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Round 4

- 1) **The Tsiolkovsky equation calculates the change in this scientific quantity when a rocket fires. The second time derivative of this quantity is jerk. The rate of change of this vector quantity is (*) acceleration, and this quantity is itself the rate of change in an object's position. For ten points, name this quantity, an object's speed in a direction, often measured in meters per second.**

ANSWER: velocity (accept linear velocity; prompt on "speed" before it is read in the last sentence)

Bonus 1) This state's town of Lewiston is surprisingly home to a Pacific Ocean port. For ten points each,

[10e] Name this decidedly non-coastal U-S state, whose capital is Boise.

ANSWER: Idaho

[10m] Lewiston lies at the confluence of the Clearwater River and this major river of Idaho, named for a reptile.

ANSWER: Snake River

[10h] A bunch of locks and canals make the Snake and this Washington river navigable for larger ships, letting them reach Lewiston. Most of the Oregon-Washington border is defined by this river.

ANSWER: Columbia River

- 2) **A painting named for a "Movie" in this city shows a solitary usher modeled by the painter's wife, Josephine. This city's Seventh Avenue is an empty street in the painting *Early Sunday Morning*. Edward (*) Hopper depicted urban isolation with works set in this city like *Automat* and a painting of three patrons of a diner at night. For ten points, name this east coast American city where Hopper set *Nighthawks* and *Manhattan Bridge Loop*.**

ANSWER: New York City (accept N·Y·C; accept New York Movie)

Bonus 2) Perennial Nobel Prize also-ran Neil Bartlett rewrote chemistry dogma by showing that these elements actually form compounds with fluorine. For ten points each,

[10m] Name these elements that usually won't try to share electrons because they already have full valence shells.

ANSWER: noble gases (accept inert gases; accept Group Eighteen elements; prompt on "gas" alone)

[10e] There's a Nobel Prize in your future if you can form a compound containing this lightest noble gas, which has atomic number two and is found just after hydrogen.

ANSWER: helium (prompt on "H·e")

[10h] Bartlett did most of his work with fluorine compounds containing this other, much heavier noble gas, named for a Greek word meaning "strange."

ANSWER: xenon (accept X·e)

- 3) **This ruler was probably buried in the Proserpina Sarcophagus in the cathedral of Aachen, his capital. This ruler's empire names the Carolingian Renaissance, an eighth and ninth century revival of learning promoted by this man and his son, (*) Louis the Pious. This son of Pepin the Short was crowned by Pope Leo the Third on Christmas in the year 800. For ten points, name this King of the Franks who united Central Europe into what became the Holy Roman Empire.**

ANSWER: Charlemagne (accept Charles the Great; accept Carolus Magnus; accept Charles the First; prompt on "Charles" or "Carolus")

Bonus 3) Name these children of the Norse trickster god Loki, for ten points each.

[10h] In the form of a mare, Loki gave birth to this eight-legged horse, who became Odin's steed.

ANSWER: Sleipnir [SLYPE-neer]

[10e] Loki and the jotun [YOH-tun] Angrboda were parents of three children, including this monster and his brother Jormungandr [YOHR-mun-GON-dur]. This wolf ate Tyr's hand and is destined to kill Odin.

ANSWER: Fenrir (accept Fenris wolf)

[10m] This daughter of Loki and Angrboda was made ruler of the Norse underworld, a realm that shares her name.

ANSWER: Hel (accept Hela)

- 4) **When price increases for Giffen goods, this quantity atypically also increases. This quantity's "law" is not followed by Veblen goods, such as luxury items. A negative (*) slope is typical when graphing price against this quantity, which also usually has an inverse relationship with the availability of products. For ten points, name this quantity of the amount of goods consumers want to buy, often contrasted with supply.**

ANSWER: **demand** (accept law of **demand**)

Bonus 4) This literary work's title character is a Geatish [GAY-tish] warrior from what is now Sweden, and is called upon to defend the mead-hall Heorot [HAY-oh-roht] from an invading monster. For ten points each,

[10h] Identify this Old English epic poem named for a warrior who fights a so-called "descendent of Cain" named Grendel.

ANSWER: **Beowulf** [BAY-oh-wulf]

[10m] After defeating Grendel, Beowulf [BAY-oh-wulf] is dragged to the bottom of a lake, where he fights a witch with this relationship to Grendel.

