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Round 1

1a	What meta-fictional book involves the search for the titular film, which was directed by the character James Incandenza? Various groups seek to weaponize the film, which is supposedly so entertaining that viewers will continue to watch it until they die.	<u>INFINITE JEST</u>
1b	What PBS show encouraged literacy in children through celebrity-narrated picture books that were introduced by host Levar Burton?	<u>READING RAINBOW</u>
2a	In Victorian England, a historical craze called pteridomania (TER-ID-O-MANIA) saw Britons become obsessed with what plants ? The fiddleheads and fronds of these plants became a common design element in furniture and the decorative arts.	<u>FERN</u>
2b	The Feast of the Pheasant was an elaborate 1454 banquet hosted by Philip the Good, who was the Duke of what state , which included the region of modern France that bears its name? The feast, which featured such extravagances as live musicians inside giant pies, was held to drum up support for a new crusade which never materialized.	<u>BURGUNDY</u> (accept <u>BURGUNDIAN STATE</u>)
3a	Rafael Nadal played the love interest in the music video for the song "Gypsy" opposite what mononymous singer , who in real life was married to soccer player Gerard Pique from 2011 to 2022?	<u>SHAKIRA</u> (accept Shakira Isabel Mebarak <u>RIPOLL</u>)
3b	Though Buckner and Garcia are best known for "Pac-Man Fever," they released an entire concept album about arcade classics. What game is the subject of a song with the lyrics "He rides on the logs all the way to the top/And into his cave with one final hop."	<u>FROGGER</u>
4a	What is the name of the surveying instrument developed during the Renaissance which consists of a telescope that moves along two axes to give precise angular measurements?	<u>THEODOLITE</u>
4b	The Polish anthropologist Bronislaw Malinowski described the cultural practices of the Trobriand Islanders in his book <i>Argonauts of the Western Pacific</i> . The Trobriand Islands belong to what country , which has hundreds of ethnic groups and is the home of more languages than any other country?	<u>PAPUA NEW GUINEA</u>

Round 2

1a	Norman Mailer played a fictionalized version of himself as a guest star on what WB show , in which one of the titular characters, Rory, aspires to be a writer?	<u>GILMORE GIRLS</u>
1b	Though most famous for The Clock, which cut together appearances of timepieces from hundreds of films, artist Christian Marclay has created similar video collages of other common objects. What object , which was also combined with a lobster by Salvador Dali, is the subject of a 1995 video installation, Marclay's first work in this style?	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
2a	What religion originating in ancient Persia became a popular mystery cult in the Roman Empire, especially within the military, before being suppressed in favor of Christianity? Adherents of this religion worshipped the namesake sun god, met in underground temples and proceeded through seven levels of secret initiations.	<u>MITHRA</u> ism (accept any answers that mention <u>MITHRA</u>)
2b	What hotel , named after the neighborhood of New York City where it is located, was famous in the mid-20th century for housing writers and artists, including Arthur Miller and Robert Mapplethorpe?	Hotel <u>CHELSEA</u> (Accept <u>CHELSEA</u> Hotel and just <u>CHELSEA</u>)
3a	Among the most renowned video game composers is Nobuo Uematsu, who is responsible for tracks like "Aerith's Theme" and "To Zanarkand" as part of his work on what Japanese RPG series developed by Square Enix?	<u>FINAL FANTASY</u>
3b	What band was originally named after the basketball player Mookie Blaylock? Though forced to change their name, the band titled their 1991 debut album <i>Ten</i> in honor of Blaylock's jersey number.	<u>PEARL JAM</u>
4a	Because of their long-term geographical isolation, islands often support many endemic species that can be found nowhere else on Earth. What island , off the coast of eastern Australia, is inhabited by unique species like the kentia palm and a namesake giant stick insect?	<u>LORD HOWE</u> Island
4b	The star system closest to our solar system is a triple star system that is also the alpha star in what constellation , named after a mythical creature?	<u>CENTAURUS</u> (accept <u>CENTAURI</u> or <u>CENTAUR</u>)

