

## Round 11

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### Tossups

(1) After becoming a king in this poem, the son of Weohstan [way-oh-stan] rages at other warriors for failing to defend their previous king. In this poem, Unferth mocks a visiting warrior over his swimming match with Breca, but lends him the sword (\*) Hrunting for a battle with an underwater monster. This poem's title man rips off the arm of a creature that terrorizes the mead-hall Heorot [hay-oh-roht], and dies fighting a dragon with Wiglaf. For ten points, name this Old English epic poem about a Geatish ["gate"-ish] hero who kills Grendel.

ANSWER: Beowulf

(2) The Irish bodhrán [BAW-rawn] is a non-standard instrument from this section, which makes up most of an Indonesian gamelan orchestra. This section plays an ostinato throughout Ravel's *Boléro*, and was expanded in Gershwin's *An American in Paris* to imitate the sound of (\*) taxi horns. In a concert band, this section can include "pitched" instruments like crotales, castanets, and, controversially, the piano. For ten points, name this group of instruments, including tambourines, xylophones, and snares, which are played by hitting them.

ANSWER: percussion section (accept drum section)

(3) In this city, serial killer Delphine LaLaurie tortured and murdered several of her slaves. General Order Number 28, issued by this city's military governor Benjamin Butler, officially branded any woman who insulted a soldier as a prostitute. The fleet of privateer Jean (\*) Lafitte aided the winning side in a battle that took place three weeks after the Treaty of Ghent was signed. A key to the Anaconda Plan in the Civil War was the capture of, for ten points, what major city at the mouth of the Mississippi River in Louisiana?

ANSWER: New Orleans

(4) This term describes a type of receptor desensitization associated with drug tolerance. This word and "recombination" apply to gene exchange during crossing-over. In anatomy, this term describes structures like whale flippers and cat legs, whose (\*) similar bone arrangement is due to common ancestry. For ten points, give this word, contrasted with "analogous," that describes a pair of chromosomes with the same genes that separate during meiosis.

ANSWER: homologous (accept homology)

(5) A fortress overlooking this body of water was the site of a massacre of Sicarii rebels. This body of water is near Masada and Mount Sodom, where a halite pillar nicknamed “Lot’s wife” stands. The Qumran caves that border this lake were the storage place for a set of namesake (\*) scrolls. Jordan and Israel border this lake, whose waters is ten times saltier than the ocean’s. For ten points, name this large, salty, inland lake where no aquatic life can survive.

ANSWER: Dead Sea (accept Yam ha-Melah; accept Al-Bahr al-Mayyit; accept Buhayrat Lut or Bahret Lut or Birket Lut)

(6) In a play by this author, the playwright Konstantin shoots himself after Nina rejects him in favor of Trigorin. In another play by this author of *The Seagull*, Anya and Varya are the daughters of Madame (\*) Ranevskaya, who is convinced by the merchant Lopakhin to chop down the title location. Any prominent object on a stage must have a later use in a rule named for this author’s “gun.” For ten points, name this Russian playwright of *The Cherry Orchard*.

ANSWER: Anton Chekhov (accept Anton Pavlovich Chekhov)

(7) The current holder of this religious title includes contributions by fifteen Bhagats, and was compiled by a leader with this title, Arjan Dev. The first holder of this title declared, “there is no Hindu; there is no Muslim” in the course of founding a religion that follows the (\*) Five K’s. This title has been held by Nanak, and is currently held by a book that will keep this title eternally, the *Adi Granth*. Sikh leaders have, for ten points, what title, the Sanskrit word for “teacher?”

ANSWER: Sikh gurus (accept Guru Nanak Dev; accept Guru Granth Sahib)

(8) The anti-hero of this novel falls in love with a Parisian theater owner named Armand, but burns down Armand’s theater on a quest for revenge. This novel’s protagonist flees his enraged former lover, who is drugged and stabbed by his adoptive daughter, the (\*) eternally-childlike Claudia. Louis De Point Du Lac describes his life with Lestat de Lioncourt to a news reporter in this novel. For ten points, name this novel about bloodsucking monsters, the first by Anne Rice.

ANSWER: Interview with the Vampire

(9) When joined with the name Lennard-Jones, this scientific term describes the attraction-repulsion interaction between non-bonding particles. It is not “pressure,” but this term’s “osmotic” form has the formula “negative iCRT” [I-C-R-T]. This term describes a “gravitational” form of (\*) energy calculated by multiplying height, mass, and “little g.” For ten points, give this term that describes a form of energy that is stored, contrasted with “kinetic.”

