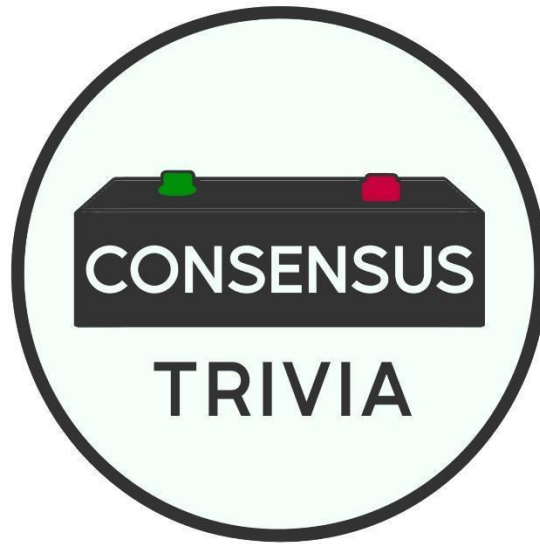




## 2025-26 High School Fall Tournament (T1) – Pack 6

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# PACK 6

## 5-Part Blitz

1. What troupe founded in Baie-Saint-Paul, Quebec has become the largest contemporary circus producer in the world?  
A: **Cirque du Soleil**
2. What two individuals were honoured by the original and 1997 versions of Elton John's "Candle in the Wind"?  
A: Marilyn **Monroe** (accept: Norma Jeane **Mortenson**) AND **Princess Diana** of Wales (accept: Diana **Spencer**)
3. What country's people are often described as having a "stiff upper lip", reflecting their stoic culture?  
A: **United Kingdom** of Great **Britain** and Northern Ireland (accept either bolded part) (accept: the **UK**) (accept: **England**)
4. *People of the Deer* and *Never Cry Wolf* were written by what Canadian environmentalist?  
A: Farley **Mowat**
5. In the context of biology, what word means the likelihood that an organism will reproduce, not how physically strong it is?  
A: **fitness**

## Double Jump

6. What food product consists of soy milk that has been coagulated and pressed into blocks?  
A: **tofu** (accept: soy**bean curd**)
7. Tofu that is softer than "soft" tofu is most often labelled for its resemblance to what material?  
A: **silk**

## Double Jump

8. What two alliterative actions represent different ways that humans respond to dangerous situations in a commonly-cited psychological dichotomy?  
A: **fight** (accept word forms) AND **flight** (accept: **flee**) (accept word forms)
9. What stress response that involves trying to appease the aggressor to avoid harm is sometimes cited alongside fight, flight, and freeze?  
A: **fawn** (accept word forms)

## Set of 4: Numbers

10. The letter Q represents what set of numbers?  
A: **rational** numbers (accept: the **rational**s)
11. Besides being irrational, the square root of 2 belongs to what set of numbers that can be the roots of polynomials with integer coefficients?  
A: **algebraic** numbers
12. The binary number consisting of six 1s is equivalent to what decimal number?  
A: **63**

13. Ancient Sumerians used what number as a base, which is still seen when measuring angles and time today?  
A: **60**

### **Jackpot**

14. Part 1: What historical figure is referenced in the titles of two books by Charles C. Mann, both named for years?  
15. Part 2: Historians have estimated figures from 8 to 100 million, recently tending around 50 million, for the population of a region before this person's arrival.  
16. Part 3: Turkeys, horses, syphilis, wheat, and tomatoes spread around the world in an "exchange" named after this person.  
17. Part 4: This man connected the Old World with the New when he sailed to the Caribbean in 1492.  
A: Christopher **Columbus**

### **Set of 3**

18. The brothers Conrad and Jeremiah Fisher form a love triangle with Belly Conklin in what young adult series?  
A: *The **Summer I Turned Pretty***  
19. The Conklin and Fisher families gather in what fictional town each summer, which serves as the primary setting for the series?  
A: **Cousins** Beach  
20. Wedding-day letters from what character are mixed up between Conrad and Jeremiah during the climax of the story?  
A: **Susannah** Fisher (prompt on: Fisher, their/Conrad's/Jeremiah's mom/mother)

