



Naval History Bee
Round 4 - Finals

1. A point of contention in this event is a report by Moshe Oren which stated that the target of this event was moving at 28 knots. In the prelude to this event, the attacking nation received reports on the shelling of Arish. Captain William McGonagle was injured in the opening attack of this event, which was carried out by Mirage III fighters. Johnson's Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, said that in this event, "their sustained attack" precluded "an assault by accident or some trigger-happy local commander." For the point, name this 1967 event in which Israeli forces caused heavy casualties by mistakenly attacking an American ship.

ANSWER: *USS **Liberty*** incident

2. Just before a failed campaign at this location began, some sacred chickens refused to eat; rather than accept this poor omen, the leading general threw the chickens into the sea, screaming "Let them drink instead!" That general, Publius Claudius Pulcher, then lost the Battle of Drepana off this island. In 278 BC, rather than try to directly attack or blockade a stronghold at Lilybaeum on this island, Pyrrhus launched a fleet to the enemy's home in Africa. The Battle of the Aegates Islands was fought off the coast of, for the point, what Mediterranean island that Carthage lost in the First Punic War?

ANSWER: **Sicily** (accept **Drepana** before mentioned)

3. While searching for the SS *General Sherman*, the Asiatic fleet was shelled by a fortress on this island. Eo Jae-yeon was killed during a battle on this island by troops under the command of John Rodgers. This island was at the center of an incident in which sailors from the *Un's* were fired on while attempting to find fresh water. In the aftermath of that attack, Kuroda Kiyotaka was sent to demand an official apology, leading to the Japan-Korea Treaty of 1876. For the point, name this Korean island, located at the head of the Han river, that has been the site of numerous foreign invasions.

ANSWER: **Ganghwa**

4. The Persian fleet's attempt at this maneuver at Artemisium was foiled by Themistocles, who employed a counter-tactic called the *kyklos* formation, in which the opposing fleet formed a circular formation with each ship's bow pointed outward. This maneuver sought to expose the vulnerable sterns of triremes by attacking from the flank or the rear. For the point, name this ancient naval maneuver in which a ship rows around the enemy line, contrasted with a similar maneuver of rowing through a gap called the *diekplous*.

ANSWER: ***periplous*** (prompt on descriptions of flanking before mentioned; prompt on descriptions of "rowing around the enemy" by asking "what's the Greek term?"; do not prompt on descriptions of rowing through a line)

5. During this battle, one side ensured that a merchant ship left port every 24 hours to trap an enemy ship under the Hague Convention. Hans Langsdorff was forced to scuttle his ship as a result of this battle, which led to his suicide in Buenos Aires less than three days later. This battle started in response to the *Admiral Graf Spee's* attack on shipping routes and ended when it was forced to flee to Montevideo. For the point, name this first naval battle of World War II, which took place near a river shared by Argentina and Uruguay.

ANSWER: Battle of the River **Plate** (accept Battle of the **Rio de la Plata**; accept Battle of the **La Plata** River; accept Battle of the **Plata** River)

6. The preface to one of this man's works compliments French historians for their interdisciplinary studies, and notes that a pair of English historians did a poor job of understanding how Hannibal and Napoleon were overcome by Scipio and Wellington. This man supported Frederick Jackson Turner's form of "vigorous foreign policy" as a means to improve export of American goods, and advocated for a worldwide system of bases to support both militaristic and merchant navies. Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt implemented the ideas of, for the point, what American naval scholar and strategist whose 1890 work, *The Influence of Sea Power Upon History*, revolutionized naval strategy?

ANSWER: Alfred Thayer **Mahan**

7. During this conflict, the crew of the *Lientur* destroyed a lighthouse on the uninhabited Snipe Islet and replaced it with their own, only for the replacement to be shelled by the *San Juan*. Operation Soberania was a planned invasion of Cape Horn during this conflict. The Vatican mediated an end to this conflict, as was requested in the Act of Montevideo. In an earlier attempt to end this conflict, Alejandro Lanusse and Salvador Allende appealed to Queen Elizabeth II. For the point, name this Chilean-Argentine border dispute named for the channel that forms Tierra del Fuego's southern border.