ANSWER: potential (accept electric potential; accept gravitational potential energy; accept potential energy)

(10) This city’s two kings, representing the Agiads and Eurypontids, were the only members of the Gerousia who were not required to be more than sixty years old. This city’s education system, the agoge [ah-goh-gay], was established by (\*) Lycurgus to induct this city’s boys into its army. The helots were a class of slaves in this city, whose king Leonidas was defeated by the Persians at the Battle of Thermopylae. For ten points, name this militaristic Greek city-state that frequently fought with Athens.

ANSWER: Sparta (accept Lacedaemon)

(11) **In 2014, Vincent Icke argued that a painting of this specific object actually depicts a polished piece of tin because of its high reflectivity. This ornament is the visual focus of a tronie, a painting of a fictionalized person, that is nicknamed the (\*) “Mona Lisa of the North” for its significance to the Dutch Golden Age; in the painting, this piece of clothing hangs just above a white collar and under a yellow-and-blue turban. Johannes Vermeer painted, for ten points, a *Girl with* what teardrop-shaped piece of jewelry?**

ANSWER: pearl earring (accept Girl with a Pearl Earring; accept Maisje met de parel; prompt on “pearl” or “earring” alone)

(12) **This large ethnic group’s mythology includes a monster called the Bunyip and a creator god called the Rainbow Serpent. Most of these peoples are genetically distinct from the nearby Torres Strait Islanders, who were also targeted by a federally-funded (\*) Stolen Generations campaign that forcibly removed children from this ethnic group to be raised in white society. For ten points, name this ethnic group who, before the arrival of Europeans, occupied places that are now called Queensland and New South Wales.**

ANSWER: Australian aboriginal peoples (accept descriptions like Australian aborigines or native Australians or indigenous Australians; prompt on “Australians;” prompt on descriptions of “indigenous people” that does not mention “Australia;” do not accept or prompt on answers describing native peoples of other locations)

(13) **These processes are called “greedy” if they only make locally optimal choices. “Big O” notation is used to describe the complexity of these processes. Basic examples of these processes include searching and sorting. (\*) Programs can implement these processes, which must consist of unambiguous directions. For ten points, give this term from math and computer programming for a finite, step-by-step list of instructions that can be used to perform a computation.**

ANSWER: algorithms

(14) **In one poem, this author says “tomorrow [...] Nobody’ll dare / say to me, / ‘Eat in the kitchen.’” Another poem by this author says “I’s still climbin’” since “life for me ain’t been no crystal stair.” This author of (\*) “I, Too, Sing America” and “Mother to Son” says he knows the Congo and Mississippi in a poem that says, “my soul has grown deep.” For ten points, name this Harlem Renaissance poet of “The Negro Speaks of Rivers.”**

ANSWER: Langston Hughes (accept James Mercer Langston Hughes)

(15) ***Description acceptable.* In the de Sitter model, this value is infinite, and in the modified Einstein-de Sitter model, this value is two-thirds of its current estimate. The brightness of globular clusters places a lower limit on this quantity, which is inversely proportional to the (\*) Hubble constant. The discarded “steady-state” model described a universe that was infinite in both size and this quantity. For ten points, identify this quantity, estimated at 13.8 billion years, the measurement of elapsed time since the Big Bang.**

ANSWER: age of the universe (both underlined parts required; accept Hubble time or  $H_0$  before “globular” is read; accept descriptions like “how old the universe is; accept descriptions like “the amount of time since the Big Bang;” do not accept or prompt on “age of the Earth” or the age of any other specific astronomical object)

(16) **This mythical man’s only surviving son, Thessalus, became king of Ialrus. When this man tried to marry a princess of Corinth, both his fiancée and his children were killed by his abandoned first wife, the sorceress (\*) Medea.** On his most famous quest, this hero led a group that included Atalanta, Heracles, and Orpheus, who helped this man’s crew by playing his lyre to drown out the Sirens. For ten points, name this captain of the *Argo* who sought the Golden Fleece.