ANSWER: his **mother** (accept common equivalents like his **mom**; accept **Grendel's mother**)

[10e] At the end of his life, Beowulf takes Wiglaf and goes to fight one of these mythical creatures that breathes fire during the battle to defend its hoard of gold.

ANSWER: **dragon**

- 5) **On this city's island of Lido, a young Polish boy named Tadzio becomes a point of obsession for Gustav von Aschenbach in Thomas Mann's novel (*) *Death in this city*. Antonio is the title character of a play named for this city, in which he borrows money from Shylock before he hears news of disaster from this city's Rialto bridge. For ten points, name this setting of a William Shakespeare play named for *The Merchant of* this canal-filled Italian city.**

ANSWER: **Venice** (accept **Venezia**)

Bonus 5) As midnight of August 15, 1947 approached, this leader gave the "Tryst with Destiny" speech. For ten points each,

[10e] Name this leader who served as the first prime minister of his country after it achieved its independence from Britain.

ANSWER: Jawaharlal Nehru

[10h] Jawaharlal Nehru's "Tryst with Destiny" speech promised that this country "will awake to life and freedom" as it gained its independence, which occurred simultaneously with Pakistan's independence.

ANSWER: India (accept Republic of India; accept Bharat Ganarajya)

[10m] This daughter of Nehru served two stints as Indian prime minister until she was assassinated by her own bodyguards in 1984. Her son, Rajiv, was also assassinated while serving as prime minister.

ANSWER: Indira Gandhi (both underlined parts required; prompt on "Gandhi" alone)

- 6) **These natural things can take the form of domes, streams, or sheets when accumulation overcomes ablation. Recession of these objects is a common indicator variable for climate change. These formations can create (*) cirques through erosion, and can leave behind elongated hills called drumlins or collections of "till" debris called moraines with their motion. For ten points, name these enormous sheets of slow-moving ice that shaped the Earth's landscape.**

ANSWER: glaciers (accept ice dome and/or ice stream and/or ice sheet before "ice" is read in the last sentence)

Bonus 6) This leader of the Chicago Outfit was a quasi-folk hero until seven people were killed in the Saint Valentine's Day Massacre, which he probably ordered. For ten points each,

[10m] Name this American mobster, known as "Scarface," who was ultimately imprisoned for committing tax evasion instead of, you know, the murders.

ANSWER: Al Capone (accept Alphonse Gabriel Capone)

[10e] Capone built his crime empire via bootlegging and smuggling during this period. This era began when the Eighteenth Amendment banned the sale of alcohol and ended with the Twenty-First Amendment.

ANSWER: Prohibition (accept Prohibition Era)

[10h] The Saint Valentine's Day Massacre was believed to be a hit on this gangster, who ran the rival North Side Gang. He survived the massacre by being late to the meeting.

ANSWER: Bugs Moran (accept George Clarence Moran)

- 7) **This theorem is generalized by Pappus's area theorem, which uses parallelograms instead of three squares. A term of the form " $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ " is used in the Law of Cosines to generalize this theorem so that it works for any (*) triangle. An ancient Greek mathematician lends his name to, for ten points, what theorem relating side lengths of right triangles, usually written as a formula reading "A squared plus B squared equals C squared?"**

ANSWER: Pythagorean Theorem (accept Pythagorean Formula)

Bonus 7) YouTube videos of these works are often labeled "slime tutorials," because accurately labeling a video "Illegal bootleg of *Death Becomes Her*" is a great way to get it taken down for copyright infringement. For ten points each,

[10e] Name these artistic performances that are tough to appreciate in person unless you can actually get to the West End in London or Broadway in New York.

ANSWER: plays (accept musicals; accept any additional information, like Broadway musicals)

[10m] One of the most popular slime tutorial subjects is "Defying Gravity," a showstopping number that ends Act One of this Broadway musical and its 2024 film adaptation, which stars Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande.

ANSWER: Wicked (accept Wicked: Part One)

[10h] The middle ground between "watching illegal bootlegs on TikTok" and "flying to New York" is watching an officially filmed performance of the show, known by this seven-letter name. In 2024, *Merrily We Roll Along* was filmed at the end of its run to create one of these works.

