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### Round 11

- 1) **Frances Gage's oft-published version of this figure's most famous speech truncates the phrase "I have plowed and reaped and husked and chopped and mowed." Gage also used an inaccurate dialect in transcribing a speech that this person gave at a (\*) Woman's Rights Convention in 1851. New York Dutch, rather than a stereotypical Southern drawl, was spoken by, for ten points, what American abolitionist who gave the "Ain't I a Woman?" speech?**

ANSWER: Sojourner **Truth** (accept Isabella **Baumfree**)

Bonus 1) This pigment was produced in ancient Tyre as a valuable dye made from the mucus of murex sea snails. For ten points each,

[10m] Name this "royal" color. A similar species of sea snail was used in Tyre to create a different color, royal blue.

ANSWER: **purple** (accept **violet**; accept Tyrian **purple**; accept royal **purple**; accept imperial **purple**)

[10e] This color, which is often a component of purple pigment, has a slightly-orange shade that was often used by sculptor Alexander Calder to paint works like *Flamingo* in Chicago.

ANSWER: **red** (accept Calder **red**)

[10h] Painter Artemisia Gentileschi frequently used her namesake shade of this color to paint the dresses of her works' main characters and call attention to them.

ANSWER: **gold** (accept **yellow**; accept **Artemisia gold**)

- 2) **Former members of this faith are shunned by their families when they are "disfellowshipped." This religious movement has its roots in Charles Taze Russell's Bible Student movement, and it publishes the (\*)** *Watchtower* magazine. Believers in this faith worship in Kingdom Halls; avoid celebrating birthdays; and refuse blood transfusions. For ten points, name this American Christian movement whose members recruit door-to-door.

ANSWER: Jehovah's Witnesses (prompt on "J·W" or "J·Ws;" prompt on "Bible Students" or "Bible Student movement" before it is read in the second sentence)

Bonus 2) Despite being an odd-numbered year, 2025 featured several Congressional elections. For ten points each,

[10h] A vacancy opened in this southwestern state after the March death of twelve-term representative Raúl Grijalva [gree-HAL-va]; that vacancy was filled in September by his daughter, Adelita, whose admission to Congress was delayed for fifty days by House Republicans.

ANSWER: Arizona

[10e] The delay in Adelita Grijalva's swearing in was criticized by many Democrats as an attempt to delay the release of files related to this sex offender, who died in jail in 2019.

ANSWER: Jeffrey Epstein (accept Jeffrey Edward Epstein; accept Epstein files)

[10m] House Speaker Mike Johnson claimed that Grijalva wasn't allowed to be sworn in until the results were certified, despite the immediate processing of Democrat James Walkinshaw from this state in September. Many Washington lobbyists live in Walkinshaw's district in this state, just west of D·C.

ANSWER: Virginia

- 3) **This author wrote a novel in which the religious leader Bokonon briefly survives Earth's destruction by ice-nine, and another in which Dwayne Hoover meets this author's recurring character Kilgore Trout. In another novel by this author, palm-shaped Tral·fama·dorian aliens kidnap (\*) Billy Pilgrim, who becomes "unstuck in time" and is held prisoner during the firebombing of Dresden. *Cat's Cradle* and *Breakfast of Champions* are by, for ten points, what American author of *Slaughterhouse-Five*?**

ANSWER: Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

Bonus 3) In the early eighteenth century, James Puckle invented a tripod-mounted gun with a swappable cylinder; he wanted to fire round bullets at Christian enemies and more painful square bullets at Muslims from this empire. For ten points each,

[10e] Name this Turkish empire that conquered Constantinople in 1453 and collapsed during World War One.

ANSWER: **Ottoman** Empire

[10h] The Ottomans employed these infantry units, many of whom were kidnapped as children and forced to convert to Islam, until their corps ["core"] was disbanded in 1826.

ANSWER: **Janissary** (accept **Janissaries**)

[10m] The Janissaries were wiped out in the 1826 Auspicious Incident, following their failed attempt to rebel against Mahmud the Second, who held this position as leader of the Ottoman Empire.

