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Round 2

- 1) **After this man was murdered, Richard Nixon accidentally said "two rights don't make a wrong" before fixing the idiom. This fan of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee shot officer (*) J.D. Tippit on a residential street; two days later, Jack Ruby shot this man in a parking garage. This man stationed himself in a School Book Depository overlooking Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963. For ten points, name this assassin of John F. Kennedy.**

ANSWER: Lee Harvey Oswald

Bonus 1) Name the following composers involved in iconic premieres for ten points each.

[10e] This American composer improvised the piano solos at "An Experiment in Modern Music," the 1924 concert where he premiered his *Rhapsody in Blue*.

ANSWER: George Gershwin (accept Jacob Bruskin Gershwine [GERSH-vin]; accept Jacob Gershowitz; accept Jacob Gershovitz)

[10m] This composer was disgusted at the response to the opening bars of his music for *The Rite of Spring* and left the auditorium to watch the infamous premiere and riot from the wings of the stage.

ANSWER: Igor Stravinsky (accept Igor Fyodorovich Stravinsky)

[10h] The 1897 premiere of this composer's first symphony was disastrously conducted by a drunk Alexander Glazunov. The failure led this man to a breakdown that required hypnotherapy from Nikolai Dahl, to whom this man dedicated his successful second piano concerto.

ANSWER: Sergei Rachmaninoff (accept Sergei Vasilyevich Rachmaninoff)

- 2) **The Star of Bethlehem orchid and the moth that pollinates it are traditionally nicknamed for this person. Santiago Island's giant tortoise is named for this person even though he ate many (*) tortoises on an 1835 voyage. Due to adaptive radiation, bird species colloquially named for this person have different beaks to eat seeds or cacti. For ten points, the Galápagos Islands' finches are named for what English naturalist who hypothesized natural selection?**

ANSWER: Charles **Darwin**

Bonus 2) Zeno of Elea posed several of these statements to investigate apparently odd behaviors of motion; for example, an arrow can never reach its target, merely get halfway there infinitely many times. For ten points each,

[10e] Give this term for a statement that logically contradicts itself. Studying these statements is a common lesson in critical thinking.

ANSWER: **paradox**

[10m] A paradox may be unraveled by finding an error in the construction of the logical argument within; such errors are known by this seven-letter term. Less formally, this term also refers to logical problems like "post hoc, ergo propter hoc" or the posing of a "straw man."

ANSWER: **fallacy** (accept logical **fallacies**; accept straw man **fallacy**, etc.)

[10h] This British mathematician used set theory to pose his namesake paradox. The barber paradox, concerning a man who only shaves people who do not shave themselves, is almost an accurate restatement of this man's paradox.

ANSWER: Bertrand **Russell** (accept Bertrand Arthur William **Russell**, 3rd Earl Russell; accept **Russell's** paradox)

- 3) **A book by this author contains the section "Apropos of the Wet Snow," and begins by declaring the narrator to be a "sick," "spiteful," and "unattractive" man. This author of (*) *Notes from Underground* wrote novels in which Ivan's breakdown in court leads to Dmitri's conviction for their father's murder, and about the ex-student Raskolnikov killing a pawnbroker. For ten points, name this Russian author of *The Brothers Karamazov* and *Crime and Punishment*.**

ANSWER: Fyodor **Dostoevsky** (accept Fyodor Mikhailovich **Dostoevsky**)

Bonus 3) Give the following about mysterious disappearances in the waters of Oceania, for ten points each.

[10e] In July 1937, this pilot was flying with Fred Noonan across the Pacific Ocean when her plane failed to land at Howland Island.

ANSWER: Amelia Earhart (accept Amelia Mary Earhart)

[10m] Michael, a member of this American political and business family, washed ashore and was eaten by cannibals in Indonesia in 1961, if rumors are accurate. Michael was the son of New York Governor Nelson and great-grandson of businessman John.

ANSWER: Rockefeller family (accept Michael Rockefeller; accept Nelson Rockefeller; accept John D. Rockefeller)

[10h] This Australian Prime Minister, who strongly supported American intervention in Vietnam, mysteriously disappeared while swimming in December 1967.