ANSWER: Jason (accept Iason)

(17) **A 1922 Common Travel Area agreement regarding this border allows free crossing but not free trade. A failed “backstop” proposal would have indefinitely prevented customs controls along this border. This border has been “soft” since the (\*) Good Friday Agreement,** a status that Theresa May and Boris Johnson’s governments have sought to preserve while mediating the results of a 2016 referendum. For ten points, name this border on the Emerald Isle, the only land border with the European Union to be affected by Brexit.

ANSWER: the UK-Ireland border (accept descriptions of the border between Ireland and any of the following: the United Kingdom OR Great Britain OR Northern Ireland; accept the border between the UK and the EU OR European Union until “European Union” is read; accept equivalents like “the British/Irish border”; prompt on partial answers that do not describe BOTH sides of the border; prompt on answers that only mention one side of the border, like “Ireland’s northern border;” do not accept or prompt on “the English/Irish border” or “the English/EU border,” since the border is not with England)

(18) **Wilhelm Schlenk discovered one of these conditions for Grignard reactions [gring-yar reactions]. When centrifuging colloids, this term applies if diffusion offsets sedimentation. A meta-stable mixture (\*) lacks this property,** whose constant is the reaction quotient at this condition. Decreasing pressure shifts this condition to the side of a reaction with more moles of gas, according to Le Chatelier’s principle [luh shah-tell-yay’s principle]. For ten points, name this condition at which forward and reverse reaction rates are the same.

ANSWER: equilibrium (accept equilibria)

(19) **A postmodernist novel written in this language follows the reader’s fixation on Ludmilla in second-person chapters. In another novel written in this language, William of Baskerville travels to this language’s native country and investigates the murder of Adelmo. This language was used for the novels (\*) *If on a winter’s night a traveler* and *The Name of the Rose*,** which were written by Umberto Eco and Italo Calvino. For ten points, name this European language used by authors who lived in Turin and Milan.

ANSWER: Italian (accept italiano; accept Italy; do not accept or prompt on “Latin”)

(20) **An early form of this policy was enacted by Neal Dow’s 1851 Maine Law. A modified form of this policy, the Cullen-Harrison Act, allowed a “3.2” form of a particular good, although a 0.5% limit had been imposed by the earlier (\*) Volstead Act.** Carrie A. Nation promoted this policy, which was fully established by the Eighteenth Amendment and repealed by the Twenty-First. For ten points, name this policy, supported by the Anti-Saloon league, that temporarily banned the sale of alcohol in the US.

ANSWER: Prohibition (accept teetotalling or temperance; accept descriptions like banning alcohol before “alcohol” is read)

## Bonuses

(1) This ruler signed the Treaty of Jaffa with Saladin to allow Christians to make pilgrimages to the Holy Land. For ten points each,

Name this English monarch, the son of Eleanor of Aquitaine, who was succeeded as king by his brother, John Lackland.

ANSWER: **Richard I** (accept **Richard the Lionheart**; accept **Richard Coeur de Lion**; prompt on “Richard” alone)

The Treaty of Jaffa changed the boundaries of a European-owned kingdom named for this city, which was the focus of many of the crusades, and which is holy to Islam, Judaism, and Christianity.

ANSWER: **Jerusalem** (accept Kingdom of **Jerusalem** or Latin Kingdom of **Jerusalem** or Second Kingdom of **Jerusalem**)

Richard I and Saladin agreed to the Treaty of Jaffa after this twelfth-century crusade.

ANSWER: **Third** Crusade (accept Crusade **Three**)

(2) The constellations Carina and Crux are only visible year-round from this portion of the Earth. For ten points each,

Identify this hemisphere where significantly less light pollution helps stargazers see Alpha Centauri and the aurora australis.

ANSWER: **southern** hemisphere

The Southern Hemisphere is the best location from which to view this Dog Star, the brightest star in the night sky.

ANSWER: **Sirius** (accept **Alpha Canis Majoris**; accept **Alpha CMa**)

The Southern Hemisphere also provides the best viewing of the Large and Small dwarf galaxies known by this name. These members of the Local Group are named for a sixteenth-century Portuguese explorer.

ANSWER: **Magellanic Clouds** (accept large and/or small **Magellanic Clouds**)

(3) This artist used his wife, Gala, as a model for dreamlike images such as *Galatea of the Spheres*, which shows a woman's face appearing on floating orbs. For ten points each,

Name this Spanish painter, who used the Catalan coastline as a background for *The Persistence of Memory*, in which soft clocks are draped over the landscape.