ANSWER: **Beagle** Conflict

8. In an uncanny resemblance to the Battle of Red Cliffs almost a millennium earlier, the losing commander in this battle chained his ships together and weathered fireship attacks by painting his ships with fireproof mud. Zhang Hongfan's blockade forced the losers of this battle to drink seawater after their water supplies ran out. After seeing that this battle was lost, prime minister Lu Xiufu grabbed the 9-year-old Emperor Huaizong and leapt into the ocean, drowning them both. For the point, name this 1279 naval battle off the coast of Guangdong, the last stand of Southern Song forces against the Yuan forces of Kublai Khan.

ANSWER: Battle of **Yamen** (accept **Yamen** Haizhan)

9. Description acceptable. This event helped promote the "silent war of independence" in the country where it took place, which passed an anti-nuclear law in 1987 partly inspired by this event. The only fatality of this event was photographer Fernando Pereira, who failed to escape the rapid flooding caused by the detonation of two magnetic mines. This event was codenamed Operation Satanique, and was ordered by the government of Francois Mitterand to stop a protest against a French nuclear test at Mururoa. For the point, name this French covert operation in Auckland harbor that sank a Greenpeace ship.

ANSWER: **sinking** of the **Rainbow Warrior** (accept **Rainbow Warrior** alone after "sank" is read; accept Operation **Satanique** before mentioned; prompt on descriptions like "sinking of the Greenpeace ship" before Greenpeace is said)

10. After it was purchased by George Hawford, this ship was renamed the *Ion* and used as a merchant vessel. The USRC *Washington* arrested the crew of this ship after discovering it off the coast of Long Island. The cook of this ship's repeated taunts that its passengers would be murdered and eaten led to his death. Ramon Ferrer was killed aboard this ship in an attack led by Sengbe Pieh. In the prelude to an event on this ship, Jose Ruiz purchased 43 slaves in Havana. For the point, name this Spanish ship that was taken over in an 1839 slave rebellion.

ANSWER: *La* **Amistad**

11. During this conflict, marines under the command of Silas Talbot captured the *Sandwich* in an attack on Puerto Plata Harbor. William Bainbridge was forced to surrender the *Retaliation* during this conflict, making it the only American ship to be captured during this conflict. The United States Marine Corps was founded in preparation for this conflict. The *Constellation* captured the *L'Insurgente* [lon-soor-ZHONT] during this conflict. For the point, name this conflict between the United States and France, whose name reflects its undeclared nature.

ANSWER: **Quasi-War**

12. This land-based event sparked a war in which Guillaume Cornut was killed after almogavars boarded his ship. Roger of Lauria's Aragonese fleet won the Battles of Castellammare and Malta during the war begun by this event. Thousands of Frenchmen were killed in this event, which began near Palermo and led to Charles I's fleet being burned by rebels in Messina. A twenty-year-long war was begun by, for the point, what 1282 uprising in which French rule over Sicily was ended, named for the sunset prayer at which time it began?

ANSWER: War of the (Sicilian) **Vespers**

13. The 1945 disappearance of a Japanese cargo ship at the site of this battle has been attributed to the ghosts of perished sailors. The winning side in this battle filled their fireships with straw in order to destroy a fleet of tower ships. In the prelude to this battle, one side besieged the town of Nanchang. Chen Youliang died after an arrow was shot through his head at this battle. For the point, name this 1363 victory for the future Hongwu Emperor over rebellious Dahan forces, which took place on China's largest lake.

ANSWER: Battle of **Lake Poyang** (accept **Paiyang Hu** Zhizhan; accept **Poyang** after "lake" has been said)

14. This event was originally proposed by Senator William Borah, and it declared four ships "experimental." This event was opposed by the Fleet Faction, and the *Hawkins-class* inspired one provision of this event. The Black Chamber monitored communications during this event, which was called for by Charles Hughes and produced "Four Power" and "Nine Power" pacts. The effects of this event ended in 1936, when one side failed to sign the Second London Treaty. For the point, name this conference that produced a treaty limiting production of capital ships by major powers.