ANSWER: Harold Holt (accept Harold Edward Holt)

- 4) **This type of number is the result of dividing two in-commensurable numbers. Pythagoras legendarily had a follower drowned for proving the existence of this type of number. Curiously, it is expected but not proven that "pi to the (*) pi power" is this type of number. If an integer is not a perfect square, then taking its square root must give you this type of number. For ten points, name this type of number that includes pi, the square root of two, and any number that cannot be written as a fraction.**

ANSWER: irrational numbers

Bonus 4) The internet security company Cloudflare created a "Wall" of this concept, which it built with an array of cameras watching dozens of lava lamps. For ten points each,

[10e] Name this scientific concept that measures the disorder of a system. The third law of thermodynamics notes that this quantity approaches a constant as temperature falls to absolute zero.

ANSWER: entropy

[10m] Specifically, Cloudflare's lava lamps help generate these numbers for cryptographic use. Because entropy is used in the generation of these numbers rather than a deterministic algorithm, they are not prefixed "pseudo-".

ANSWER: random numbers (accept pseudorandom numbers because the player is completing the idea we're talking about in the second sentence)

[10h] Cloudflare's London office uses the chaotic behavior of these devices to generate more entropy. The motion of these devices is governed by a coupled pair of differential equations.

ANSWER: double pendulums (prompt on "pendulum" alone)

- 5) **Camille Claudel used this material to cast *The Mature Age*, a sculpture that earned her the resentment of her mentor. That mentor artist was falsely accused of using a human model for a six foot tall sculpture titled *The Age of this material*. A (*) Renaissance sculpture of this material features a man wearing only a hat and sandals standing on the head of Goliath. Auguste Rodin commonly used, for ten points, what alloy used to cast Donatello's *David*, a copper-based metal?**

ANSWER: **bronze** (accept The **Age of Bronze**)

Bonus 5) This author wrote about the melodramatic death of Little Nell to ignite the public's sympathy for poor Victorian orphans and abandoned children. For ten points each,

[10e] Name this author of *David Copperfield* and *Bleak House*.

ANSWER: Charles **Dickens**

[10h] The orphan Little Nell dies while trying to help her grandfather escape from his predatory creditor, Daniel Quilp, in this Charles Dickens novel.

ANSWER: The **Old Curiosity Shop**

[10m] The title orphan of this Dickens novel manages to escape a tragic fate when Mister Brownlow rescues him from a gang run by Bill Sykes and Fagin.

ANSWER: **Oliver Twist**

- 6) **The term "scapegoat" comes from this holiday's sacrifice of a lamb to Azazel, and the day before this holiday features the Kapparot slaughter of a chicken. Five prayers spoken on this holiday end with the *Nei'la*, and are preceded by the (*) Kol Nidre declaration of "all vows." This holiday is celebrated on the day Moses descended from Mount Sinai, ten days after Rosh Hashanah. The last of the High Holy Days is, for ten points, what Jewish day of atonement?**

ANSWER: **Yom Kippur** (prompt on "Day of Atonement" before it is read at the end)

Bonus 6) Karl Jansky built the first telescope that operated in this band of the electromagnetic spectrum in 1932. For ten points each,

[10e] Name this type of wave that has the longest wavelengths in the E·M spectrum.

ANSWER: radio waves (accept radio telescopes)

[10m] Early radio telescopes discovered these objects, which were originally called "quasi-stellar radio sources" before getting their shortened name.

ANSWER: quasar

[10h] In 1977, a radio telescope in Ohio searching for extraterrestrial life observed a remarkably powerful signal whose intensity was typed out as "6·E·Q·U·J·5." The signal is known by this name, after the surprised remark written in the paper's margin.

ANSWER: Wow! (accept Wow! signal)

- 7) **Early successes for this artist included the single "OK Love You Bye" and the album *Messy*. This singer of "Lady Lady" and "Nice to Each Other" claims "I could be the twist, the one to make you stop" in her song (*) "So Easy (To Fall in Love)." A single by this artist repeatedly begs "talk to me" before saying "I kinda like it when you call me wonderful." For ten points, name this English singer-songwriter, whose album *The Art of Loving* features the single "Man I Need."**

ANSWER: Olivia Dean (accept Olivia Lauryn Dean)

Bonus 7) In this novel, Tang San-zang recruits Zhu Ba-jie, who is often called "Pigsy" in English translations, as his disciple to help him recover sacred texts. For ten points each,

[10m] Name this classic novel by Wu Cheng'en, in which Tang travels from China to India.