ANSWER: Salvador **Dalí** (accept Salvador (Domingo Felipe Jacinto) **Dalí** i Domènech, first Marquess of Dalí of Púbol)

Salvador Dalí was part of this artistic movement that sought to unleash the creative potential of the unconscious mind through the use of bizarre imagery.

ANSWER: **Surrealism** (accept word forms like **Surrealist** art)

Salvador Dalí was good friends with Elsa Schiaparelli [Elsa ska-pah-reh-lee], a Surrealist and rival of Coco Chanel, who worked in this medium.

ANSWER: **fashion** (accept equivalents like **clothes**; prompt on less descriptive answers like “fabric” or “textiles”)

(4) Answer the following about the Norse god of light, for ten points each.

Loki tricked Frigga's son, Hodr, into killing this god, his brother, and prevented this god from being resurrected by refusing to mourn at his funeral.

ANSWER: **Baldr**

Loki tricked Hodr into killing Baldr with an arrow or spear made from this plant, which was the only living thing that Baldr's mother, Frigga, failed to make promise never to harm Baldr.

ANSWER: **mistletoe**

At Baldr's funeral, his wife, Nanna, threw herself onto this structure, which had been built to destroy Baldr's body.

ANSWER: funeral **pyre** (accept equivalents like **fire**)

(5) One of these poems addresses a “still unravish'd bride of quietness,” and another tells a bird “thou wast not born for death.” For ten points each,

Name this poetic genre in which the author directly addresses a subject, as in poems written “on a Grecian Urn” and “to a Nightingale.”

ANSWER: **odes** (accept, but do not otherwise reveal, **odes** by John Keats; accept **Ode on a Grecian Urn**; accept **Ode to a Nightingale**)

“Ode on a Grecian Urn” and “Ode to a Nightingale” are both by this English Romantic poet.

ANSWER: John **Keats**

In “Ode on a Grecian Urn,” Keats praises this quality of the urn, saying it is painted with “a flowery tale” and has a “fair attitude.” The poem concludes by saying that this concept “is truth, truth [this concept].”

ANSWER: **beauty** (accept **beauty is truth, truth beauty**)

(6) Because of the link between lung cancer and this element, many areas require a detector for it in a home's basement. For ten points each,

Name this radioactive element with number eighty-six, located beneath xenon on the Periodic Table.

ANSWER: radon (accept Rn)

Radon is produced when the nucleus of a radium atom releases one of these particles made of two protons and two neutrons. This particle is equivalent to a helium nucleus.

ANSWER: alpha particle

Radon sits in the middle of an alpha decay chain that ends at lead [led] and begins with this element used to fuel nuclear reactors and atomic bombs. This element's symbol is U.

ANSWER: uranium

(7) Sophie Germain's study of this infamously tricky theorem has inspired mathematicians for nearly two centuries. For ten points each,

Name this theorem whose seventeenth-century French namesake claimed he could prove it, but didn't have enough room in the margin of his textbook to write it down.

ANSWER: Fermat's Last Theorem

Germain was the first to prove Fermat's Last Theorem was true in the specific case when this number was the exponent. The Abel-Ruffini theorem notes that polynomials of this degree, known as quintics, cannot be solved generally.

ANSWER: five

Germain's work focused on numbers that are now called Germain primes, which are used to generate "safe" prime numbers used in this process. This term describes the practice of protecting and decoding private messages, often through the use of secret codes.

ANSWER: cryptography (accept encryption; accept decryption)

(8) This man, who had a lengthy history of staying in boarding houses and not paying the bill, delusionally believed he deserved a consulship for his "work" during the 1880 election. For ten points each,

Name this man who wrote the remarkably bad poem "I am Going to the Lordy" on the day of his 1882 execution for assassinating a US President.

ANSWER: Charles Guiteau (accept Charles Julius Guiteau)

Charles Guiteau assassinated this 20th US President by shooting him in a Washington, DC train station. This man suffered from his gunshot injury and the ensuing infections for two and a half months before dying.

ANSWER: James Garfield (accept James Abram Garfield)

While trying to help Garfield, Alexander Graham Bell invented an early one of these devices with an induction balance, and tried to use it to find the bullet in Garfield's body.