ANSWER: **sultan** (accept **padishah**; prompt on "shah;" do not accept or prompt on "king" or "emperor")

- 4) **Directions to this place are given with the warning "They'll truss you up in your Sunday best / and stuff your mouth with cotton." The post-curtain call song "We Raise our Cups" ends an Anaïs Mitchell [ah-NAY-iss "mitchell"] (\*) musical named for this place, which also names a realm navigated by Zagreus in a roguelike R·P·G whose sequel came out in September 2025. The Orpheus and Eurydice myth involves walking out of, for ten points, what Greek underworld?**

ANSWER: **Hades** (accept **Hadestown**; prompt on "afterlife;" prompt on "underworld" or "Greek underworld" before it is read in the last sentence)

Bonus 4) *Ara·bidop·sis tha·liana* is one of these organisms that has been used to demonstrate DNA repair mechanisms and the influence of sound on plant growth patterns. For ten points each,

[10h] Give this term that describes organisms used for study in laboratory environments, often because of their short lifespans and small size.

ANSWER: **model** organism

[10e] *A. thaliana* is in the family Brassicaceae [brah-sih-kah-see-ay], plants commonly called "cabbages" or this other common term. A popular group of condiments named for this term and made from this family of plants are yellow and tangy.

ANSWER: **mustard**

[10m] *A. thaliana* is prized as a model organism partially because it produces so many of these reproductive structures, in which a coat protects an embryo.

ANSWER: **seed**

- 5) **Our solar system's termination shock has a radius of roughly ninety of these units. This unit, which is two hundred thousand times smaller than a parsec, is equal to about five hundred (\*) light-seconds, or just over eight light-minutes. Neptune's orbit averages thirty of these units, and Venus's averages less than one. For ten points, name this unit of measure, equal to about ninety-three million miles, that is the average distance between Earth and the Sun.**

ANSWER: **astronomical** unit (accept **A·U**)

Bonus 5) This fourteenth-century poet dedicated love poetry to a woman named Laura in a collection sometimes called *Rime Sparse* [REE-may SPAR-sah] or "Scattered Rhymes." For ten points each,

[10h] Name this poet who collected his sonnets to Laura in *Il Canzoniere* [eel KAN-zoh-nee-AY-ray].

ANSWER: **Petrarch** (accept Francesco Petrarca)

[10e] *Il Canzoniere* means "songs" in the language of this European country, whose modern capital is Rome.

ANSWER: **Italy** (accept **Italian** Republic; accept Repubblica **Italiana**; accept **Italian** language; accept **italiano**; accept **lingua italiana**)

[10m] Petrarch commemorated Hannibal's invasion of Italy in a poem named for this continent. Scipio's victory at the Battle of Zama forced Hannibal's retreat and earned Scipio this continent's name as a nickname.

ANSWER: **Africa** (accept Scipio **Africanus**)

- 6) **This poet described the "Pride of Life that planned" the ship *Titanic* before "the Spinner of the Years" made an iceberg to destroy it in the poem "The Convergence of the Twain." *Under the (\*) Greenwood Tree* is by this author, who wrote about Sue Bridehead's doomed love affair with her cousin, and about Sorrow's tragic milkmaid mother in two other novels. For ten points, name this English author of *Jude the Obscure* and *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*.**

ANSWER: Thomas **Hardy**

Bonus 6) This event is predicted in the Völuspá, in which a seer says three roosters will signal its beginning in three worlds. For ten points each,

[10h] Name this foretold doomsday, a "twilight of the gods" during which the nine realms will burn.

ANSWER: Ragnarök

[10m] During Ragnarök, the Norse gods will go to battle with the help of the Einherjar ["EYE"n-hayr-yar], honorable dead humans who reside in this afterlife, a mead-hall owned by Odin.

ANSWER: Valhalla (accept Valhal; prompt on "Asgard")

[10e] The Einherjar earn their place in Valhalla by dying valiantly in these events, during which fighters might use swords and shields.

ANSWER: battle (accept war; accept fighting)

- 7) **Three of these musical ensembles appear in Berlioz's symphony *Roméo et Juliette*. Motets and madrigals are performed by this type of group, which appear in Bach's *Saint John Passion* and *Saint Matthew Passion* in their (\*) S · A · T · B form. In Mahler's *Symphony of a Thousand*, this type of group performs the hymn "Veni, Creator Spiritus." For ten points, what type of musical group sings "Ode to Joy" in Beethoven's ninth symphony?**

ANSWER: chorus (accept choir; accept chorale; accept choral symphony; accept specific types such as S · A · T · B chorus or women's choir)

Note: S · A · T · B stands for Soprano-Alto-Tenor-Bass.

