



Middle School Series #42
Packet 1

Questions

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1. _____ [boh-KAH-choh] _____ [dih-KAM-uh-run] *Yersinia pestis* [yur-SIH-nee-uh PES-tiss] caused this event, which killed up to 50% of Europe's population. For 10 points— name this 14th-century pandemic.

answer: Black Death or bubonic plague (or Great Plague or Great Pestilence; accept pneumonic plague or septicemic plague or Black Plague; prompt on "plague") [While besieging Caffa, Mongol troops supposedly flung plague-infected animal corpses over the city's walls.]

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1. For 10 points each—

9. This man succeeded his mentor, Johnny Torrio, as head of a group known as the "Outfit." For 10 points each—

A. Name this gangster who ordered a 1929 "hit" against his longtime nemesis Bugs Moran.

answer: Al Capone [kuh-POHN] (or Alphonse (Gabriel) Capone; prompt on "Scarface")

B. The 1929 strike that Capone ordered against Moran was known as a "massacre" named for this February 14 holiday on which the attack took place.

answer: Valentine's Day (accept Saint Valentine's Day Massacre)

C. Capone was never implicated in the massacre, but after being convicted of tax evasion he was jailed at this federal prison on an island in San Francisco Bay.

answer: Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary (or Alcatraz Island; prompt on "The Rock")

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24, and 120. For 10 points—what function denoted by an exclamation mark gives the product of 1 times 2 times 3 times 4 and so on up through the input?

answer: (n) factorial function

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10. During this woman's trial, she claimed her actions were influenced by her ex-boyfriend Ramesh Balwani

12. For 10 points each—answer the following about lakes in the western U.S.:

A. This lake, which is the largest alpine lake in North America, is between Nevada and California.

answer: Lake Tahoe

B. The construction of Garrison Dam created Lake Sakakawea, which is the largest man-made lake in this state that is governed from Bismarck [BIZ-mark].

answer: North Dakota (accept ND -)

C. This lake in northern Utah is a remnant of the prehistoric Lake Bonneville. The Jordan River empties into this lake.

answer: Great Salt Lake

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