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International History
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Naval History Bee
Round 2 - Prelims

1. The hull of the last ship with this name was converted into the *Prama Hydra* after it was broken into pieces and burned to recover its gold in San Giorgio Maggiore. Napoleon ordered the destruction of a ship with this name 89 years after it had been revealed on Ascension Day during the rule of Sebastiano Mocenigo. The crew of this ship was taken from the Arsenal which also served as its shipyard. For the point, give this common name for the barges used by the Doge of Venice during their Marriage to the Sea.

ANSWER: **Bucentaur**

2. According to legend, one side in this battle interpreted a white banner falling from the sky as a message from Hachiman. Kenreimon-in attempted suicide in this battle but was saved by enemy soldiers resulting in her becoming a Buddhist nun. In a depiction of this battle, dolphins swim under one side's ships signifying their inevitable defeat. During this battle, Tokiko jumped into the water clutching the child Emperor Antoku in her arms. For the point, name this 1185 battle the end of the Genpei War, in which the Minamoto defeated the Taira.

ANSWER: Battle of **Dan-no-ura**

3. William Tarn argued that the Sicilians inspired the method of combat that these objects allowed, but that these objects didn't actually exist, as their weight made the ship unstable. Pulleys allowed these objects to swivel and be raised or lowered, and a spike on these objects allowed them to pierce the enemy deck and stick in place. The record of the use of these objects decreases over time, since these objects were used to make up for an inexperienced navy in the First Punic War. For the point, name this device, whose name comes from the Latin for raven, that allowed Roman soldiers to board an enemy ship.

ANSWER: **corvus** (or **harpago**; accept **harpax**; accept **raven** before mentioned)

4. The MV *Umm al Maradem* was rebranded *Sea Isle City* as part of this campaign. Operation Nimble Archer was the offensive portion of this campaign which caused the attacked country to sue the United States. During this campaign, the MV *Bridgeton* struck a naval mine which embarrassingly revealed that the US Navy lacked minesweepers in the area. For the point, name this operation, part of the Iran-Iraq War, in which the United States protected Kuwaiti oil tankers.

ANSWER: Operation **Earnest Will**

5. Nishimura Shoji died in a subsection of this battle during the last "crossing of the T" in the Pacific theatre. Chester Nimitz ended a message to Bill Halsey during this battle that ended with the words "the world wonders." In this battle, John McCain Sr., acting without orders, moved to reinforce Clifton Sprague's Taffy 3 task force, which had fallen under fire at the Battle off Samar. Seki Yukio led a kamikaze attack in this battle which led to the sinking of the USS *St. Lo*. For the point, name this 1944 battle which occurred in a Philippine gulf.

ANSWER: Battle of **Leyte Gulf**

6. Garrison Point Fort was attacked in the opening of this battle. Troops participating in this attack were ordered not to plunder enemy ships in an attempt to shame their enemy for the earlier Holmes's Bonfire. Willem Joseph van Ghent was chosen to lead this attack due to his experience with amphibious landings. In Samuel Pepys' diary, he recounts that the "*Royall Charles*" was captured during this attack. For the point, name this attack carried out by Dutch forces, who destroyed over a dozen English battleships while they were still in port.

ANSWER: The **Raid on the Medway** (accept **Battle of the Medway**; accept **Raid on Chatham**; accept **Battle of Chatham**)

7. After being captured in this event, Jenkin Ratford was hanged because of his British citizenship. In the aftermath of this event, James Barron was court-martialed for only firing one shot, a move that culminated in a duel with Stephen Decatur. This event occurred on the orders of George Berkeley who was searching for deserters from the HMS *Melampus*. For the point, name this attack by a British ship on an American frigate, whose resulting impressment led Thomas Jefferson to create the Embargo Act.

ANSWER: **Chesapeake-Leopard** Affair (accept the names in reverse order)

8. The CS *Forester* was captured during one of these conflicts after it violated an international boundary. Due to one of these conflicts, the HMS *Lincoln* was refitted with the intent to ram enemy ships. One side in these conflicts threatened to close a UN base at Keflavik, which would have created a vulnerability in the UKIP gap. As a result of the last of these conflicts, a Nordic country implemented a 200-nautical-mile exclusive economic zone. For the point, name this series of conflicts between the United Kingdom and Iceland regarding rights over the namesake fish.