ANSWER: pro-shot

- 8) **A Boston-area Black feminist collective took its name from this woman's raid on the Combahee River in 1863. An effort to replace Andrew Jackson with this woman on the (*) twenty dollar bill stalled in 2016. This friend of John Brown made over a dozen journeys across the Ohio River, earning her the nickname "Moses." For ten points, name this hero of the Underground Railroad who helped guide dozens of slaves to freedom in the North.**

ANSWER: Harriet Tubman (accept Araminta Ross)

Bonus 8) According to legend, this composer once wrote large leaps between high and low notes to make a singer that he didn't like bob her head up and down like a chicken. For ten points each,

[10m] Name this eighteenth century Austrian composer of operas like *Così fan tutte* and *The Marriage of Figaro*.

ANSWER: Wolfgang Amadeus **Mozart** (accept Johannes Chrysostomus Wolfgangus Theophilus **Mozart**)

[10e] Figaro in *The Marriage of Figaro* is sung in this lowest male vocal range, which is lower than a tenor or baritone.

ANSWER: **bass**

[10h] The Guinness record for the highest note ever written for human voice was set by Mozart, but contrary to popular belief, that note is *not* sung by the Queen of the Night in this opera. This last opera by Mozart is named for a musical instrument.

ANSWER: The **Magic Flute** (accept Die **Zauberflöte**; do not prompt on "flute" alone)

Note: The record-breakingly high note is from *Alceste*, an opera originally by Gluck. Mozart wrote an extra song for *Alceste* to show off the skills of Aloysia Weber, a soprano who could hit the note.

- 9) **This culture's religious kapu system included the practice of 'aikapu [ah-ee-kah-poo], the separation of men and women while eating. This culture's Iwi Kupuna [ee-wee koo-poo-nah] venerates ancestors, who can be deified as 'aumakua [ah-oo-mah-koo-ah]. This culture's gods include the snow goddess (*) Poli'ahu [poh-lee-ah-hoo] and Laka, a goddess of a traditional dance performed wearing a lei [lay]. For ten points, name this culture in which volcanic eruptions can be forecast by sightings of the goddess Pele [pay-lay] on islands like O'ahu.**

ANSWER: **Hawai'i** [huh-VYE-ee] (accept **Hawai'ian** culture; accept the more common English pronunciation)

Note: The traditional dance is hula kahiko.

Bonus 9) This poet addressed the struggles of those who protest injustice in "Kids Who Die." For ten points each,

[10h] Name this poet who described a "drowsy syncopated tune" in "The Weary Blues."

ANSWER: Langston **Hughes** (accept James Mercer Langston **Hughes**)

[10m] In one poem, Langston Hughes asked "what happens to [one of these things] deferred?" and speculated it might "[sag] like a heavy load" or explode.

ANSWER: **dreams** (accept a **dream** deferred)

[10e] That poem was named for this Manhattan neighborhood. Langston Hughes was a poet from its namesake "Renaissance" of African-American culture.

ANSWER: **Harlem** (accept **Harlem** Renaissance)

- 10) **In this work, Minimus' poems replace the song "Beasts of England," which is taught by Old Major. In this novella, seven commandments are edited down to one with the addendum "BUT SOME... ARE MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS." In this novel, the (*) horse Boxer repeats the maxim "I will work harder" before he is sent to a glue boiler. The pigs Snowball and Napoleon fight over the title location in, for ten points, what metaphorical George Orwell novella?**

ANSWER: Animal Farm (accept Animal Farm: A Fairy Story)

Bonus 10) This chemical is transported between cells by aquaporins. For ten points each,

[10m] Name this chemical that makes up the majority of the contents of the cell.

ANSWER: water (accept H₂O)

[10e] Predictably, aquaporins work by creating pores for water to travel through. Those pores are found in this protective layer around a cell, which is further surrounded by a cell wall in plant cells.

ANSWER: cell membrane (accept phospholipid bilayer)

[10h] The discovery of aquaporins won a Nobel Prize for Peter Agre, a scientist at this Baltimore research university, whose school of medicine is routinely top-ranked.