Round 3

1a	What novel by Nathanael West is about the set painter Tod Hackett, whose disgust with Hollywood and the film industry leads to a mental breakdown? Ironically, it was made into a 1975 movie starring Donald Sutherland.	<u>DAY OF THE LOCUST</u>
1b	Edward Hopper's painting <i>House by the Railroad</i> served as the visual inspiration for the Reata Ranch in what George Stevens film set in Texas, which starred Elizabeth Taylor and Rock Hudson playing two of the characters in a love triangle?	<u>GIANT</u>
2a	Opened in 1827, what is the name of the historic restaurant in New York City credited with creating such dishes as Lobster Newburg and Eggs Benedict?	<u>DELMONICO'S</u>
2b	Inspired by the success of the Greensboro, North Carolina, sit-ins, Diane Nash of Fisk University organized a series of sit-ins in which other Southern state capital ? She was a student of James Lawson, who encouraged the use of nonviolent protest during the Civil Rights Movement.	<u>NASHVILLE</u>
3a	In what Jules Massenet opera is the poor Chevalier des Grieux accused of cheating at cards, leading to the titular woman's arrest as his lover and accomplice? The same story was also adapted into a Puccini opera which ends with her exile and death in Louisiana.	<u>MANON</u> (accept <u>MANON LESCAUT</u>)
3b	The 1980s saw an unfortunate trend of professional sports teams releasing novelty songs. In one song from 1986, what NL East team had Darryl Strawberry and Dwight Gooden go up to the mic to deliver lines like "I bunt, I run, and then I dive. It's a wonder I'm still alive!"?	<u>NEW YORK METS</u>
4a	What element beginning with the letter 'D,' atomic number 105, is named after the Russian town north of Moscow where it was discovered at the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research?	<u>DUBNIUM</u>
4b	During the Islamic Golden Age, the House of Wisdom was the largest library in the world, preserving many scientific texts from the Greco-Roman world which would otherwise have been lost. In what capital of the Abassid Caliphate, also a modern-day world capital on the Tigris River, was this library located?	<u>BAGHDAD</u>

Round 4

1a	What experimental Czech filmmaker developed a unique style of surrealist stop-motion animation involving puppetry and assemblages of everyday objects? Among his works are adaptations of Lewis Carroll's <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> and Goethe's <i>Faust</i> .	Jan <u>SVANKMAJER</u> [YONN SVAHNK-my-urr]
1b	The 1956 film <i>Lust for Life</i> stars Kirk Douglas as what post-Impressionist painter , who has a contentious relationship with fellow artist Paul Gauguin while the two were in Arles, France?	Vincent <u>VAN GOGH</u>
2a	After the establishment of the Ming Dynasty, a law was passed forbidding a hairstyle consisting of a head that was shaved except for two braids behind the ears and a tuft of hair in the middle of the forehead. This unusual hairstyle was worn by men of what ethnic group , which ruled the previous Yuan Dynasty?	The <u>MONGOLS</u>
2b	When breaking was first invented in the 70s, it distinguished itself from other dance styles with moves like the six-step. What is the term used in breakdancing to refer to such footwork, which is performed while on the floor (as opposed to standing)?	<u>DOWNROCK</u>
3a	Several figure skaters have notably used Nino Rota's movie scores for their routines. What Russian figure skater used the score for Francis Ford Coppola's <i>The Godfather</i> in his gold medal-winning free skate at the 2006 Turin Olympics?	Evgeni <u>PLUSHENKO</u>
3b	In 2019, Fortnite hosted one of the first virtual concerts, which was attended by over 10 million players. It featured what DJ and producer , who wore his trademark cylindrical white helmet while playing songs like "Happier?"	<u>MARSHMELLO</u> (accept Christopher <u>COMSTOCK</u>)
4a	What is the name of the hot dry seasonal wind that affects Southern California? They are an example of a katabatic wind, caused by higher elevation air from the Great Basin rushing down to the ocean.	The <u>SANTA ANAS</u>
4b	During the Mesozoic era, the super-continent Pangaea broke up into two continents. One of these, Laurasia, eventually separated into modern North America and Eurasia while what other continent became modern South America, Africa, Antarctica, and Australia?	<u>GONDWANA</u> (accept <u>GONDWANALAND</u>)

HALFTIME – SWITCH SIDES!