ANSWER: **Cod** Wars

9. The losing commander of this battle burned many of his ablest ships due to a lack of manpower caused by an outbreak of malaria. Quintus Dellius defected before the start of this battle, which gave the winning commander invaluable intelligence about the opposing side's tactics. Marcus Vipsanius Agrippa's more nimble ships outmaneuvered cumbersome quinqueremes to win this battle, fought near the mouth of the Gulf of Ambracia. For the point, name this 31 BC naval victory for the forces of Octavian over the forces of Mark Antony and Cleopatra.

ANSWER: Battle of **Actium**

10. Hong Dagu was forced to withdraw from the first of these campaigns after the battle of Torikai-Gata. One of these campaigns started with the seizure of Iki and Tsushima Island. The Genko Borui was a fortification along Hakata Bay in preparation for one of these campaigns. In the aftermath of one of these campaigns, Hojo Tokimune executed multiple emissaries from the Yuan dynasty. Two storms legendarily saved the defending force in these campaigns were labeled "kamikaze." For the point, name these campaigns in which the forces of Kublai Khan invaded an East Asian island nation,

ANSWER: **Mongol invasions** of **Japan**

11. Andreas Peckell co-lead an expedition that recovered over fifty of this ship's cannons. In a presentation to Klas Fleming, Sofrin Hansson had thirty men run back and forth on the deck of this ship. Henrik Jacobsson widened Henrik Hybertson's initial design for this ship. Rulers found at the construction site of this ship reveal that workers were using both Amsterdam and Swedish feet, which differed by one inch. For the point, name this large Swedish warship, named for a ruling dynasty, which capsized on its maiden voyage.

ANSWER: **Vasa** (accept **Wasa**)

12. The first explanation of this role was given by Lord Torrington while being questioned by parliament for his defeat at the battle of Beachy Head. Due to dwindling fuel supplies, the Red Sea Flotilla took on this role. The Battle of Pearl Harbor confirmed that this strategy was no longer effective because of the introduction of aircraft. The Russian Pacific Fleet abandoned this role during the Battle of the Yellow Sea. For the point, name this role in which a fleet affects strategic planning by its mere presence.

ANSWER: **Fleet in being** (accept descriptions relating to a **fleet remaining in port**)

13. Raïs Hamidou died in the second of these conflicts after a battle with American ships off of Cape Gata. William Eaton led a force of mercenaries on a forced march during one of these conflicts, which culminated in the Battle of Derne. Yusuf Karamanli started one of these conflicts after the Jefferson administration denied his demand of over \$200,000. During the first of these wars, the USS *Philadelphia* was burned by Stephen Decatur after it ran aground in Tripoli harbor. For the point, name this series of conflicts fought between the United States and various North African pirate states.

ANSWER: **Barbary** Wars

14. This battle took place a few miles from Lampsacus at a site where the losing side could finally rest its men and take on drinking water from a pair of small streams. Alcibiades [al-kih-bee-AH-deez] observed this battle from Pactye [pok-TEE], since the losing side refused to offer him command. This battle essentially began with the winning fleet towing empty triremes into the Hellespont, suffering essentially no casualties. For the point, name this 405 BC battle, the culmination of Lysander of Sparta's campaign against the Athenian fleet and the final battle of the Peloponnesian War.

ANSWER: Battle of **Aegospotami**

15. In response to an attack on the *Mary Carver*, this man led the Ivory Coast Expedition to raid New Berbery. This man successfully captured Villahermosa after leading an amphibious assault during the Second Battle of Tabasco. The construction of the USS *Fulton* was overseen by this man, who was also its first commander, which earned him the nickname "Father of the Steam Navy." During an expedition, this man intimidated Abe Masahiro, leading to the Treaty of Kanagawa. For the point, name this American Commodore whose expeditions to Japan succeeded in opening its ports.

