



Naval History Bee
Round 3 - Prelims

1. During the War of the Grand Alliance, Rutger Bucking was killed at this location after a clash with French troops. The SMS *Blucher* was sunk during an engagement at this location. A Dutch fleet under Johan Zoutman was forced to retreat from this location after a battle with Hyde Parker. In response to an incident at this location, a Russian fleet under Zinovy Rozhdestvensky was forced to sail around Africa because it was denied use of the Suez Canal. For the point, name this area of the North Sea off the the coast of England which, during the Russo-Japanese War, was the site of an accidental attack on British fishermen.

ANSWER: **Dogger Bank** (prompt on North Sea before mention)

2. Description acceptable. Plutarch described one of these weapons as having "beaks like those of cranes." Invaders who eventually overcame these weapons were ordered not to harm their inventor, who was nevertheless killed after he told an impatient soldier, "Do not disturb my circles." These weapons included the sambuca, a claw that lifted ships out of the water, and a series of bronze oblong mirrors that focused the rays of the sun, creating a heat ray. For the point, name these contraptions used to defend Syracuse from Roman assault during the First Punic War by a legendary inventor.

ANSWER: **machines** of **Archimedes** (or **defenses** of **Syracuse** before "Syracuse" is read; anti-prompt on specific machines)

3. As grand coordinator, Zhu Wan waged a war with these people that included the destruction of Shuangyu. Hu Zongxian captured a leader of these people with the initial promise of a pardon, but that leader was later executed. Xu Hai led a group of these people in numerous raids during the rule of the Jiajing emperor. Wang Zhi established a base for these people on the Goto Islands. Sejong the Great ordered the Gihae Eastern Expedition, which destroyed this group's stronghold of Tsushima Island. For the point, name this group of Japanese raiders.

ANSWER: **Wokou** (accept **Wako**; accept **dwarf pirates**; prompt on "pirates;" prompt on "raiders;" prompt on "brigands;" prompt on "marauders;" prompt on "smugglers")

4. In explaining the cause of this battle, Captain John Luce said that his commander was "constitutionally incapable of refusing or even postponing action." This battle was preceded by the Bombardment of Papeete, which allowed the Admiralty to pinpoint enemy forces. Rear-Admiral Christopher Cradock died during this battle after the sinking of his flagship, the HMS *Good Hope*. In revenge for this battle, British forces started the Battle of the Falkland Islands, which resulted in the death of Maximilian von Spee. For the point, name this World War I loss for Great Britain that took place off the coast of Chile.

ANSWER: Battle of **Coronel**

5. The SS Observer was unable to join this fleet due to being trapped in Lake Timsah. For postal purposes, this fleet formed the "Müwinikies", "Ledmelaga", and "Djabiporst" groups. To coincide with the 1968 Olympics, this group hosted its own games, for which it awarded medals presented by the Great Bitter Lake Association. For the point, name this collection of ships, named for their accumulation of sand, which was trapped in the Suez Canal because of the Six-Day War.

ANSWER: The **Yellow Fleet**

6. Joseph Underwood avoided dying aboard this vessel by being transferred to Naval Station Rota on suspicion of tuberculosis. Gordon Hamilton was key in limiting the search area for this vessel, which was found through John P. Craven's implementation of Bayesian search theory. Vice Admiral Bernard Austin came out of retirement to lead an inquiry concerning this vessel, which concluded that the probable cause for its destruction was one of its own torpedos. For the point, name this US nuclear powered submarine which mysteriously sunk in May 1968.

ANSWER: USS **Scorpion**

7. At risk of being surrounded by Japanese forces during this campaign, Daniel Callaghan ordered odd-numbered ships to fire to starboard and even-numbered ships to fire to port despite the fact that the ships had not been assigned numbers. Rear Admiral Norman Scott died during this campaign when the USS *San Francisco* mistakenly fired on the USS *Atlanta*. The majority of the naval battles in this campaign took place off the coast of Savo Island. A naval portion of this campaign was launched to defend the recently captured Henderson Field. For the point, name this 1942 campaign fought over an island which now holds the capital of the Solomons.