Round 5

1a	What meta-fictional book by Mark Z Danielewski involves the fictional documentary <i>The Navidson Record</i> ? In the film, Navidson documents his investigation of a malevolent maze-like residence, which the book itself mirrors with unusual typography.	<u>HOUSE OF LEAVES</u>
1b	What PBS show introduced many children to classic literature like <i>The Odyssey</i> through re-enactments by the titular Jack Russell Terrier?	<u>WISHBONE</u>
2a	Victorian England also saw a mania for what tropical fruit in the bromeliad family? Exotic and expensive at the time, they were associated with the aristocracy and became a common architectural motif.	<u>PINEAPPLE</u>
2b	The Banquet of the Chestnuts was an elaborate 1501 feast hosted by Cesare (CHE-ZAR-AYE), an illegitimate son from what family ? The banquet, which also featured fifty prostitutes as entertainment, was widely seen as emblematic of the corruption of the papacy under Cesare's father, Alexander VI.	The <u>BORGIA</u>s
3a	Chad Ochocinco played the love interest in the music video for the song "Everything to Me" opposite what mononymous singer , who didn't have to fight Brandy for basketball player Shannon Brown, whom she was married to from 2010 to 2019?	<u>MONICA</u> (accept Monica Denise <u>ARNOLD</u>)
3b	In another song by Buckner and Garcia, they sing "Jump over all the barrels and let out a little scream/Duck underneath the pie, 'cause it's a coconut cream." What arcade game is the subject of this song?	<u>DONKEY KONG</u>
4a	What is the name of the modern surveying instrument that combines a theodolite with electronic distance measurement? Calculations of angle and height are performed automatically by an integrated computer.	<u>TOTAL STATION</u>
4b	The French anthropologist Claude Levi-Strauss described the mythology of the Bororo people in his book <i>Tristes Tropiques</i> . These indigenous people live primarily in what country with more uncontacted tribes than any other?	<u>BRAZIL</u>

Round 6

1a	Jay McInerney played a fictionalized version of himself as a guest star on what CW show, in which character Dan Humphrey, who is ultimately revealed to be the title character, aspires to be a writer?	<u>GOSSIP GIRL</u>
1b	For his most recent 2022 video installation, Marclay cut together hundreds of appearances of what other object from throughout film history? One of these objects has a large amorphous hole cut into it in the painting The Unexpected Answer by Rene Magritte.	<u>DOOR</u>
2a	What religion originating in ancient Persia spread as far as Gaul and China before being suppressed by the Roman Empire in favor of Christianity? This dualistic religion conceived of the world as the battleground between the Father of Greatness and the Prince of Darkness, and incorporated beliefs from Zoroastrianism, Buddhism, and Christianity itself.	<u>MANICHAISM</u> [MAN-ih-key-izz-um]
2b	What hotel, named after the Los Angeles-adjacent city where it is located, was famous in the mid-20th century for housing movie stars and musicians, including Marilyn Monroe and Frank Sinatra?	<u>BEVERLY HILLS</u> Hotel
3a	While Koji Kondo may be best known for composing the Super Mario theme, his works on what other major Nintendo franchise include "Saria's Song" and "Gerudo Valley?"	The Legend of <u>ZELDA</u>
3b	What two musicians comprise the duo Gnarls Barkley? Despite the name, both members claim that they have no particular affinity for the basketball player Charles Barkley.	<u>CEE-LO GREEN</u> (accept either name or Thomas <u>CALLAWAY-BURTON</u>) and <u>DANGER MOUSE</u> (or Brian <u>BURTON</u>)
4a	What island, off the eastern coast of Somalia but currently under the control of a Yemeni secessionist group, is home to endemic species including the dragon's blood tree and a namesake chameleon? The biodiversity on this island has been threatened by the introduction of invasive species like the mesquite and prickly pear.	<u>SOCOTRA</u>
4b	After Alpha Centauri, the next closest visible star system is what binary star system, colloquially called the Dog Star, which is also the alpha star in the constellation Canis Major?	<u>SIRIUS</u>

