? A meme of a high schooler in a fleece-lined coat and printed hat appends this insult to the name "Steve".	<b><u>SCUMBAG</u></b>

**Spare Questions**

1	Though publicly associated with a quixotic exploration, who was the leader of the first European expedition to Puerto Rico and a brutal governor toward the Taino people there?	Juan <b><u>PONCE DE LEON</u></b>
2	Though "Girl You Know It's True" only hit number 2 in the US, Milli Vanilli had three number ones with "Baby Don't Forget My Number," "Girl I'm Gonna Miss You," and what other?	<b><u>BLAME IT ON THE RAIN</u></b>
3	What city in Westchester County, New York was the home of the Petrie family on <i>The Dick Van Dyke Show</i> ?	<b><u>NEW ROCHELLE</u></b>
4	Also a fictional Harrison Ford movie discussed in an episode of Seinfeld, what was the title of the 1998 film starring Howie Long in which he tries to save an ornithologist from a conflagration in the forest?	<b><u>FIRESTORM</u></b>