ANSWER: **Washington** Naval Conference (accept **Washington** Naval Treaty)

15. This country released the documentary *314*, which recounts its victory at the Johnson South Reef skirmish. This country's first aircraft carrier was named the *Varyag* before this country purchased it from the Ukraine. In 1974, this country defeated South Vietnam at the Battle of the Paracel Islands. A Hague tribunal ruled that this country had no historic claim to its nine-dash line during a dispute between this country and the Philippines. In 2013, this country decommissioned its first nuclear submarine, the *Long March I*. For the point, name this Asian nation that has prompted numerous naval responses by the United States during its disputes with Taiwan.

ANSWER: People's Republic of **China** (do not accept Republic of China)

16. Prior to this battle, a winning general dreamed of performing in Euripides' *Phoenician Women*. The winning fleet at this battle kept their inexperienced ships in a double line near a group of islands for protection, and emerged victorious shortly after the losing commander fell into the sea and drowned in his armor. After this battle, the Assembly, led by Socrates, voted to execute Thrasyllus and five other victorious generals. For the point, name this 406 BC battle near the "White Islands," an Athenian victory over Callicratidas' Spartan fleet, which was sullied by a storm preventing the Athenians from collecting their dead.

ANSWER: Battle of the **Arginusae** Islands

17. HMS *Splendid* was the first British ship to use these devices. The most recent version of these devices is known as the Block IV. These weapons were used to target the village of Doble, and were used in Operation Deliberate Force to target an air defense station. These weapons were originally stored in Armored Box Launchers. *Iowa*-class battleships were updated to fire these weapons, and the opening shots of Operation Desert Storm occurred when the USS *San Jacinto* fired these weapons. For the point, name these ship-launched missiles used by the U.S. Navy against Iraq and Afghanistan.
ANSWER: **Tomahawk** missiles (accept **BGM-109**, accept **TLAM**, accept **Block IV** until mention prompt on cruise missile)

18. This ship lost two of its crewmen after being fired on by allied ships during the Dogger Bank incident. The Order of the October Revolution depicts this ship on its front. The guns from this ship were moved to the Pulkovo Heights during the Siege of Leningrad. During the Revolution of 1917, this ship bombarded the Neva Enfilade of the Winter Palace after the government refused to surrender to the Bolsheviks. For the point, name this Russian cruiser that has become a permanent establishment in St. Petersburg.
ANSWER: Russian Cruiser **Aurora**

19. Marthanda Varma successfully fought a war against this organization that resulted in the Treaty of Mavelikkara. A naval commander for this organization, Eustache Benoit de Lannoy, was captured after losing to forces from the Kingdom of Travancore at the Battle of Colachel. This organization was defeated by Ming forces at the Battle of Liaoluo Bay in a failed attempt to control the Taiwan Strait. Batavia was an economic center for this company. For the point, name this Netherlands-based company that traded in the Indian ocean.
ANSWER: **Dutch East India** Company (accept **Vereenigde Oost-Indische** Compagnie; accept **VOC**)

20. Timocrates committed suicide after Phormio ordered this ship to make a spectacular racing turn around an anchored ship at Naupactus. A city-wide panic was sparked when this ship brought news of the loss at Aegospotami. This ship was the only masculine-named ship in its fleet, and it inspired the name of one of Pericles' sons. Every four years, this ship transported Athenian athletes to Olympia. For the point, name this sacred messenger ship of Athens, the flagship of its navy.
ANSWER: **Paralos** (or **Paralus**)