Round 7

1a	What novel by Joan Didion is about the actress Maria Wyeth, whose disgust with Hollywood and the film industry leads to a mental breakdown? Ironically, it was made into a 1972 movie starring Tuesday Weld.	<u>PLAY IT AS IT LAYS</u>
1b	Hopper's <i>House by the Railroad</i> also served as the visual inspiration for the farm in what Terrence Malick film set in Texas, which starred Richard Gere, Brooke Adams, and Sam Shepard playing characters in a love triangle?	<u>DAYS OF HEAVEN</u>
2a	Opened in 1840, what is the name of the historic restaurant in New Orleans credited with creating such dishes as Oysters Rockefeller and Eggs Sardou?	<u>ANTOINE'S</u>
2b	About a month after the start of the Nashville sit-ins, Julian Bond of Morehouse College organized a series of sit-ins in what state capital ? Bond, along with Diane Nash, would go on to co-found the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.	<u>ATLANTA</u>
3a	In what other Puccini opera does the titular woman cheat at cards in order to save the life of the bandit Dick Johnson? After another brush with death, the two leave California to seek a better life together.	<u>FANCIULLA DEL WEST</u> (accept <u>THE GIRL OF THE WEST</u> or <u>THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST</u>)
3b	While the '86 Mets could at least boast of a World Series win after the release of "Get Metsmerized," what NL West team's release of "The Baseball Boogie" in the same year coincided with a downturn in their fortunes? In the song, Fernando Valenzuela and Orel Hershiser put on satin jackets and go straight from the locker room to the disco.	Los Angeles <u>DODGERS</u>
4a	What element beginning with the letter 'D,' atomic number 110, is named after the German city where it was discovered at the GSI Helmholtz Centre for Heavy Ion Research?	<u>DARMSTADIUM</u> [darm-STAT-ee-um]
4b	During the Middle Ages, the House of Knowledge became the foremost center of learning in the Islamic world, spurring advances in mathematics, astronomy and other sciences. In what capital of the Fatimid Caliphate, also a modern-day world capital on the Nile River, was this library located?	<u>CAIRO</u>

Round 8

1a	What identical twin filmmakers paid tribute to their predecessor in the film <i>The Cabinet of Jan Svankmajer</i> [YANN SVANK-my—urr]? Their other surrealist stop-motion films include adaptations of the Epic of Gilgamesh and Bruno Schulz's <i>Street of Crocodiles</i> .	The Brothers QUAY [kwy]
1b	The 1965 film <i>The Agony and the Ecstasy</i> stars Charlton Heston as what Renaissance painter , who struggles with his patron Pope Julius II as he paints the Sistine Chapel?	MICHELANGELO di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni
2a	After the establishment of the Qing Dynasty, a law was passed requiring all men to wear their hair in a queue, which required shaving the front half of the head and gathering the remaining hair in a single long braid. This was a hairstyle worn by what ethnic group , which ruled the Qing Dynasty?	MANCHU
2b	As breaking developed in the 80s, dancers introduced new moves like flares, windmills, and swipes. What term is collectively used for these flashy acrobatic maneuvers that are now a signature trademark of breakdancing?	POWER MOVES
3a	What Japanese figure skater won the gold medal at the 2014 Sochi Olympics with a free skate set to Nino Rota's score for Franco Zeffirelli's <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> ?	Yuzuru HANYU
3b	Virtual concerts became even more popular during the pandemic. In 2020, the first virtual concert on Roblox featured what artist , who wore a pink cowboy outfit for his performance of "Old Town Road"?	LIL NAS X (accept Montero Lamar HILL)
4a	What is the name of the warm wet seasonal wind that affects the Pacific Northwest? They are the consequence of an atmospheric river dubbed the Pineapple Express, a corridor of water vapor originating near Hawaii.	CHINOOK
4b	While the ocean Panthalassa surrounded Pangaea, its separation into Laurasia and Gondwana formed what other ancient ocean , which formed the eventual basis for the Indian Ocean?	TETHYS Sea

Spare Questions

1	A bizarre fad of the 1920s involved sitting for as long as possible atop what structures ? It was first popularized by Alvin "Shipwreck" Kelly, who once sat for a record-setting 49 days.	POLE (accept FLAGPOLE)
2	As the top vote-getter in the American League, which New York Yankee received an automatic starting spot in the lineup for this year's MLB All-Star Game? He is joined by Bryce Harper of the Philadelphia Phillies for the National League.	Aaron JUDGE
3	What is the common name given to the controversial series of line segments seen on maps China publishes to show its claims in the South China Sea? Its presence in movies like <i>Barbie</i> and <i>Abominable</i> has gotten those films banned in certain Southeast Asian countries as a result.	The NINE-DASH LINE
4	What ancient lobe-finned fish was originally thought to go extinct 66 million years ago, and has been traced back more than 410 million years via fossils? Two extant species have been discovered since 1938, and typically can be found near Comoros or Indonesia.	COELACANTH [SEE-lah-canth]