### **5-Part Blitz**

21. Who depicted his future wife Aline Charigot and contemporary painter Gustave Caillebotte having a meal in *Luncheon of the Boating Party*?  
A: Pierre-Auguste **Renoir**  
22. What slow-moving objects leave behind moraines as they retreat?  
A: **glaciers** (accept: **ice sheets**)  
23. What sea is roughly bordered by Vietnam to the west, the Philippines to the east, and its namesake country to the north?  
A: **South China** Sea  
24. Michelle Zauner is the frontwoman for what band, who released *For Melancholy Brunettes (& Sad Women)* in 2025?  
A: **Japanese Breakfast**  
25. What two-word French term means an embarrassing mistake, particularly in social situations?  
A: **faux pas**

## **END OF FIRST QUARTER**

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## **SECOND QUARTER**

### **Splits: Split Cities & Podcasts**

#### **Split Cities**

26. What two national capitals sit directly opposite each other across the Pool Malebo, a wide section of the Congo River?  
A: **Kinshasa** AND **Brazzaville**
27. About a third of the population lives in Asia and two thirds live in Europe in what metropolis?  
A: **Istanbul**
28. What country contains the popular coastal resort city of Split, its second-largest city after Zagreb?  
A: **Croatia**
29. The boundary treaty of 1818 split what city into Canadian and American halves, divided by the river that joins lakes Superior and Huron?  
A: **Sault Ste. Marie** ["SOO saint muh-REE"]

### **Podcasts**

30. What two words were portmanteaued to create the word podcast?  
A: **iPod** AND **broadcast**
31. Two athletes with what last name cohost the *New Heights* podcast?  
A: **Kelce**
32. What podcast, consistently ranked number 1 on YouTube and Spotify, is hosted by a UFC broadcaster?  
A: **The Joe Rogan Experience**
33. Begun in 2014 and hosted by Sarah Koenig, what podcast launched the true crime genre of podcasts into the mainstream?  
A: **Serial**

### **Double Jump**

34. What country orchestrated the Mukden Incident in 1931, allowing it to occupy Manchuria, six years before launching a full-scale invasion of China?  
A: **Japan**
35. The Mukden Incident was carried out by what large Japanese army, which often ignored government orders and acted independently in the 1930s?  
A: **Kwantung** Army

### **Double Jump**

36. What type of artisan might engage in jiggering and jollifying to create clay products on a namesake wheel?  
A: **potters**
37. What word refers to the glassy coating applied to pottery to make it impermeable and give it a shiny appearance?  
A: **glaze**

### **Set of 4: TV on TV**

38. The behind-the-scenes production of a fictional sketch comedy series is the subject of what show, inspired by Tina Fey's experience on SNL and named for the address of NBC Studios?  
A: **30 Rock**
39. *The Days and Nights of Mrs. Pancakes* and *Gazorpazorpfield* are TV series from across the multiverse accessed via the interdimensional cable box in what animated show?  
A: **Rick and Morty**
40. Jeff Daniels portrayed anchor Will McAvoy on what Aaron Sorkin drama about a fictional news show?  
A: **The Newsroom**

41. On what television show do characters watch a violent parody of *Tom and Jerry* called the *Itchy and Scratchy Show*?  
A: The **Simpsons**

#### **Set of 5: American Fashion Brands**

42. What official sponsor of the US Olympic Team popularized the polo, which also names their best-selling line?  
A: **Ralph Lauren**
43. What company, which closed all of its American locations in May 2025, was known for fast fashion and accessories aimed at women?  
A: **Forever 21**
44. In the 1980s, what company became famous for their designer underwear lines?  
A: **Calvin Klein**
45. A white and red rectangle sandwiched by two navy blue bars is the logo of what brand, associated with preppy fashion?  
A: **Tommy Hilfiger**
46. What brand has recently faced controversy for allegedly using eugenic messaging in a campaign in which they state that actress Sydney Sweeney has "great jeans"?  
A: **American Eagle** Outfitters