Bonus 7) A small vial of poison has a fifty percent chance of being smashed and killing this animal, which would be really sad if this animal weren't just hypothetical. For ten points each,

[10e] Name this animal that is simultaneously both alive and dead in a quantum physics thought experiment posed by Erwin Schrödinger.

ANSWER: cat (accept Schrödinger's cat)

[10h] The idea that Schrödinger's cat is both alive and dead until the box is opened and observed is an example of this quantum physics concept, in which a wave function is a combination of both possible outcomes.

ANSWER: super · position (accept quantum superposition)

[10m] In the thought experiment, the poison is smashed if radiation is detected, which can be done with a device like this physicist's namesake "counter." This man and Ernest Marsden carried out the Rutherford gold foil experiment.

ANSWER: Hans Geiger (accept Geiger counter)

- 8) **A type of infinite series named for this letter is called the harmonic series when this letter equals one. In statistics, this letter represents the target value of statistical significance, which can be "hacked" by unscrupulous (\*) scientists. In probability, this letter is typically set equal to "one minus Q" to represent the probabilities of a two-outcome trial. For ten points, name this letter that is usually used to symbolize the perimeter of a polygon.**

ANSWER: **P** (accept **p**-value; accept **p**-hacking)

Bonus 8) Air New Zealand executives were accused of orchestrating a "litany of lies" in their explanation for how Flight 901 crashed into this mountain in 1979. For ten points each,

[10h] Name this active volcano, the southernmost in the world. It shares its name with the Greek personification of darkness, the brother of Nyx.

ANSWER: Mount **Erebus**

[10e] Air New Zealand Flight 901 crashed into Mount Erebus on a sightseeing flight to this southernmost continent.

ANSWER: **Antarctica**

[10m] Air New Zealand initially tried to cover up the crash's primary cause: the pilots weren't told that the computerized flight plan had been changed before they took off from this most populous city of New Zealand.

ANSWER: **Auckland** (accept **Tāmaki Makaurau**)

- 9) **This type of radiation names an analysis technique that involves a "fingerprint region" below fifteen hundred inverse centimeters; that form of spectroscopy measures molecular vibration. Radiation in this range has a wavelength shorter than (\*) microwaves. Night vision goggles operate by observing this kind of light. For ten points, name this type of typically non-visible light whose wavelength is just longer than the visible light with the longest wavelength, red.**

ANSWER: **infrared** light (accept **I·R** light; accept **infrared** spectroscopy; accept **I·R** spectroscopy)

Bonus 9) Under Spanish control, this colony offered safety and freedom to escaped American slaves who converted to Catholicism. For ten points each,

[10e] Name this colony on the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico that was sold by Spain to the United States in 1819.

ANSWER: **Florida**

[10h] The U·S purchased Florida in this treaty, named for James Monroe's Secretary of State and the Spanish ambassador who negotiated it.

ANSWER: **Adams-Onís** Treaty

[10m] This Native American tribe from Florida fought three wars against the United States: one prior to the purchase from Spain, and two afterward, while the Americans attempted to force them out of their homeland. Osceola [ah-see-oh-la] led these people in the second of those wars.

ANSWER: **Seminoles** (accept **Seminole** Wars)

- 10) **These people lost the Battle of Edington, as recorded in a history by Bishop Asser. The Great Heathen Army, which was made up of these people, attacked England in 865 C·E. These people used (\*) longships in their attacks on monasteries, but did not wear helmets with horns. Vinland in North America was explored by Leif Erikson and, for ten points, what group of Scandinavians that sailed and raided medieval northern Europe?**

ANSWER: **Vikings** (accept **Norse** people; accept **Danes**; accept **Icelanders**; prompt on "Scandinavian" before it is read in the last sentence)

Bonus 10) This play's author wrote a follow-up to it explaining that Galatea [gah-lah-TAY-ah] doesn't like the title figure, since "his relation to her is too godlike to be altogether agreeable." For ten points each,

[10m] Name this play, the basis of the musical *My Fair Lady*, in which Eliza Doolittle learns to speak like a duchess from Henry Higgins. It is named for a mythical sculptor whose work is brought to life.

ANSWER: **Pygmalion** [pig-MAY-lee-on]

[10h] *Pygmalion* [pig-MAY-lee-on] is by this Irish playwright who also wrote *Major Barbara* and *Man and Superman*.