ANSWER: **Guadalcanal** campaign

8. This city was built between the Cantharus, Zea, and Munychia in accordance with Hippodamus' grid design, and was the site of Philo's Arsenal for the Hanging Gear, in which canvas and cords were stored. A foreigner arriving at a barbershop in this city brought news of the disaster of the Sicilian Expedition, and this city communicated the news to the defeated city via the Long Walls. In 404 BC, the Thirty Tyrants ordered that this city's shipsheds be torn down. For the point, name this Greek port city that housed the Athenian navy.

ANSWER: **Piraeus**

9. The USS *Ticonderoga* deployed aircraft to aid the target of this event. In the prelude to this event, Captain John Herrick allowed three warning shots to be fired at approaching enemy vessels. In his report on this event, Lyndon B. Johnson stated "repeated acts of violence" must be met "with positive reply" despite later admitting that for all he knew, "our Navy was shooting at whales out there." For the point, name this 1964 incident in which the USS Maddox was attacked by North Vietnamese forces in a body of water located between Vietnam and China.

Answer: **Gulf of Tonkin** incident

10. A leader from this empire, with the aid of John Elphinstone, won the Battle of Chesma. This empire forced the signing of the Treaty of Jassy after it won the Battle of Cape Kaliakra. After successfully raiding Sinop, forces from this empire successfully captured Osman Pasha. An admiral from this country led a precursor to the Greek War of Independence, the Orlov Uprising. For the point, name this country which fought numerous wars against the Ottoman Empire under the rule of Catherine the Great.

ANSWER: **Russian** Empire

11. Ito Seiichi died while commanding this ship on a suicide mission to Okinawa. This vessel's sister ship, the *Musashi*, was sunk at the battle of Leyte Gulf and had earlier replaced this ship as the flagship of the Combined Fleet. During the Battle of the Sibuyan Sea, this ship, under the command of Kurita Takeo, was damaged in an attack by the USS *Essex*. This ship was sunk in Japan's last naval offensive of World War II, Operation Ten-Go. For the point, name this Japanese battleship, the heaviest ever created, named for a former province of Honshu.

ANSWER: IJN **Yamato**

12. During the Cornwallis's Retreat, a commander used a ship of this designation, the HMS *Royal Sovereign*, to separate his fleet from the French. William Carnegie used a ship of this designation, the HMS *Britannia*, during the Battle of Trafalgar. The HMS *St. Lawrence* was a ship with this designation that only operated within Lake Ontario. The *Santisima Trinidad* was the largest ship of this designation at the time of its construction due to an addition of a fourth gun deck. For the point, give this British Naval designation for the largest and most powerful ships of the line.

ANSWER: **first-rate** (prompt on "ship of the line" before mentioned; prompt on "warship;" do not accept "galleon")

13. In this battle, one fleet tried to occupy the Aphetai, the legendary launching site of the Argo, but couldn't fit all their ships on the beaches. The defending side in this battle left bonfires on the beaches at Euboea [yoo-BEE-ah] to trick the attackers. After emerging victorious on the third day of this battle, Themistocles designed a retreat to warn Athens of advancing land forces. For the point, name this naval battle in which the Greek fleet delayed the Persian fleet while, simultaneously, Leonidas delayed Xerxes at Thermopylae.

ANSWER: Battle of Cape **Artemisium** (or **Artemision**)

14. Federico Laredo Brú refused to let this ship dock in Cuba due to Decree 937, which retroactively invalidated Cuban-issued landing permits. Cordell Hull ordered the US Coast Guard to escort this ship to prevent its captain from purposefully crashing it onto US soil. Gustav Schroeder was made "Righteous among the Nations" for his command of this ship. A bust of Hitler on this ship was covered with a cloth while its passengers partook in religious activities. For the point, name this German-operated ship that attempted to take Jewish refugees to North America, named for a large Missouri city.

ANSWER: MS **St. Louis**

15. John Fisher was responsible for the introduction of this term which was reflected by a pun on his coat of arms. A hoax named for this term involved Horace de Vere Cole and Virginia Woolf infiltrating a ship by dressing in blackface and claiming to be Abyssinian royalty. The delivery of the *Minas Geraes* started a 20th century arms race between Argentina, Brazil, and Chile named for this term. The HMS *Orion* ushered in an era of the "super" versions of these ships. For the point, give this term originating with a 1906 Royal Navy ship, which became a blanket term for battlecruisers.