ANSWER: Hopkins (accept Johns Hopkins University; accept Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; accept JHU)

- 11) ***Briggs v. Elliot* was one of five cases combined into this Supreme Court case, which included evidence from Kenneth and Mamie Clark's studies with dolls. In a follow-up, this case's ruling was ordered to be carried out "with all deliberate speed." This case's plaintiff was supported by (*) NAACP [N-double-A-C-P] chief counsel Thurgood Marshall. *Plessy v. Ferguson* was partially overturned by, for ten points, what 1954 case that banned racial segregation in public schools?**

ANSWER: Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas

Bonus 11) This novella's protagonist dreams of lions on a beach after the boy Manolin consoles him. For ten points each,

[10m] Name this novella focusing on Santiago, an aged angler who loses an important catch after an eighty-five day unlucky streak.

ANSWER: The Old Man and the Sea

[10e] *The Old Man and the Sea* is by this American author, whose novel *A Farewell to Arms* was inspired by his ambulance driving in World War One.

ANSWER: Ernest Hemingway (accept Ernest Miller Hemingway)

[10h] In *The Old Man and the Sea*, Santiago admires this "great" New York Yankees player while discussing baseball with Manolin.

ANSWER: Joe DiMaggio (accept "the great DiMaggio;" accept Joseph Paul DiMaggio; accept Giuseppe Paolo DiMaggio)

- 12) **A character in this novel watches Felix teach Safie in a remote cottage, where he learns to recite *Paradise Lost* to a man he calls his father. William's violent death is blamed on Justine in this novel, but was the work of a character who kills (*) Elizabeth Lavenza on her wedding night in revenge for Victor failing to make him a bride. For ten points, name this novel by Mary Shelley about a title scientist who brings a humanoid monster to life.**

ANSWER: Frankenstein (accept Frankenstein; or, the Modern Prometheus)

Bonus 12) Lagrange points are equilibrium points created by the gravitational interaction between two bodies in space. For ten points each,

[10m] This planet's Lagrange points relative to the Sun are home to equipment like space telescopes, although the Hubble Space Telescope is instead in low orbit around this planet.

ANSWER: Earth

[10h] Specifically, the L-2 Lagrange point created by the Earth and Sun is currently occupied by this space telescope, which was launched in 2021 to replace the infrared and visible light imaging of the Hubble Space Telescope.

ANSWER: James Webb Space Telescope (accept J·W·S·T)

[10e] The Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope, which will be placed at L2 later this decade, will use gravitational microlensing to search for this type of large body outside of our solar system.

ANSWER: exoplanets (accept extrasolar planets; prompt on "planet" alone; prompt on a descriptive answer like "planets outside of our solar system")

- 13) **This class of animals includes the family *Indicatoreidae*, which are nicknamed "honeyguides" for leading humans to bees. These non-mammalian animals feed their babies with "milk" produced in their crop, an organ above the (*) gizzard in these animals' digestive systems. Air-filled cavities make these animals' bones lightweight. Darwin studied the beak shapes of, for ten points, what animals in class Aves that lay eggs, have feathers, and often fly?**

ANSWER: birds (accept Aves or avians before "Aves" is read in the last sentence; accept pigeons after "milk" is read in the second sentence; accept finches after "Darwin" is read in the last sentence; anti-prompt on any other specific type of bird, such as "turkey")

Bonus 13) Answer the following about more organisms that are good at finding honey: modern world leaders, for ten points each.

[10h] This current Chinese leader must be great at finding pots of honey... if the anti-Communist memes comparing him to Winnie the Pooh are to be believed.

ANSWER: Xi Jinping [shee jin-ping]

[10e] The only person to serve as this country's president since 2000 other than Vladimir Putin is Dmitry Medvedev, whose last name loosely translates as either "bear" or "the one who knows where the honey is."

ANSWER: Russia (accept Russian Federation; accept Rossiya or Rossiyskaya Federatsiya)

[10m] Beekeeper and politician Viktor Yushchenko [yoosh-chen-koh] became president of this country in the 2005 Orange Revolution, despite Vladimir Putin meddling by traveling from Russia to Kyiv [keev].