ANSWER: George Bernard **Shaw**

[10e] Shaw's statement that Galatea does not like Pygmalion is reflected in Eliza's bitter assertion that she means no more to Higgins than this type of footwear. In a climactic scene in the play, Higgins asks "where the devil" these house-worn shoes have gone, and Eliza throws them at him.

ANSWER: **slippers** (accept house-**slippers**)

- 11) **Salvador Dali depicted this sculpture twenty-eight times in *The Hallucinogenic Toreador*, and created a version of this sculpture with drawers. The plinth of this sculpture led to it being attributed to Alexandros of Antioch, although it was previously attributed to (\*) Praxiteles [prak-SIH-teh-lees]. This sculpture was discovered near a hand holding an apple, which was lost before it was moved to France. For ten points, name this armless statue of a love goddess.**

ANSWER: Venus de Milo (accept Aphrodite of Melos)

Bonus 11) This material's types include lignite, which is typically brown, or bituminous, which is black. For ten points each,

[10e] Name this carbon-based solid fossil fuel.

ANSWER: coal

[10h] Coal with higher carbon content will have higher energy density, and is thus more valuable. This classification of coal has the highest energy density.

ANSWER: anthracite

[10m] Coal metamorphoses from this precursor material, consisting of decaying organic matter. Bogs and wetlands are typically covered with this material.

ANSWER: peat

- 12) **In a play by this author, Doctor Dorn claims that a medicine bottle has exploded to hide a gunshot. In another play by this man, Andrei Prozorov is the brother of the title group, Olga, Maria, and Irina. (\*) *Three Sisters* is by this playwright, who wrote about Konstantin Treplev in *The Seagull*, and about Madame Ranevskaya selling the title property in *The Cherry Orchard*. For ten points, name this Russian playwright whose rule about planting and payoff is known as his "gun."**

ANSWER: Anton Chekhov (accept Anton Pavlovich Chekhov; accept Chekhov's gun)

Note: Your question writer's rule says that if a gun is mentioned in the leadin, it must become a giveaway for Chekhov.



Bonus 12) The mostly-serious Tau Manifesto argues that pi is an inferior choice for the circle constant, because using pi hides the fact that the area formula for a circle should have this fraction in it. For ten points each,

[10m] Name this fraction, which is multiplied by tau times the radius squared in the "better" circle area formula. Other formulas that look good with this fraction include kinetic energy, which is this fraction times mass times velocity squared.

ANSWER: one-half

[10e] Using one-half as the exponent on a real number is equivalent to taking this specific operation.

ANSWER: square root (prompt on "root;" prompt on "radical")

[10h] A negative one-half exponent is applied to tau - that is, two pi - in the formula for this probability distribution. This distribution's graph is the familiar bell curve.

ANSWER: normal distribution (accept Gaussian distribution)

- 13) **This force is increased when a swim bladder increases in size. This force opposes weight in Archimedes' principle. When this force and gravity are balanced, the object rests at the boundary of a fluid because this force (\*) pushes up on the object as gravity pushes down. Objects that are less dense than water do not weigh enough to overcome this force at rest. For ten points, name this physical force that pushes floating objects to the surface of the water.**

ANSWER: buoyancy (accept word forms like buoyant force; prompt on "float" and word forms before it is read)

Bonus 13) This poet repeats "I think I made you up inside my head" in a poem that says "I shut my eyes and all the world drops dead." For ten points each,

[10h] Name this poet of "Mad Girl's Love Song" who also wrote "Ariel."

ANSWER: Sylvia Plath

[10m] Plath wrote that "Dying / Is an art, like everything else. / I do it exceptionally well" in a poem named for a "Lady" version of this biblical figure who is brought back to life by Jesus.

ANSWER: Lazarus (accept Lady Lazarus)

[10e] Plath wrote about "a man in black with a Meinkampf look" and says "I was ten when they buried you" in a poem named for a man with this parental relationship to her.

ANSWER: Daddy (accept equivalent terms like her father or dad)

- 14) **This ability can be improved by using "chunking," a method of associating its targets together. George Miller argued that this mental ability is limited to seven things, plus or minus two. The "flashbulb" or (\*) "eidetic" [eye-DEH-tik] type of this process is often described as "photographic." For ten points, name this mental ability in which information is stored and recalled, either in short-term or long-term forms.**

ANSWER: **memory** (accept word forms like **memorize**; accept descriptions, like "**remembering** things"; accept short-term **memory**; accept **recall** before it is read in the last sentence)

Bonus 14) Answer the following about turncoats who planned to be traitors to the United States, for ten points each.