21. Fort Brady was attacked by this navy during the Battle of Trent's Reach. The *Housatonic* was sunk by a submarine from this navy, which itself sank soon afterwards. This navy's River Defense Fleet was responsible for sinking the *Mound City* at the Battle of Plum Point Bend, although it failed to stop the overall enemy advance. A vessel belonging to this navy was sunk by the *Kearsarge* while under the command of Raphael Semmes. For the point, name this navy that failed to break the Union's blockade during the Civil War.
ANSWER: The Navy of the **Confederate States of America** (accept **CSA** Navy)

22. Daniel Chester French created a medal to honor this battle which featured the face of its commanding admiral. Francis Randall, the only American to die at this battle, was killed by a heat-induced heart attack. During this battle, the USS *Olympia* led the attack on the enemy fleet under the command of Charles Gridley. For the point, name this battle of the Spanish-American War in which George Dewey defeated the Spanish fleet outside of the capital of the Philippines.
ANSWER: Battle of **Manila Bay**

23. During this campaign, the HMS *Ocean* was sunk after hitting a mine while rescuing the crew of the *Irresistible*, which had also hit a mine. The *U-21* sunk the *Triumph* in this campaign while it was supporting troops landing at Kabatepe.

With the goal of seizing Achi Baba, Ian Hamilton ordered an amphibious landing at Cape Helles during this campaign. In the aftermath of this campaign, Winston Churchill was demoted from his role as First Lord of the Admiralty. For the point, name this World War I campaign in which ANZAC forces attempted to open an Ottoman waterway.

ANSWER: **Gallipoli** Campaign (accept **Dardanelles** Campaign; accept Battle of **Çanakkale**)

24. During an amphibious assault at this location, the invading side temporarily entered a panic retreat after the explosion of a magazine at New Mole Fort. After leaving this location, a fleet led by Richard Howe was attacked off of Cape Spartel. George Romney won the Battle of Cape St. Vincent enroute to relieving a siege at this location. During a battle at this location, Spain's floating batteries were destroyed in part due to "hot potato" fire from the King's Bastion. For the point, name this British-controlled peninsula that has been besieged 14 times in the last 900 years due to its position at the western entrance of the Mediterranean.

ANSWER: **Gibraltar**

25. According to the *Heimskringla*, Einer Thambarskelfir's bow broke in a battle on this body of water, a turning point in the saga that eventually led to King Olaf Tryggvason losing the 1000 AD Battle of Svolder and throwing himself into this sea. The 1676 Battle of Bornholm was indecisive in determining control of this sea, but a week later, Lorentz Cruetz drowned in this sea as the Kronan sank during the Battle of Oland, an early victory in the Scanian War. For the point, name this European sea contested by the Danes and Swedes throughout the Northern Wars.

ANSWER: **Baltic** Sea

26. This dynasty initially operated a naval base at Jazira before moving it to Maqs. This dynasty destroyed its own navy when Sawar, in an attempt to prevent its fall to Amalric, razed Fustat. This dynasty defeated the forces of Nikephoros II Phokas to retain control of Sicily in the Battle of the Straits. After taking control of this dynasty in Egypt, Saladin began rebuilding its navy. For the point, name this North African Ismaili caliphate named for a daughter of Muhammed.

ANSWER: **Fatimid** Caliphate

27. The world's first floating nuclear power plant, the *MH-1A*, was a converted one of these vessels. The German auxiliary cruiser *Stier* was forced to scuttle after a conflict with one of these ships. One of these ships, the SS *Robert E. Peary* was built in only four days. Fourteen of these vessels were launched in an event labeled Victory Fleet Day, which included a speech by Franklin Roosevelt. For the point, name these cargo ships that were mass-produced by the United States during World War II.

ANSWER: **Liberty** ships (prompt on cargo ship; prompt transport ships)

28. Description acceptable. Plutarch notes that Phereclus piloted this ship, but that another historian disagrees and says Nausithous steered it. Plutarch also notes that this ship survived to the time of Demetrius Phalereus, and Plato tells of an annual ritual voyage made by this ship to bring fourteen youths to Delos. While returning from one voyage, this ship used black sails instead of white, causing its owner's father to throw himself into the Aegean Sea. A philosophical paradox that questions whether a ship retains its identity if all of its wood is replaced is named for, for the point, what unnamed ship sailed by a mythical king of Athens?