ANSWER: Matthew C. **Perry**

16. One commander in this battle captured the Maltese *Capitain*, a move that earned him the title "sword." During this battle, forces under Alvaro de Bazan aided troops from the *Real* [ray-AL] in capturing the *Sultana*. Agostino Barbarigo clashed with Mahomet Sirocco [see-ROH-koh] as part of this battle, which led to both of their deaths. Despite this battle, the winning side did not regain control of Cyprus, which it lost to Kara Mustafa. Sufi Ali Pasha was beheaded after being captured during this battle. For the point, name this 1571 battle in which Don Juan of Austria led the Holy League in a victory over the Ottoman Empire.

ANSWER: Battle of **Lepanto**

17. This man attacked Aegina in one oration, complaining that their "war without a herald" against this man's city would have ended if a fleet of twenty Corinthian triremes had arrived on time. In that oration, this thinker proposed dividing 600,000 drachmas among just one hundred citizens, rather than among all of Athens; those 100 men would then each fund the building of a trireme. For the point, name this strategos whose plan to build the Athenian navy prepared the city for Xerxes' invasion, which this man countered at Salamis.

ANSWER: **Themistocles**

18. Investigators looking into this event were targeted on their way to the USS *Duluth* by a Strela-2 launcher. The HMS *Marlborough* was the first ship to respond to this event. In the aftermath of this event, its target was transported by the MV *Blue Marlin*, and Kirk Lippold was denied further promotion by Secretary of the Navy Donald Winter due to this event. For the point, name this event in which a US destroyer was damaged in Yemen due to an Al-Qaeda suicide bombing.

ANSWER: Attack on the USS **Cole** (accept USS **Cole** bombing)

19. This event was complicated because the SS *Cameronia* was being used as a troop transport. Alfred Vanderbilt gave his life vest to a woman and her child during this event, even though he could not swim. Captain William Turner was investigated for surviving this event. Walther Schwieger was responsible for this event, which took place less than 20 miles from the coast of Ireland. For the point, name this event, in which a cruiser operated by the Cunard Line was sunk by a German submarine while carrying munitions.

ANSWER: The **sinking** of the RMS **Lusitania**

20. In the aftermath of a battle in this war, a government revoked the Convention of Akkerman. In order to enforce the Treaty of London, Edward Codrington led an allied fleet to victory during this war's Battle of Navarino. Georgios Sachtouris won the Battle of Andros during this war, preventing reinforcements from reaching Missolonghi. Husrev Pasha's failure at the Battle of Gerontas during this war led to the fall of Samos. For the point, name this war in which a Southeastern European country freed itself from Ottoman governance.

ANSWER: **Greek War of Independence** (accept **Greek Revolution**; accept **Greek Uprising**)

21. During a battle in this war, the Covadonga, captained by Carlos Condell, defeated the ironclad *Independencia* at the Battle of Punta Gruesa. That battle was part of the larger Battle of Iquique in this war, resulting in the death of Arturo Prat with the sinking of the *Esmeralda*. The naval portion of this war ended when one side's navy was effectively destroyed at the Battle of Angamos, which included the capture of the *Huascar*. For the point, name this war in which Peru and Bolivia were defeated by Chile in a namesake ocean.

ANSWER: **War of the Pacific**

22. In this battle, Captain Julien Cosmao was given command of a fleet by the mortally wounded Federico Gravina. In the aftermath of this battle, Cuthbert Collingwood ordered the *Intrepide* to be burned to prevent its recapture. After being wounded, the victorious commander in this battle said, "You can do nothing for me. [...] My back is shot through" and died aboard the HMS *Victory* shortly after signalling "England expects that every man will do his duty." For the point, name this 1805 battle off the coast of Spain, the final victory of Horatio Nelson.

ANSWER: Battle of **Trafalgar**

23. Two sons of Boreas saved Phineas while members of this ship's crew, and learned how to bypass the Symplegades in this ship. This vessel was constructed by the son of Arestor, who built wood from the Dodona forest into its prow so that this ship could predict the future. The center rowing seat on this vessel was reserved for Ancaeus and Heracles, two of the men who were led by a descendent of Pelias in pursuit of the Golden Fleece. For the point, name this ship, captained by Jason in Greek mythology.