ANSWER: HMS **Dreadnought** (accept Fear God and **Dread Nought**)

16. The Niagara Falls Peace Conference was convened in an attempt to stop a war breaking out over a battle at this location. The Tampico Affair prompted a US invasion of this location. During a conflict in this city, a French fleet under the command of Charles Baudin bombarded the San Juan de Ulúa. During the Mexican-American War, Juan Morales was forced to surrender this city. For the point, name this Mexican port city which was the target of a 1914 American occupation as well as an amphibious assault by Winfield Scott.

ANSWER: **Veracruz**

17. Kenneth Anderson led the amphibious landings in this campaign after Edmond Schreiber was sidelined with kidney disease. During this campaign, the USS *Savannah* supported troops attacking Port Lyautey. The USS *Ranger* limited one side's airpower in a battle in this campaign by striking their airfields at Rabat. The German *U-130* sunk numerous American troop transports during this campaign, despite the surrender of French troops, at the Battle of Casablanca. For the point, name this Allied invasion of North Africa.

ANSWER: Operation **Torch** (accept Operation **Gymnast**; prompt on Allied invasion of North Africa before mention)

18. The *Oryol* was captured during this battle after which it was used as target practice by one side. The losing side of this battle attempted to surrender using both an XGE signal and a white flag, but their enemy ignored both. A commander in this battle was knocked unconscious during the destruction of the *Borodino*. In the aftermath of this battle, Nikolai Nebogatov was imprisoned for his perceived poor performance. Togo Heihachiro's victory at this battle led to the Treaty of Portsmouth. For the point, name this 1905 Japanese victory which ended the Russo-Japanese War.

ANSWER: Battle of **Tsushima Strait** (accept **Naval Battle of the Sea of Japan**)

19. During this event, an officer was shot in the groin by Joseph Bucklin as the former reached for his sword. This event was preceded by a chase in which William Dudingston attempted to apprehend the *Hannah*. This event Abraham Whipple, along with John Brown, led the Sons of Liberty during this event, which began when the central ship was run aground by angry colonist in Narragansett Bay. For the point, name this 1772 event in which a British customs ship was looted and burned off the coast of Rhode Island.

ANSWER: **Gaspee** Affair (accept equivalents using synonyms for **attacking**, **looting**, or **burning** the HMS **Gaspee**)

20. A captain of this ship was killed after being shot with a musket while in combat with the *Ahtee*. In 1797, this ship raided a vessel under the command of Captain Graveling impressing some of its crew. After an act of treason aboard this ship, Captain Mordant and two other officers chaired a drumhead court-martial. John Claggart was killed aboard this ship after being struck by a sailor he accused of mutiny. After being sentenced to death aboard this ship, one man's final words were "God Bless Captain Vere." For the point, name this ship created by Herman Melville, the setting of Billy Budd.

ANSWER: HMS **Bellipotent** (accept HMS **Indomitable**)

21. During this campaign, the USS *Idaho* fired on non-existent enemies in the Battle of the Pips. The *Abner Read* was recovered by the *Uta* after hitting a mine in this campaign. An outnumbered American fleet was able to achieve a strategic victory at the Battle of the Komandorski Islands in this campaign. In the opening of this campaign, hostile forces attacked Dutch Harbor days before the Battle of Midway. For the point, name this campaign which started when Japanese forces attacked Attu and Kiska, two islands in the namesake Alaskan archipelago.

ANSWER: **Aleutian Islands** campaign

22. Amherstburg and Presque Isle were blockaded in the prelude to this battle. A flag reading "Don't give up the ship" was used by an officer in this battle as a way of signalling his attack. A commodore in this battle was forced to relocate to the *Niagara* after his previous flagship, the *Lawrence*, was disabled by an enemy attack. In his report on this battle, the winning commander stated "we have met the enemy and they are ours." For the point, name this War of 1812 battle in which Oliver Hazard Perry successfully defended a Great Lake.