[10e] This man's name became synonymous with "traitor" after his plan to betray West Point to the British was foiled in 1780.

ANSWER: Benedict **Arnold**

[10m] After killing Alexander Hamilton and leaving office, this vice president was charged with treason for planning to form a breakaway country in the south with James Wilkinson.

ANSWER: Aaron **Burr** (accept Aaron **Burr**, Junior)

[10h] In the Mexican-American War, John Riley led a group of predominantly Irish soldiers who defected to Mexico and formed this battalion, named for a historical Irish figure.

ANSWER: **Saint Patrick's** Battalion (accept **Saint Patrick**; accept **Saint Padraig**; prompt on "Patrick" or "Padraig" alone)

- 15) **The Rashidun Caliphate's capital of Fustat was built in what is now this city. This city, which is not in Iraq, is home to the ruins of the Babylon Fortress, built in what is now called "Coptic [this city]." After fleeing Baghdad, the (\*) Abbasids restored their caliphate in this African city. Saladin led the Ayyubids from, for ten points, what city on the Nile River, a capital of medieval and modern Egypt?**

ANSWER: **Cairo**

Bonus 15) Answer the following about the seven sacred ceremonies of Lakota Native American culture, for ten points each.

[10m] In the ritual of Wiwang Wacipi [wee-wang wah-CHEE-pee], performers pierce their skin, tie the piercing to a pole, and perform this vigorous action until the piercing tears out of their skin.

ANSWER: **dance** (accept word forms like **dancing**; accept Sun **Dance**)

[10h] Four times each year, Lakota men should perform Inipi [ee-nee-pee], in which they gather in a lodge to pray and expose themselves to heat to perform this passive action as a form of spiritual and bodily cleansing.

ANSWER: **sweat** (accept word forms like **sweating**; accept **Sweat** Lodge)

[10e] The Canupa [cha-NOO-pah] ceremony is the ritual use of one of these implements, which was legendarily given to the Lakota by White Buffalo Calf Woman. These objects can be used to smoke kinni · kinnick or tobacco.

ANSWER: **pipe**

- 16) **This landmark shares its name with a nearby town whose Love Canal landfill became an infamous environmental disaster. Nik Wallenda presented his passport to Canadian officials after walking a tightrope across this landmark in 2012. The (\*) *Maid of the Mist* visits this landmark, which Annie Edson Taylor survived "going over" in a barrel. Bridal Veil Falls and Horseshoe Falls are parts of, for ten points, what massive waterfall on the Canada-New York border?**

ANSWER: **Niagara** Falls

Bonus 16) Answer the following about music featuring the incredibly busy Pharell Williams, for ten points each:

[10e] This movie franchise's fourth installment used Pharell's single "Double Life" as a theme for the supervillain Gru ["grew"]. Pharell's song "Happy" appears in this franchise's second film.

ANSWER: **Despicable Me** (accept **Despicable Me 2**)

[10m] In this band's sixth behind-the-scenes "memory tape," Pharell claims that he merely sang while the two "robots" who make up this band did most of the work on their song "Get Lucky," from their album *Random Access Memories*.

ANSWER: **Daft Punk**

[10h] This rapper's 2025 album *Don't Tap the Glass* features Pharell on its first track "Big Poe." This rapper behind *Chroma · kopia* previously featured Pharell on the album *Wolf*.

ANSWER: **Tyler, the Creator** (accept Tyler **Okonma**)

- 17) **This event destroyed the Palmer House hotel, just two weeks after it opened. A similar disaster killed hundreds more people in and around Peshtigo, Wisconsin [pesh-TEE-goh, Wisconsin] on the same day as this disaster. A Water Tower on (\*) Michigan Avenue survived this disaster and still stands today. Mrs. O'Leary's cow almost certainly did not kick over a lantern to start, for ten points, what 1871 disaster that set a major Midwestern city ablaze?**

ANSWER: **Chicago Fire** (accept the Great **Chicago Fire** of 1871; accept descriptions of **Chicago burning**; prompt on partial answers)

Bonus 17) Dmitri Mendeleev devised the structure of this diagram, which very broadly speaking includes metals on the left, non-metals on the right, and transition metals in the middle. For ten points each,

[10e] Name this diagram of the one hundred eighteen known chemical elements.