ANSWER: **Argo**

24. James Bremer defeated enemy forces at First Bar Island in this conflict. The "devil ship" *Nemesis* was used in this conflict for its ability to traverse shallow water. Prior to this conflict, hundreds of pounds of seized contraband were dissolved in river sluices by Lin Zexu. This conflict effectively ended with the capture of the city of Zhenjiang, at the crossroads between the Grand Canal and the Yangtze River. Hong Kong was ceded in the aftermath of this conflict with the first of the "unequal treaties," the Treaty of Nanjing. For the point, name this first of a series of wars between Great Britain and China over the smuggling of a namesake drug.

ANSWER: **First Opium War** (or **Yapian Zhanzheng**)

25. Two ships from this force sunk the *Mangkai* during Operation Berlin. The commander of this navy was replaced after a poor performance at the Battle of Barents Sea. Plan Z was a planned expansion for this navy that was never completed. This navy launched Operation Ursula during the Spanish American War in support of Francisco Franco. Karl Donitz was the last Grand Admiral of this force before becoming President under the Third Reich. For the point, name this naval arm of Adolf Hitler's war machine.

ANSWER: **Kriegsmarine** (accept answers relating to the **Navy of Nazi Germany**; prompt on Wehrmacht; prompt on German Navy; do not accept Imperial German Navy)

26. The winning commander at this battle was made the first knight in the then recently-created Order of the Crescent by Selim III. The HMS *Majestic* collided with the *Heureux* during this battle which led to the death of Captain George Westcott. The *Orient* exploded during this battle, killing Vice-Admiral Francois-Paul Brueys d'Aigalliers ["Francois-Paul" brooy day-gal-YAY]. In the prelude to this battle, the losing side move to Aboukir Bay from Alexandria harbor. For the point, name this battle in which the French Republic was defeated by Horatio Nelson at the mouth of a large African river.

ANSWER: Battle of the Nile (accept Battle of Aboukir Bay before mention)

27. Alfred Taylor led a team that created the CXAM version of this technology. The HMS *Sheffield* was the first vessel in the Royal Navy to be equipped with this technology. The myth that carrots improve one's vision was created by British forces to hide the existence of this technology. The Royal Air Force made use of the Chain Home version of this technology, part of the Dowding system, during the Battle of Britain. For the point, name this technology used in early warning systems which detects far away objects.

ANSWER: radar (or Radio Detection and Ranging)

28. William Anderson received a Legion of Merit for commanding this vessel on a mission that included Dr. Waldo Lyon. In Operation Sunshine, this vessel became the first to reach the North Pole which it did by travelling under the polar ice cap. On its maiden voyage, the commander of this vessel, Eugene Wilkinson, sent the message "Underway on nuclear power." For the point, give the name of this vessel, named for a Jules Verne creation, the world's first nuclear powered submarine.

ANSWER: USS Nautilus

29. The HMS *Argus* was the first modern one of these vessels. The Rapana class was a group of merchant ships converted into this type of vessel during World War II. The USS *Bogue* was an escort variety of these ships known for their smaller size. The USS *Gerald R. Ford* is the lead ship of a new class of these vessels meant to replace the aging Nimitz class. The Harrier used "Vertical Takeoff and Landing" technology to be used aboard these ships. For the point, name these ships that played a critical role in World War II by transporting fighters and bombers.

ANSWER: aircraft carriers

30. This country operated a group of destroyers that were labeled a "scrap iron flotilla" by Joseph Goebbels. A third of this country's World War II naval deaths came in a single engagement, in which a ship captained by Joseph Burnett was sunk by the *Kormoran*. This country launched the North Western Area campaign in response to a Japanese attack on this country's city of Darwin. The Battle of the Coral Sea was fought off the northeastern coast of this country. For the point, name this commonwealth country that suffered a blow to morale with the sinking of the HMAS *Sydney*.

ANSWER: Commonwealth of Australia

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A barrage of these devices in the North Sea was proposed by Reginald Bacon. Degaussing helped neutralize these devices, which Operation Royal Marine attempted to use in rivers. Nicaragua sued the United States over the use of these devices. One of these devices was found at Shoeburyness, allowing the Royal Navy to counter it. The USS *Samuel B. Roberts* was struck by one of these devices in the Persian Gulf, and the naval base at Scapa Flow was defended by these. For the point, name these stationary explosive devices that target ships.

ANSWER: mine (prompt on torpedo)