ANSWER: Journey to the West (accept Xi You Ji)

[10e] Tang also recruits the incredibly powerful being Sun Wu-kong, who is one of these animals. As the "king" of these animals, Sun Wukong uses his prehensile tail to make mischief.

ANSWER: monkey (accept Monkey King)

[10h] Tang is also accompanied on his journey by this demon, who was exiled from the celestial plane for breaking a goddess's goblet.

ANSWER: Sandy (accept Sand; accept Sha Wu-jing; accept Sha Seng; accept Sha He-sheng)

- 8) **Percy Yutar charged this man and his followers with sabotage, rather than treason, which ultimately spared him from the death penalty. This founder of uMkhonto weSizwe [um-CON-toh way SEE-zway] was arrested at (*) Liliesleaf Farm in 1963, after which he was convicted in the Rivonia Trial. F.W. de Klerk released this man from Robben Island in 1990 after spending twenty-seven years in jail. For ten points, name this opponent of apartheid, the first Black President of South Africa.**

ANSWER: Nelson **Mandela** (accept Nelson Rolihlahla **Mandela**)

Bonus 8) Answer the following about the mythical Norse figure Surtr [soor-tuhr], for ten points each.

[10h] Surtr, like Loki's wife Angr·botha, is one of these creatures that are sometimes called frost giants.

ANSWER: **jötunn** [YOH-tun] (accept **jötnar** [YOH-t'nahr])

[10m] With the other jötnar [YOH-t'nahr], Surtr is destined to go to war against the Norse gods during this world-ending event.

ANSWER: **Ragnarök**

[10e] During Ragnarök, Surtr will start the fire that burns down the nine worlds by wielding a flaming one of these long, handheld, bladed weapons.

ANSWER: **sword** (accept **bright sword**; accept flaming **sword**)

- 9) **In a short story by this author, Soapy spends a day trying and failing to get arrested, but only succeeds after he has decided to apply for a job to escape his homelessness. This author's collection *The (*) Four Million* contains "The Cop and the Anthem" and a short story in which Jim sells his watch to buy hair combs and Della sells her hair to buy a watch chain at Christmas. For ten points, name this American author of ironic short stories like "The Gift of the Magi."**

ANSWER: **O. Henry** (accept William Sidney **Porter**)

Bonus 9) When this ruler took power at the age of seventy-three, he had been the heir-apparent longer than any English ruler in history. For ten points each,

[10m] Name this Windsor king of the United Kingdom who became heir apparent in 1952.

ANSWER: **Charles the Third** (prompt on "Charles")

[10e] Charles the Third is the eldest child of this longest-reigning queen of England, who ruled from 1952 until her death in 2022.

ANSWER: **Elizabeth the Second** (prompt on "Elizabeth")

[10h] Elizabeth the Second's reign began after the death of her father, who had this regnal name. The first three English kings from the house of Hanover also had this name.

ANSWER: **George** (accept **George** the First, Second, Third, or Sixth)

- 10) **James Thomson, Lord Kelvin's brother, first proposed the name for these points, which occur when there are zero degrees of freedom in the Gibbs rule. Water's value for this point is often used to calibrate (*)** thermometers and occurs at zero-point-zero-one degrees Celsius and six-hundred-twelve Pascals. Sublimation, melting, and vaporization can all occur at equilibrium at this point. For ten points, name this point of a phase diagram where solid, liquids, and gases coexist.

ANSWER: **triple** point (accept **coexistence** point; prompt on "equilibrium")

Bonus 10) This object appears in a film shortly after the hero says "adios" to his dead, traitorous companion Satipo and picks up a golden idol. For ten points each,

[10m] Name this film prop that has twelve seconds of screentime in a 1981 film. In 2025, a rubber version of this prop weighing four hundred pounds was stopped from crushing a live show audience by a heroic Disney employee.

ANSWER: **boulder** (accept the **boulder** from *Raiders of the Lost Ark*; accept descriptions of a "big spherical **rock**;" accept, but DO NOT REVEAL, elaborations like "the **boulder** from the first Indiana Jones movie" or "the **boulder** from *Indiana Jones*;" prompt on "ball;" do not accept descriptions like "the boulder from *Indiana Jones* and the *Last Crusade*" or other wrong movies)

[10e] In the movie *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, this character played by Harrison Ford outruns the boulder.