ANSWER: **periodic table**

[10m] Arsenic, germanium, and silicon are among a handful of these elements, which are found along a staircase shape on the right side of the periodic table. These elements are named for having properties of metals and non-metals.

ANSWER: **metalloids** (do not accept "semimetals")

[10h] Within the transition metals, this metal element with atomic number forty-three is the lightest element that is always radioactive.

ANSWER: **technetium** (accept **T·e**)

- 18) **A character in this play blames a "heat-oppressed brain" for a vision that summons another man "to heaven or to hell." A sleepwalker in this play chides her husband for being "a soldier and afeard," and marvels that "the old man [...] had so much blood in him." This play's title character asks, "is this a (\*) dagger which I see before me?" before he goes to kill King Duncan. For ten points, name this Shakespeare play whose name is so unlucky that actors traditionally call it "the Scottish play."**

ANSWER: **Macbeth** (accept The Tragedy of **Macbeth**; prompt on "the Scottish play" before it is read in the last sentence)

Bonus 18) Ralph Vaughan Williams [RAYF VAWN "Williams"] composed music for one of these works, 1948's *Scott of the Antarctic*, then re-worked the themes into his *Sinfonia antarica*. For ten points each,

[10e] Name this artform. John Williams is best known for writing music for these works, including *E.T.* and *Schindler's List*.

ANSWER: **films** (accept **movies**; accept **motion pictures**; accept **film** scores and similar equivalents)

[10h] Movie music is typically classified in two ways: background music that cannot be heard by the characters, or this type of music, which is heard by the characters, typically so they can react to it.

ANSWER: **diegetic** music

[10m] Many of John Williams' film scores have been for this director of *E.T.* and *Schindler's List*. This man also directed a 2021 adaptation of *West Side Story*.

ANSWER: Steven **Spielberg** (accept Steven Allan **Spielberg**)

- 19) **When these cells contain Howell-Jolly bodies, which are stray remnants of nuclei, it indicates a malfunctioning spleen. These cells develop from reticulo · cytes after the hormone erythro · poie · tin stimulates the production of these cells in (\*) bone marrow. These cells are deformed in sickle cell disease by strands of hemoglobin, whose iron content gives these cells their color. For ten points, name these cells that carry oxygen through the circulatory system.**

ANSWER: **red blood** cells (accept **erythrocyte**; accept **RBC**; prompt on "blood cell")

Bonus 19) This author's children posthumously released his last partial manuscript, *Until August*, in 2024. For ten points each,

[10h] Name this Colombian author whose finished novels include *Chronicle of a Death Foretold* and *Love in the Time of Cholera*.

ANSWER: Gabriel **García** Márquez (prompt on "Márquez")

[10m] A magical realist García Márquez novel describes this length of time "of solitude" in the lives of seven generations of the Buendía family in the fictional city of Macondo.

ANSWER: **hundred years** (accept One **Hundred Years of Solitude**; accept **Cien años** de soledad; accept a **century**; prompt on partial answers like "hundred" or "years" given by themselves; do not accept or prompt on different numbers of years or different units, such as "two hundred years" or "one hundred days")

[10e] Early in *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, Melquíades baffles José Arcadio Buendía by showing him this substance, the frozen form of water.

ANSWER: **ice**

- 20) **After this mythical figure was mortally wounded at the Battle of Camlann, he was taken to the mystical island of Avalon. This figure's incestuous affair with Morgause resulted in the birth of this man's enemy (\*) Mordred. This man expelled Lancelot for having an affair with this man's wife, Guinevere, in his court at Camelot. The wizard Merlin advised, for ten points, what "Once and Future King" of England who led the Knights of the Round Table?**

ANSWER: King **Arthur** (accept **Arthur** Pendragon; prompt on "Pendragon" alone)

Bonus 20) This man did not coin the term Realpolitik, but he is often cited as its foremost proponent. For ten points each,

[10m] Name this "Iron Chancellor," a diplomat who worked to unify his native Prussia with various duchies and principalities in 1871.

ANSWER: Otto von **Bismarck**

[10e] Bismarck oversaw the 1871 unification of this country, which he then ruled as Chancellor from Berlin.

ANSWER: **Germany** (accept **German** Empire; accept **German** Reich)

[10h] The prime example of Bismarck's advantageous approach to diplomacy came in 1870, when he carefully worded this message to insult the French, triggering the Franco-Prussian War.

ANSWER: **Ems dispatch** (accept **Ems telegram**)