ANSWER: the ship of **Theseus**

29. The SS *Bremen* was recalled from New York in preparation for this event. A vessel escaping this event was detained by Estonian forces in the Orzel incident. The Worek plan was implemented during this event with the goal of defending the Hel Peninsula. Operation Peking allowed three destroyers to survive this event in the hopes that they could supply

troops in the Romanian Bridgehead. The ORP *Wicher* was sunk during this event by aircraft attacking Danzig Bay. World War II was started by, for the point, what September 1st, 1939 invasion of an Eastern European country?

ANSWER: **invasion** of **Poland** (accept **Poland** alone after "invasion" is read; accept answers relating to Nazi Germany **attacking Poland**)

30. Victims of this event visited modern-day Ma'alpiku Island, which they found on the anniversary of Charles II's restoration. The *Pandora* was sent to investigate this event and arrested some of its participants, but ran aground on the Great Barrier Reef, delaying their return to England. The mate Fletcher Christian led this event, which ruined a breadfruit expedition to Tahiti but populated Pitcairn Island. For the point, name this April 1789 event that unlawfully transferred power of William Bligh's Royal Navy ship.

ANSWER: the **mutiny** on the HMS **Bounty**

Extra Tossups

T1. Nicolas Couckebacker offered support to this government in an invasion that was cancelled by a religious rebellion. This government sent an envoy to Pope Paul V aboard its first galleon, the *San Juan Bautista*. Red Seal ships were vessels which were authorized to trade by this government, whose first leader was advised by William Adams. The Nanban trade ended during this government's rule due to its introduction of Sakoku. For the point, name this Japanese government which was founded by the victor at Sekigahara.

ANSWER: **Tokugawa** Shogunate

T2. Arima Harunobu led an attack on a ship of this design, the *Nossa Senhora da Graça*, which caused its captain to purposely ignite its gunpowder stores. The *Flor de la Mar*, a ship of this type, sunk on its return from the Conquest of Malacca. The first ship to circumnavigate the globe, the *Victoria*, was a ship of this design. On his 1492 voyage, the largest of Christopher Columbus' ships, the *Santa Maria*, was of this design. For the point, name these Genoese-designed ships that fueled Spanish and Portuguese exploration.

ANSWER: **Carrack**

T3. Samuel Wragg was extorted for medical supplies by this man, who had captured Wragg during his blockade of Charleston. Alexander Spotswood created an expedition with the goal of finding this man, believing that he was a threat to Spotswood's state of Virginia. While in the Ocracoke Inlet, this commander of the *Adventure* was lured into a trap by Robert Maynard, leading to his death. For the point, name this captain of the *Queen Anne's Revenge*, a pirate known for his dark facial hair.

ANSWER: **Blackbeard** (accept Edward **Teach**)

T4. Manabe Samanosuke committed seppuku while his allies retreated from this battle. In the prelude to this battle, Wakizaka Yasuharu refused to wait for reinforcements from Kuki Yoshitaka. Toyotomi Hideyoshi ordered his fleets to avoid Korean ships in the aftermath of this battle. This battle started Admiral Yi Sun-sin's third naval campaign. For the point, name this battle of the Imjin War which took place off the coast of a Korean island.

ANSWER: Battle of **Hansan Island** (accept Battle of **Hansando**)

T5. This country won the Battle of Augusta, resulting in the death of Michiel de Ruyter. Forces from this country succeeded in defending a transatlantic convoy in the Glorious First of June. The *Mary Rose* mysteriously sank in a battle with this country in the Solent Strait. In 1545, this country launched an assault on Bembridge as part of its invasion of the

Isle of Wight. For the point, name this Continental European country that clashed with its northern neighbor in the English channel.

ANSWER: **France**