ANSWER: Indiana **Jones** (accept **Indiana** Jones; accept Dr. Henry Walton "Indiana" **Jones**, Jr.; accept **Indy**)

[10h] The boulder run takes place after Indy narrowly grabs this weapon from under a closing wall. Satipo initially gets the idol by promising to throw this item across a chasm to Indy.

ANSWER: Indiana Jones's **whip**

- 11) **This Constitutional amendment describes proceedings that follow an "infamous crime," a concept that modern scholars equate to a felony. The (*) Double Jeopardy Clause is part of this amendment, which is the earlier of the two amendments that include the Due Process Clause. For ten points, name this Bill of Rights amendment whose protection against self-incrimination is commonly experienced when a defendant chooses to "plead" it.**

ANSWER: Amendment **Five** (accept **Fifth** Amendment to the U-S Constitution)

Bonus 11) This religious figure's birth was foretold when his mother dreamed of an elephant piercing her side with its tusk, and his father was told he would either be a great king or a great sage. For ten points each,

[10e] Identify this namesake of an Indian religion who reached enlightenment through meditation.

ANSWER: **Buddha** (accept Gautama **Buddha**; accept either underlined name of **Siddhartha Gautama**; accept **Buddhism** or word forms like **Buddhist**)

[10h] The Buddha reached enlightenment by meditating under this tree, whose name means "awakening."

ANSWER: **Bodhi** tree

[10m] The Buddha is often depicted meditating in a cross-legged position named for this water flower, which he held up to his disciples during his "Flower Sermon."

ANSWER: **lotus** (do not accept "water lily")

- 12) **This composer's *Andante favori* was going to be the second movement of his *Waldstein* sonata, which he wrote during his "heroic" middle period. Until Franz Liszt played it, this man's (*) *Hammerklavier* sonata was deemed impossible. Lake Lucerne at night inspired the nickname of an early piano sonata by, for ten points, what composer of the *Moonlight* sonata, a German who went deaf before completing his ninth symphony?**

ANSWER: Ludwig von **Beethoven**

Bonus 12) These devices became common in response to stricter EPA regulations in the 1970s. For ten points each,

[10m] Name these devices that process car exhaust into less polluting gases. The chemical process that takes place within these devices is sped up by a typically expensive metal that is not consumed by the process.

ANSWER: **catalytic converter** (prompt on "catalyst" or "catalysis" alone)

[10e] Although this precious metal with chemical symbol P·t is a common catalyst, many catalytic converters use cheaper palladium and/or rhodium.

ANSWER: **platinum**

[10h] This chemical was added to gasoline as an anti-knocking agent by the infamous Thomas Midgley, then phased out in part because it poisons catalytic converters. Each molecule of this compound has a central atom of lead attached to four carbon-based functional groups.

ANSWER: **tetra·ethyl** lead (accept **T·E·L**; prompt on "lead" if given before "lead-based" is read)

- 13) **This island is immediately east of the Penghu Islands, also called the Pescadores. A Portuguese word for beautiful, Formosa, was once used as this island's name by foreigners. The Luzon Strait separates the (*) Philippines from this island to the north. Since 1949, this island has been the domain of the Republic of China. The world's former tallest building, Taipei 101, is located on for ten points, what Asian island southeast of mainland China?**

ANSWER: **Taiwan** (prompt on "Formosa" before it is read in the second sentence)

Bonus 13) This event, which followed three days after the sacking of Lawrence, Kansas by pro-slavery settlers, sparked the bloodiest moments of the Bleeding Kansas period. For ten points each,

[10h] Name this May 24th, 1856 massacre in which abolitionists kidnapped and killed five pro-slavery Kansans. This massacre shares its name with both a small creek near the killings and the company of riflemen whose members carried out the attack.

ANSWER: **Pottawatomie** Massacre (accept **Pottawatomie** Creek; accept **Pottawatomie** Rifles)

[10m] The 1856 Pottawatomie Massacre was carried out by abolitionists under this man, who was executed three years later for leading a raid on a federal armory in western Virginia.

ANSWER: John **Brown**

[10e] Some of John Brown's soldiers at Harpers Ferry were recruited by this spy, who was known as "Moses" for her work leading people to freedom along the Underground Railroad.