ANSWER: metal detector

(9) This author modeled Enlightenment-era philosophy in a novella named for a Babylonian philosopher. For ten points each,

Name this French author of *Zadig*, who satirized the philosophy of Leibniz with the character of Doctor Pangloss in a novel subtitled “Optimism.”

ANSWER: Voltaire (accept François-Marie Arouet)

“Optimism” is the subtitle of this Voltaire novel named for Pangloss’s student, who travels with Martin and Cacambo while searching for his lost love, Cunegonde.

ANSWER: Candide; or, Optimism (accept Candide; ou l’optimisme)

*Candide* [kan-DEED] ends when Candide abandons Pangloss’s optimism by pragmatically declaring “we must cultivate” one of these places. A Francis Burnett novel about Mary Lennox is named for a “Secret” one of these outdoor spaces.

ANSWER: garden (accept “we must cultivate our garden,” accept The Secret Garden)

(10) In this novel’s sequel, *Closing Time*, John Yossarian lives out his sixties in New York City, long after he escapes from the Air Force during World War II. For ten points each,

Name this novel in which Yossarian is told that, according to this novel’s title rule, he can only be spared from flying bomber missions if he is insane, but that asking to be ruled insane proves he isn’t.

ANSWER: Catch-22

This American author wrote *Closing Time* and *Catch-22*.

ANSWER: Joseph Heller

*Closing Time* also follows the later life of this entrepreneur. In *Catch-22*, this hard-core capitalist bombs his own squadron to fulfil a German contract, and tries to sell excess cotton as chocolate-covered “cotton candy.”

ANSWER: Lieutenant Milo Minderbinder (accept either underlined name)

(11) This musical suite includes the songs “Anitra’s Dance,” “Solveig’s Song,” and “The Death of Ase.” For ten points each,

Name this musical suite that accompanies a Henrik Ibsen play based on the story of a title Norwegian folk hero.

ANSWER: Peer Gynt suite(s)

The music for *Peer Gynt* was written by this Norwegian composer of the *Holberg Suite*.

ANSWER: Edvard Grieg [greeg] (accept Edvard Hagerup Grieg)

This most famous section of *Peer Gynt* grows louder and faster to represent Peer being chased by trolls.

ANSWER: In the Hall of Mountain King (accept I Dovregubbens hall)



(12) In a poem named for one of these animals, a free one “leaps / on the back of the wind” while a caged one “sings / with a fearful trill / of things unknown / but longed for still.” For ten points each,

Name this animal whose “wings are clipped” and who “sings of freedom.”

ANSWER: birds (accept the caged bird or the free bird; accept I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings)

“Caged Bird” was written by this American poet and civil rights activist. Her autobiography series begins with the similarly named book, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*.

ANSWER: Maya Angelou (accept Marguerite Annie Johnson)

Angelou recited her poem “On the Pulse of Morning” for the 1993 inauguration of this man, the forty-second president of the United States.

ANSWER: Bill Clinton (accept William Jefferson Clinton)

(13) This prolific scientist made observations on the Rosetta Stone, devised an early formula for doses of children’s medicine, and performed a double-slit experiment. For ten points each,

Name this British scientist whose namesake quantity describes a material’s stiffness as a ratio of stress to strain.

ANSWER: Thomas Young (accept Young’s modulus)

With a Young’s modulus greater than one thousand giga-pascals and a tensile strength one hundred times greater than steel, these cylindrical carbon structures could potentially be used to construct an elevator to outer space.

ANSWER: carbon nanotubes (accept NTs or CNTs)

Young’s double-slit experiment supported his belief that light could behave like these oscillations, and not just like photons.

ANSWER: waves

(14) This philosopher claimed that rulers are given the “Mandate of Heaven” and that education should be taught through ritual, which he defined as one of the Six Arts. For ten points each,

Name this Chinese philosopher who lived during the Spring and Autumn period and described his version of the Golden Rule, called the Silver Rule, in his *Analects*.

ANSWER: Confucius (accept Kong Qiu; accept Kongzi or Kong Fuzi; accept Confucianism)

Confucius emphasized loyalty and respect towards these people. In a passage of the *Analects*, he says the proper mourning time for these people is three years, since a person is entirely dependent on these relatives for the first three years of their life.

ANSWER: parents (accept elders or ancestors; accept filial piety)

This rival philosophy of Confucianism, whose name means “the way,” emphasizes “action through inaction.” It was founded by Laozi, who may have lived at the same time as Confucius.