ANSWER: Ukraine (accept Ukraina)

- 14) **This character's level cap is three hundred forty-two, equal to his lifespan in years, in a 2024 game that opens the *Black Myth* series. The Pokémon Infernape is styled on this character, who is played by Daniel Wu in the Disney+ [Disney plus] show (*) *American Born Chinese*. After this figure is born from a stone and trapped under a mountain, he goes with Sandy and Piggy to India. For ten points, name this mythical primate from *Journey to the West*.**

ANSWER: Sun Wukong (accept Sun Wukong; accept Monkey; accept Monkey King)

Bonus 14) A Monty Python song claims that the most interesting thing about this ruler is that "he was five foot six inches tall at the start of his reign / But only four foot eight inches tall at the end of it." For ten points each,

[10h] Name this king of England who lost the English Civil War to Oliver Cromwell and the Roundheads.

ANSWER: Charles the First (prompt on "Charles")

[10e] Charles the First was executed for treason in 1649 and, as the Monty Python song hints, was killed with an axe in this manner.

ANSWER: decapitation (accept descriptions of his head being cut off)

[10m] After the monarchy was restored, Oliver Cromwell's body was exhumed from this resting place and was also decapitated. This London church is the burial site for dozens of British rulers and important figures.

ANSWER: Westminster Abbey (accept Collegiate Church of Saint Peter at Westminster)

- 15) **This deity punished Io by sending the giant Argus to watch her and a gadfly to sting her. After she expelled Hephaestus from the heavens, this goddess was trapped on a golden throne. This "cow-eyed" goddess rode a chariot pulled by (*) peacocks. An illegitimate child of this goddess' husband was named in her honor and completed twelve labors after she sent snakes to try to kill him. For ten points, name this wife of Zeus and queen of the Greek gods.**

ANSWER: Hera

Bonus 15) This sculpture sits below *The Three Shades* in a larger work whose original plaster model is held in the Musée d'Orsay [m'yoo-ZAY dohr-SAY]. For ten points each,

[10m] Name this sculpture, originally part of *The Gates of Hell*, in which a sitting man rests his head on his fist.

ANSWER: The Thinker (accept The Poet; accept Le Penseur; accept Le Poète)

[10e] *The Thinker* is made of this material. Its sculptor created another work titled for *The Age of* this alloy of copper and tin.

ANSWER: bronze (accept The Age of Bronze)

[10h] This French artist sculpted *The Age of Bronze* and *The Thinker*.

ANSWER: Auguste Rodin (accept François Auguste René Rodin)

- 16) **Hundreds of people were killed in this country's Cinema Rex fire, which was falsely blamed on SAVAK, a secret police force. Marjane Satrapi's graphic novel *Persepolis* details a revolution that overthrew this country's ruling (*) Shah in favor of Ayatollah Khomeini. In November 1979, sixty-six Americans were captured at an embassy in this country, with most held for over a year. For ten points, name this country, where a Hostage Crisis took place in Tehran.**

ANSWER: **Iran** (accept Islamic Republic of **Iran**; accept Jomhuri-ye Eslâmi-ye **Irân**)

Bonus 16) The photoelectric effect, which is officially what earned Einstein his Nobel Prize, is the emission of electrons when an object is struck by light. For ten points each,

[10e] Einstein's theory realized that while light typically behaved as waves, it also behaved as these small objects. Protons, neutrons, and electrons are described as subatomic examples of these objects.

ANSWER: **particles** (accept **particle**-wave duality; accept subatomic **particles**)

[10m] Specifically, electrons are emitted when an object is struck by these massless quanta of light, which are typically described as particles that behave as waves.

ANSWER: **photons**

[10h] Einstein's theory of the photoelectric effect built on the work of this German physicist, who suggested that electromagnetic energy comes in discrete, countable units. This man's namesake constant, symbolized with a lowercase h, is multiplied by the photon's frequency to give its energy.

ANSWER: Max **Planck** (accept **Planck**'s constant)

- 17) **This poet begged, "Don't tell! they'd banish us" in a poem that claims it is "dreary - to be - Somebody," and described hearing a "Blue - uncertain - stumbling Buzz" in another poem. This poet of "I'm (*) Nobody! Who are you?" and "I heard a Fly buzz - when I died" wrote about someone who realizes "the Horses' Heads / Were toward Eternity" in a carriage driven by a figure who "kindly stopped for me." For ten points, name this American poet of "Because I could not stop for Death."**

ANSWER: Emily **Dickinson** (accept Emily Elizabeth **Dickinson**)

Bonus 17) This letter, J, and K, are used to represent the quaternions, a number system invented by noted bridge vandalist William Rowan Hamilton in the 1840s. For ten points each,

[10e] Name this letter that is more familiar in its use as the imaginary unit, equal to the square root of negative one.