ANSWER: Harriet **Tubman** (accept Araminta **Ross**)

- 14) **A poem by this author promises, "I will love thee still, my dear, / while the sands o' life shall run" and compares love to a "melody / that's sweetly played in tune." This poet wrote "My Luve is like a (*) red, red rose" and the poem "Scots wha hae wi' Wallace bled" about his country's independence wars against England. For ten points, name this Scottish poet of "Auld Lang Syne," who wrote about the "best-laid schemes of mice and men" often going awry in the poem "To a Mouse."**

ANSWER: Robert **Burns** (accept Rabbie **Burns**)

Bonus 14) A rational function must have this type of expression in both the numerator and denominator. For ten points each,

[10m] Name this type of mathematical expression that consists only of real number coefficients and variables raised to positive integer exponents.

ANSWER: **polynomial** (accept **polynomial** equation)

[10e] If a polynomial equation has degree two, then its solutions can be found with this typically-memorized formula. The "B squared minus four A C" expression in this formula is called the discriminant.

ANSWER: **quadratic** formula

[10h] This theorem, named for two mathematicians, notes that there is no general formula that solves a polynomial equation of degree five or greater.

ANSWER: **Abel-Ruffini** theorem

- 15) **Devices susceptible to this effect are labelled by a yellow hand reaching into a black triangle to indicate they should be handled inside a Faraday cage. In the triboelectric effect, this phenomenon attracts two dissimilar materials (*) rubbed against each other. This effect is named for the inability of accumulated charges to move on the surface of an insulator. For ten points, name this effect that delivers a shock if you shuffle your feet, then touch metal.**

ANSWER: **static** electricity (accept **electrostatic** discharge or **electrostatic** effect; accept **static** cling or **static** shock)

Bonus 15) The tombstone of Eleanor Miriam White, this poet's wife, contains a line from this author's poem "The Master Speed:" "together wing to wing and oar to oar." For ten points each,

[10h] Name this American poet who, on the same tombstone, is memorialized with a line from his poem "The Lesson for Today:" "I had a lover's quarrel with the world."

ANSWER: Robert **Frost** (accept Robert Lee **Frost**)

[10m] In this Robert Frost poem about loss, Mary and Warren discuss whether they should give the elderly, sick Silas a job, only to discover that he has passed away while they talked.

ANSWER: The **Death of the Hired Man**

[10e] Another Frost poem about loss says that nothing of this color "can stay," and opens by saying that "nature's first green is" this metallic color.

ANSWER: **gold** (accept **Nothing Gold Can Stay**)

- 16) **This literary movement is named for a place where "little dark girls who in slippared feet / go prowling through the night from street to street" in a poem by Claude McKay. This movement's leaders included the author of "The (*) Weary Blues" and a poem about a "dream deferred," Langston Hughes. For ten points, name this artistic and literary movement that flourished in the twentieth century in a namesake New York City neighborhood.**

ANSWER: **Harlem Renaissance** (prompt on "Harlem")

Note: The first poem is "Harlem Shadows."

Bonus 16) This artist's only seascape painting was stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in 1990. For ten points each,

[10m] Name this Dutch Golden Age painter of *Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee* and *The Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Nicolaes Tulp*.

ANSWER: **Rembrandt** van Rijn (accept Rembrandt Harmenszoon **van Rijn**)

[10e] This large Rembrandt painting, central to the Rijksmuseum's [rikes-museum's] gallery, depicts a militia led by Frans Banning Cocq.

ANSWER: The **Night Watch** (accept **Militia Company** of District II under the Command of **Captain Frans Banninck Cocq**; accept The **Shooting Company of Frans Banning Cocq** and Willem van Ruytenburch)

[10h] Rembrandt's several paintings depicting this biblical figure's parable include him squandering his inheritance in *the Brothel* and him repenting in a *Return* to his father.

ANSWER: the **Prodigal Son** (accept the parable of the **Prodigal Son**; accept The **Return of the Prodigal Son**; accept The **Prodigal Son in the Brothel**)

- 17) **A now-outdated essay by this thinker discusses two explanations of grief, *Mourning and Melancholia*. The "Rat Man" and the "Wolf Man" were two case studies by this thinker, who suggested the idea of a (*) "death drive" in *Beyond the Pleasure Principle*. The id, ego, and super-ego were theorized by, for ten points, what Austrian inventor of psychoanalysis and author of *The Interpretation of Dreams*?**

ANSWER: Sigmund Freud (accept Sigismund Schlomo Freud)

Bonus 17) This country's capture of Port Harcourt effectively ended the opposing rebels' hopes of independence. For ten points each,

[10m] Name this West African country that fought a civil war in the 1960s after the Republic of Biafra broke away.