ANSWER: Daoism (accept word forms like Daoist; accept Taoism or Taoist)

(15) Answer these questions about Yosemite for ten points each.

Yosemite is this type of area that is managed and conserved by the federal government. President Lincoln signed a grant setting aside land for Yosemite, eight years before Yellowstone officially became the first of these protected areas in the US.

ANSWER: **national park** (accept Yellowstone **national park** or Yosemite **national park**)

Yosemite is home to this granite and diorite mountain. The sheer vertical face of this monolith makes it highly popular for rock climbers, such as Alex Honnold, who free climbed it for the first time in 2017.

ANSWER: **El Capitan**

This environmentalist pushed for the protection of both Yosemite and Sequoia National Park. The Sierra Club was co-founded by this man, who brought Teddy Roosevelt to Yosemite.

ANSWER: John **Muir**

(16) Give the following about Andrew Jackson's highly questionable politics for ten points each.

Jackson legendarily said, "John Marshall has made his decision, now let him enforce it" after Marshall, while holding this official post, ruled that Andrew Jackson had no right to expel the Cherokee nation from their lands.

ANSWER: **Chief Justice** of the Supreme Court (prompt on partial answers)

Jackson called for the destruction of this institution, largely because political opponents like Henry Clay supported it. This financial institution was based off an earlier one created by Alexander Hamilton.

ANSWER: **Second Bank of the US** (accept **Second Bank of the United States**; prompt on partial answers)

Jackson caused a financial panic in 1837 by destroying the Second Bank of the US and by issuing this executive order requiring people to purchase land from the government using gold or silver instead of paper money.

ANSWER: **Specie Circular**

(17) Give the following about ontology, a branch of philosophy that seeks to categorize the relationships and structures of things, for ten points each.

As ontology is concerned with the nature of existence, it is a sub-branch of this field of philosophy. A collection of philosophical works by Aristotle was given this name because it followed a collection about the natural world.

ANSWER: **metaphysics** (accept word forms like **metaphysical**)

One of the early ontologists, Heraclitus, questioned the identity of changing things by noting that it is impossible to step into the same one of these geographical features twice.

ANSWER: **rivers**

Ontological arguments are often used to support the existence of this being. Saint Anselm posed one of the earliest ontological arguments for this being's existence.

ANSWER: Christian **God**

(18) In 2003, Bethany Hamilton survived a day of this activity in which her arm was bitten off by a shark. For ten points each,

Name this aquatic extreme sport that was added to Olympic Games in 2020.

ANSWER: surfing

Due to the particular reflections of light, surfers refer to the space inside of a crashing wave barrel as a room of this color.

ANSWER: green room

Sunset Beach, Waimea Bay, and Makaha are all popular surf spots on this most populous island of Hawaii, whose cities include Honolulu.

ANSWER: Oahu

(19) The swarming of locusts is one property of a living system that only emerges when sufficient size and complexity is reached. Answer these questions about other emergent properties of biology, for ten points each.

Some bacteria can use chemical signals to perform this process of monitoring local cell density to “decide” when to aggregate in a reproductive fruiting body.

ANSWER: quorum sensing

The hypothalamus regulates body temperature with a negative one of these loops, in which increased temperature triggers vasodilation and sweating, which causes the body to cool off.

ANSWER: negative feedback loop (prompt on “homeostasis” or “homeostatic”)

One of the simplest emergent properties is the flocking of these animals, like starlings and seagulls, which helps these animals better spot predators and food sources.

ANSWER: birds (accept Aves; accept avians)

(20) Answer the following about the historical results of military efforts in Egypt, for ten points each.

In the year 331 BCE, Alexander the Great’s conquest of Persian Egypt allowed him to found the city of Alexandria. A century later, one of these structures, a Wonder of the Ancient World, was built in Alexandria.

ANSWER: Lighthouse of Alexandria (accept Pharos)

In 1798, Napoleon’s army was trapped in Egypt after the French lost the Battle of Aboukir Bay on this major Egyptian river.

ANSWER: Nile River

Egypt was effectively saved from the Axis powers in World War II after the second battle of this Egyptian city in 1942. Bernard Montgomery led British troops here against Erwin Rommel’s tanks.

ANSWER: El Alamein (accept Second Battle of El Alamein)