

Quiz Team Question

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American Lit - Idioms

1. This idiom means, "closely contested; neck and neck. It also a well regarded FX show.  
A. Nip and Tuck
2. This idiom means to "make someone very happy" and has been immortalized by a Clint Eastwood character.  
A. Make my day.
- T. From the Latin for "my fault" in Catholic ritual, this idiom assigns blame to oneself.  
A. Mea culpa

Math - 30 s

1. Given that the  $\sin x = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $x$  is acute, find the cotangent of  $x$ .  
A.  $\sqrt{3}$
2. Again, given that the  $\sin x = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $x$  is acute, find the secant of  $x$ .  
A.  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$  or  $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$
- T. What degree angle in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quadrant has the same sine and cosine values?  
A. 225

World History

1. Which dynasty is responsible for the construction of the Great Wall of China during the reign of Emperor Shi Huangdi?  
A. Ch'in or Qin dynasty
2. Which Italian artist created the colossal statue of David?  
A. Michelangelo
- T. The German word "Anschluss" means "union" and refers to Hitler's annexation of which country in 1938?  
A. Austria

Fine Arts - GIVE THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THE ARTISTIC STYLE FIRST DEVELOPED

1. Gothic  
A. France
2. Baroque  
A. Italy
- T. Abstract Expressionism  
A. United States

Life Science

1. What is the name of the jellylike substance inside the wall of the eye?  
A. vitreous humor
2. What is the name of the white part of the eye that covers about 5/6 of the eyeball?  
A. Sclera
- T. Identify the 2 types of light-sensitive cells in the retina that absorb light rays.  
A. Rods and Cones

## Round 2

### Geography

1. What city has been called, "the Paris of the middle east," but was destroyed by civil war in the 1970's and 1980's?  
A. Beirut
2. What highest mountain in Africa did Ernest Hemmingway use in a title to a short story?  
A. Kilimanjaro (The Snows of Kilimanjaro)
- T. Which is the highest of the seven continents?  
A. Antarctica (Ice cover)

### Government

1. Plessey v. Ferguson held that segregated facilities for blacks and whites are constitutional under what 3 word doctrine which held for close to 70 years?  
A. Separate but equal
2. After enactment of the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment, this decision overturned Plessy.  
A. Brown v. Board of Education
- T. In law, what is the term used to describe a case or collection of cases that establish a principle or rule that courts may cite when deciding subsequent similar cases?  
A. Precedent

### Physical Science

1. What antiparticle will annihilate an electron?  
A. positron
2. Although it has never been detected, it is believed gravity travels through this particle.  
A. graviton
- T. What particles have the types, up, down, top, bottom, strange and charm?  
A. Quarks

### Current Events

1. Jeffery Skilling the former chief executive of what company was sentenced to a maximum of 24 months in prison?  
A. Enron
2. What state Supreme Court said that same-sex couples are entitled to "the same rights and benefits enjoyed by opposite-sex couples under the civil marriage statutes."  
A. New Jersey
- T. Construction at ground zero will continue without interruption even as families of victims of the Sept. 11 attacks called for a halt because of the discovery what in the last few days?  
A. Human remains

### US History

1. Identify two of the four border slave states that remained in the union during the civil war.  
A. Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri
2. About 20 miles northwest of what city did General Washington and his men camp during the winter of 1777-1778 at Valley Forge?  
A. Philadelphia
- T. He was a chief and medicine man of the Sioux tribe when they took arms against settlers in the Northern Great Plains, and was present at the Battle of Little Bighorn.  
A. Sitting Bull

## ALPHABET ROUND "R"

1. The three "Rs" to help protect the environment.
2. An ornamental plant found in eastern Asia used to make a very strong fiber out of which such products as industrial sewing thread, packing materials, and fishing nets cloths are made.
3. This fiber was sold as 'artificial silk' until its official name was adopted in 1924.
4. Indian money
5. Abbreviation for the French phrase meaning "respond, if you please."
6. The transmigration of souls.
7. A mix of flour and fat mixed together and used as a thickening agent in sauces.
8. In literature, an element that draws attention away from the central issue.
9. Painter, sculptor, illustrator, and writer whose subject was life on the western plains..
10. Atomic Number 86, symbol Rn.

## Alphabet Answers

1. reduce, reuse, recycle
2. ramie
3. rayon
4. rupee
5. RSVP
6. reincarnation
7. roux (pronounced "ROO")
8. red herring (not ruse - literary element eliminates)
9. [Frederic] Remington
10. radon

## Lightning

1. Which two word term meaning 'the supposed ability to foretell events or see distant objects' is the title of a 1999 film starring Bruce Willis as a psychiatrist and Haley Joel Osment as a troubled child?  
A. Sixth sense
2. What is the term for a musical composition for voice in which a story is told, but not acted out?  
A. Cantata
3. What is the study of viruses called?  
A. virology
4. What is the French phrase for 'oh well, that is life!'  
A. C'est la vie (say la vee)
5. What term beginning with "A" is used in business to designate 'anything owned that that is convertible into cash' or 'the total resources of the business'?  
A. assets
6. What plant root gave root beer its name?  
A. Sassafras
7. His roman name was Mars. What is the name of the Greek god of war?  
A. Ares
8. Meaning a human's basic nature cannot be changed, the proverb holds that a leopard cannot change what?  
A. It's spots
9. This is a Jewish ceremony and social event is for boys aged 13 marking the beginning of their religious responsibility.  
A. bar mitzvah
10. This book by F. Scott Fitzgerald follows the rise and fall of a man named Jay who makes his living from bootlegging.  
A. The Great Gatsby

11. What are the first two words the follow, "Camptown ladies sing this song!"

A. Doodah, Doodah

12. Francis Scott Key wrote the words to the Star Spangled Banner while watching the attack on Fort Henry during what war?

A. 1812

13. Because each character is represented with a different instrument, what play is used to introduce children to the various orchestral instruments?

A. Peter and the Wolf

Questions 14-16 concern fairy tales

14. Pinocchio's father

A. Geppetto

15. He thought nobody could guess his name.

A. Rumpelstiltskin

16. She fell down a rabbit's hole

A. Alice

Questions 17-20 concern occupations of literary characters. I'll give the character, you give the occupation

17. The Artful Dodger in *Oliver Twist*

A. Pickpocket

18. Sam Spade in *The Maltese Falcon*

A. private detective

19. Atticus Finch in *To Kill a Mockingbird*

A. Attorney/Lawyer

20. Yorick in *Hamlet*

A. Jester