ANSWER: Nigeria (accept Federal Republic of Nigeria)

[10h] This ethnic group led the breakaway state of Biafra. Despite being subject to genocidal starvation during the war, roughly thirty-five million people of this ethnicity live in Nigeria today, making it the third most populous after the Hausa and Yoruba.

ANSWER: Igbo people (pronounced [ee-bo], but be lenient; accept Ndi Igbo)

[10e] After Port Harcourt and other facilities were recaptured by the Nigerian government, companies like BP and Shell resumed production of this resource at a rate of hundreds of thousands of barrels per day.

ANSWER: oil (accept petroleum; accept crude oil; do not accept "natural gas")

- 18) **An anti-Semitic conspiracy claimed that Nathan Rothschild profited off of advance knowledge of this battle's outcome. The location of this battle is now overlooked by the artificial Lion's Mound. After (*) von Blücher's forces turned the tide of this battle, the winning Seventh Coalition forced France's emperor into exile on Saint Helena. For ten points, name this 1815 battle in Belgium that marked the final defeat of Napoleon.**

ANSWER: Battle of Waterloo

Bonus 18) Give the following about the genus *Amanita* for ten points each.

[10e] This kingdom of life includes *Amanita*, including its mushroom species like the deathcap and the destroying angel.

ANSWER: **fungi** (accept **fungus**)

[10m] Poisonous species of *Amanita*, like the destroying angel, will specifically destroy you by inhibiting protein synthesis, leading to this process of programmed cell death.

ANSWER: **apoptosis**

[10h] *Amanita* mushrooms live in this kind of symbiotic relationship, in which plant roots and fungus hyphae ["high"-fee] interconnect.

ANSWER: **mycorrhiza** (accept **mycorrhizae**; accept **mycorrhizas**; accept **ectomycorrhiza**)

- 19) **Extreme examples of these objects include the noctilucent type and an iridescent type described as nacreous [nay-kree-us], which forms near the poles. To increase the number of condensation nuclei, dry ice or (*) silver iodide may be dispersed in these objects in a process called "seeding" that increases precipitation. These objects become visible when air is cooled to the dew point. Stratus, cirrus, and cumulus are types of, for ten points, what white atmospheric masses of water?**

ANSWER: **cloud** (accept nacreous **cloud**; accept stratus **cloud** or cirrus **cloud** or cumulus **cloud**)

Bonus 19) This short story collection includes tales about "The Patient Griselda" and "Federigo's Falcon." For ten points each,

[10m] Name this collection by Giovanni Boccaccio [boh-KAH-shee-oh] in which ten young nobles tell each other stories while hiding from the Black Plague.

ANSWER: The **Decameron** (accept **Decamerone**)

[10e] The *Decameron* is written in this language, which would have been spoken by the characters as they told stories outside Florence.

ANSWER: **Italian** language (accept **italiano**; accept **lingua italiana**; accept descriptions like "from **Italy**")

[10h] Boccaccio likely took inspiration for the *Decameron* from sources like *The Thousand and One Nights*, in which this woman tells stories to her husband, Shahryar.

ANSWER: **Scheherazade** [sheh-HAY-rah-zod]

- 20) **While hiding under Thoth's advice, this deity was accompanied by seven scorpions who punished a rich woman for refusing them. This goddess made a serpent bite another god to reveal his true name. This goddess turned into a (*) kite bird to search with her sister, Nephtys, for another god whose corpse she pieced back together. For ten points, name this Egyptian goddess of magic, the sister-wife of Osiris and mother of Horus.**

ANSWER: Isis (accept Ase; accept Wusa)

Bonus 20) This state's town of Reston is conveniently accessible from Dulles International Airport - one of the few things ever described as "convenient" in the same sentence as Dulles. For ten points each,

[10m] Name this state that is also home to Ronald Reagan National Airport, on the western bank of the Potomac River.

ANSWER: Virginia

[10e] Reston, Alexandria, and Rosslyn are Virginian suburbs of this American city. Other suburbs of this city include Silver Spring and Bethesda in Maryland.

ANSWER: Washington, DC (accept D·C; accept District of Columbia)

[10h] This Virginian suburb of Washington, D·C is home to the Pentagon and a six-hundred-acre ground confiscated from Robert E. Lee.

ANSWER: Arlington (accept Arlington National Cemetery)