ANSWER: i ["eye"]

[10m] In the quaternion number system, I times J equals K, but J times I equals *negative* K. That fact demonstrates that quaternion multiplication does not possess this algebraic property.

ANSWER: commutative property (accept word forms like commutativity or commute)

[10h] The quaternion number system, which includes the identity element one, is a finite group with this many total elements. Beware that, despite being called "quaternions," the answer is not four.

ANSWER: eight

Note: the eight elements are {1, i, j, k, -1, -i, -j, -k}.

- 18) **A part of this mountain range inspired the name of the Jurassic era. Hospital workers in this mountain range bred Saint Bernard dogs to help with rescues. The Winter (*) Olympics have been held in this mountain range ten times. Packaging for the chocolate bar Toblerone shows the Matterhorn, a deadly peak in this range. Mont Blanc is the highest peak in, for ten points, what European mountain range in southern France, Switzerland, and northern Italy?**

ANSWER: Alps

Bonus 18) Examples of these buildings include a "Blue" one in Istanbul named for Sultan Ahmed. For ten points each,

[10e] Name these holy buildings where Muslims go to pray together.

ANSWER: mosque (accept masjid or almasjid; accept jama masjids or Friday mosques; accept camii or camiler; accept Blue Mosque; accept Sultan Ahmad Mosque or Sultan Ahmad Camii)

[10m] Mosques often include at least one of these tall towers, where muezzins perform the call to prayer.

ANSWER: minaret (accept manara; accept manar; accept minare)

[10h] There are ten minarets around the second-holiest mosque, which Muhammad built in this city, where he led his followers after they left Mecca.

ANSWER: Medina (accept al-Madinah al-Munawwarah; accept Madinat an-Nabi; accept Taybah)

- 19) **A scientist with this surname created mobile imaging machines for the Red Cross in World War One. Two people with this surname shared a 1903 award with Henri Becquerel. A scientist with this last name named (*) polonium to promote her birth country's liberation, and died because of her work with radium. For ten points, give this last name shared by Pierre and Marie, a Polish-French scientist who was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize.**

ANSWER: Curie (accept Maria Salomea Skłodowska and/or Pierre Curie)

Bonus 19) The *Pillow Book* of the Heian-era [hay-ahn "era"] courtier Sei Shonagon [say shoh-nah-gohn] is made up of stories, lists, tanka, and this form of poetry. For ten points each,

[10m] Name this style of Japanese poetry that usually has three lines of five, seven, and five on [ohn], or "syllables," each.

ANSWER: haiku (accept hokku)

[10h] This seventeenth-century master of haiku wrote the collection *The Narrow Road to the Deep North*.

ANSWER: Matsuo Bashou [mah-tsoo-oh bah-shoh] (accept Matsuo Kinsaku; prompt on "Bashou" by asking, "What was his family name?")

[10e] One of Matsuo Bashou's [mah-tsoo-oh bah-shoh's] best-known poems describes the "splash of water" as one of these jumping amphibians leaps into an "ancient pond."

ANSWER: frog (accept toad because the translation of the kanji used in the poem is ambiguous)

- 20) **This instrument is the focus of a Brahms concerto dedicated to Joseph Joachim. Twenty-four influential caprices for this instrument were written by virtuoso Niccolò Paganini. *The Contest Between Harmony and Invention* is a set of (*) concertos for this instrument that includes Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*. Pizzicato plucking and bowing are techniques for playing, for ten points, what high-pitched stringed instrument that is smaller than a viola?**

ANSWER: violin

Bonus 20) John Adams defended the British soldiers who fired into a crowd in this event. For ten points each,

[10m] Name this March 5, 1770 event in which five American colonists were killed on King Street.

ANSWER: **Boston Massacre**

[10h] The first person killed in the Boston Massacre was this Black man, who was then lauded as an American martyr by abolitionists.

ANSWER: Crispus **Attucks**

[10e] John Adams compared the possibility of an unfair trial against the British soldiers to the witch trials carried out in this Massachusetts town in 1692 to 1693.

ANSWER: **Salem** (accept **Salem** Witch Trials)