#### **4-Part Blitz**

47. The refrain "They know, they know, they know" is heard on what early Drake song?  
A: **"Headlines"**
48. What two figures are depicted in the *Pieta*?  
A: **Jesus Christ** (accept either bolded part) AND the Virgin **Mary**, Mother of God (accept: **Madonna**)
49. What two-word term refers to the failure of the Rayleigh-Jeans law to correctly predict experimental results at short wavelengths?  
A: **ultraviolet catastrophe**
50. Four large examples of what kind of geographical feature make up the Indonesian island of Sulawesi?  
A: **peninsulas**

#### **END OF FIRST HALF**

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#### **THIRD QUARTER**

#### **Splits: Five-Letter Musical Words & Blood**

##### **Five-Letter Musical Words**

51. Referred to as a pedal point when it serves a clear harmonic function, what term refers to a note held throughout a piece, often heard in bagpipe music?  
A: **drone**
52. Hector Berlioz's *Harold in Italy* features what instrument as the soloist?  
A: **viola**
53. Beethoven's *Rage over a Lost Penny* and Mozart's *Turkish March* are in what musical form?  
A: **rondo**

54. Lacking the broadness or grandiosity of largo, what Italian musical term means “slow”?

A: **lento**

### **Blood**

55. What is the only vein that carries oxygenated blood?

A: **pulmonary** vein

56. Give both types of blood pressure that are typically measured.

A: **diastolic** blood pressure AND **systolic** blood pressure

57. What anion is the primary component of the blood’s buffer system?

A: **bicarbonate** anion (accept: **hydrogencarbonate** anion, **HCO<sub>3</sub> minus**)

58. About a third of the weight of blood is made up of what protein that carries oxygen through the bloodstream?

A: **hemoglobin**

### **Set of 3: Indian Independence**

59. What other country became independent from the British Raj at the same time as India?

A: **Pakistan**

60. Who was the first prime minister of India?

A: Jawaharlal **Nehru**

61. Upon independence, India initially did not control many of what quasi-independent monarchies that had never been officially integrated into the British Raj?

A: **Princely States**

### **Jailbreak**

62. In the game *Pandemic*, what card causes the infection rate marker to move whenever it is drawn?

A: **Epidemic** card

63. What religion requires its followers to be lacto-vegetarian or vegan through its fundamental principle of ahimsa, commonly translated as non-violence?

A: **Jainism**

64. Currently on its fifth installment, in which its namesake festival was held in Mexico, what is the open world subseries of the *Forza* franchise?

A: *Forza* **Horizon**

65. What larger body of water contains the Ligurian and Balearic seas?

A: **Mediterranean** Sea

66. What Greek word for a suit of armor has come to mean a large and impressive array of something?

A: **panoply**

67. What kind of poem usually involves a sudden shift in mood, called a “volta”?

A: Petrarchan/Shakespearean **sonnet**

68. Who tore his Achilles and will be out for the entire 2025-26 season because of an incident during game 7 of the 2025 NBA finals?

A: Tyrese **Haliburton**

69. What expedition was launched as a reaction to the Council of Clermont, where Pope Urban II gave a speech supporting military action against the Seljuk Turks?

A: the **First Crusade** (prompt on: the Crusades)

70. What country’s flag is held aloft by a bare-chested woman in the painting *Liberty Leading the People*?

A: **France**

71. The current monarch of what European country belongs to the House of Bernadotte?

A: **Sweden**

72. The life of Alexander Selkirk was an inspiration for what adventure narrative that follows a tropical island castaway?  
A: **Robinson Crusoe**
73. What Kpop group sampled Paganini's *La Campanella* in their song "Shut Down"?  
A: **Blackpink**
74. What element is commonly used for x-ray windows because of its low atomic number of 4?  
A: **beryllium** (prompt on: Be)
75. Spell the name of the vegetable consisting of long red stalks with green leaves at the top: rhubarb ["ROO-barb"].  
A: **R-H-U-B-A-R-B**

### END OF THIRD QUARTER

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### FOURTH QUARTER

#### Jackpot

76. Part 1: What play features a hallucinated character who tells his brother that "the jungle is dark, but full of diamonds"?
77. Part 2: In Act II of this play, Howard Wagner fires a character after refusing to give him a job in New York.
78. Part 3: While in Boston, the protagonist of this play is caught having an affair with "the Woman" by a character who failed math class, his son Biff.
79. Part 4: Linda repeats "We're free" at the funeral of her husband Willy Loman, the titular character of this play by Arthur Miller.  
A: **Death of a Salesman**

#### Set of 5: Spelling Names

80. Spell the first name of the actress who portrayed the titular Sacramento teenager in *Lady Bird*: Saoirse ["SURR-shuh"].  
A: **S-A-O-I-R-S-E**
81. Spell the surname of the Pittsburgh Steelers' starting quarterback from 2004 to 2021: Roethlisberger ["ROTH-liss-bur-ger"].  
A: **R-O-E-T-H-L-I-S-B-E-R-G-E-R**
82. Spell the surname of the philosopher who wrote *Thus Spoke Zarathustra* and introduced the concept of the Übermensch: Nietzsche ["NEETCH-uh"].  
A: **N-I-E-T-Z-S-C-H-E**
83. Spell the surname of actor siblings Jake and Maggie: Gyllenhaal ["JILL-in-hall"].  
A: **G-Y-L-L-E-N-H-A-A-L**
84. Spell the shared first name of the composer of *The Lark Ascending* and the actor who starred in *Conclave*: Ralph ["rayff"].  
A: **R-A-L-P-H**

#### Set of 4: Galaxies

85. What generic name is given to galaxies whose shape does not fit into one of the major classifications?  
A: **irregular**
86. With examples such as M87 and the Sombrero Galaxy, what one-word name is given to galaxies that are neither spiral nor irregular?  
A: **elliptical**

87. Who names a "Tuning Fork" diagram to classify galaxies into various shapes?  
A: Edwin **Hubble**
88. Sharing its name with a Zodiac sign, the Milky Way belongs to what galaxy supercluster?  
A: **Virgo** Supercluster

### 12-Part Blitz

89. Name either country where the Basque Region is found.  
A: **France** OR **Spain**
90. Berserk Games publishes what Steam title that allows users to play board games with realistic physics and flip the table when they are done?  
A: **Tabletop Simulator**
91. What small heat-resistant container with a lid is used to hold samples over a Bunsen burner?  
A: **crucible**
92. Muslims prepare the suhur and iftar meals each day during what month of fasting?  
A: **Ramadan**
93. "Everything that Rises Must Converge" and "A Good Man Is Hard to Find" are short stories by what author?  
A: Flannery **O'Connor**
94. What three-word name is given to an inefficient method involving looking at the keyboard and using only the index fingers to type?  
A: **hunt and peck** (accept word forms)
95. What mountain's summit is the farthest point from the centre of the Earth, because of the Earth's bulge at the equator?  
A: Mount **Chimborazo**
96. Jorn Utzon included iconic white concrete shells in his design for what building?  
A: **Sydney Opera House**
97. What number appears in the names of the most prestigious tennis tournaments outside of the majors?  
A: **1000**
98. The Italian word "grazie" ["GRAHTS-yeh"] means what in English?  
A: **thank you** (accept: **thanks**)
99. Who was acquitted of racketeering and sex trafficking, but convicted of transportation for the purpose of prostitution, in a widely publicized summer 2025 trial?  
A: **Diddy** (accept: **P. Diddy**, **Puff Daddy**, Sean **Combs**)
100. Who is the only Black woman to have won the Best Actress Oscar, winning for the 2001 drama *Monster's Ball*?  
A: Halle **Berry**

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