ANSWER: Battle of **Lake Erie** (accept Battle of **Put-in-Bay**)

23. John Ernest Harper wrote *The Truth about* "this battle" that heavily criticizes one side's battlecruiser commander. Franz von Hipper was pursued by enemy forces as part of this battle in "The Run to the South." After receiving a report that the *Princess Royal* had exploded during this battle, David Beatty responded "there seems to be something wrong with our bloody ships today." John Jellicoe was able to "cross the T" against the High Seas Fleet during this battle. For the point, name this indecisive 1916 battle between Germany and the United Kingdom near a Danish peninsula.

ANSWER: Battle of **Jutland**

24. In 1937, a newspaper in this country reported that the recently-purchased Anticosti Island had been scouted by Nazi officers. Operation Krebitz was a plan to rescue Nazi POWs located in this country by evacuating them through Pointe de Maisonnette. The *Charlottetown* was sunk while defending convoys in this country. In a U-boat campaign against this country, numerous ships were sunk in the Cabot Strait and the Strait of Belle Isle. For the point, name this North American country which was the site of the Battle of the Saint Lawrence.

ANSWER: **Canada**

25. Raymond Hine died during the assassination of this man which created a controversy between Rex Barber and Thomas Lampier. In response to a politician regarding the Pacific Theater, this man stated "I have utterly no confidence for the second and third years." Operation Vengeance targeted this man, leading to his crash on Bougainville Island. This architect of the attack on Pearl Harbor apocryphally stated "I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant" For the point, name this head of the Japanese Combined Fleet during World War II.

ANSWER: **Yamamoto** Isoroku

26. The largest of these weapons to be found by modern archaeologists was discovered near Atlit in Israel. These weapons were forged in a lost-wax cast, in which the wax was molded around the beak that this weapon was fastened to. Trireme combat was revolutionized by the use of this weapon, as ships no longer had to unload soldiers onto enemy ships. For the point, name this heavy bronze weapon on the bow of a ship, used to pierce enemy hulls when the attacking ship crashed into its victim.

ANSWER: naval **ram** (accept **ramming**; prompt on "prow;" prompt on "bow")

27. A memorial for this fleet located in Plymouth reads "HE BLEW WITH HIS WINDS AND THEY WERE SCATTERED." In preparation for an invasion by this fleet, a monarch gave a speech in person to soldiers at Tilbury. This fleet attempted to rendezvous with forces under the Duke of Parma but were forced to retreat after the Battle of Gravelines. Originally intended to be led by the Marquis of Santa Cruz, this fleet was instead organized and led by the more inexperienced Duke of Medina Sidonia. For the point, name this large Iberian fleet which aimed to defeat Elizabethan England on the orders of Philip II.

ANSWER: **Spanish Armada**

28. After being criticized for failing to engage this ship at Porto Praya, George Collier committed suicide. James Dacres was court martialed for surrendering to this ship. While under the command of Isaac Hall, this ship defeated the HMS *Guerriere*. This ship captured the HMS *Cyane* and HMS *Levant* after the Treaty of Ghent ended the War of 1812. For the point, name this United States frigate that, in over 80 years of service, earned the nickname "Old Ironsides."

ANSWER: USS **Constitution** (accept **Old Ironsides** before mentioned)

29. Apsimar was a naval officer for this empire who rose to power in the Cibyrhaeot Theme. The Rashidun Caliphate defeated this empire at the Battle of the Masts. This empire fielded the Dromon, a ship whose design was based on the earlier Liburnians. This empire defended its capital from naval attack by running a chain across the Golden Horn. This empire's first standing navy, the Karabisianoi, was established by Constantine IV. For the point, name this Empire whose navy was key in defending Constantinople.

ANSWER: **Byzantine** Empire (accept **Eastern Roman** Empire; do not accept Roman Empire)

30. A line of battle lacking tactical advantage in this quantity is forced to tack, either in unison or succession, to close on an enemy. A fleet enjoying this tactical advantage is said to "have the weather gauge," and has elevated cannons and more maneuverability, allowing it to choose when to engage in open ocean, on which it looks toward a leeward opponent. For the point, what important consideration in sailing-ship tactics determines which fleet is upwind?

ANSWER: the **direction of the wind** (accept **direction** alone after "upwind" is read; accept "being **upwind**" before mentioned; accept **weather gauge** before mentioned; prompt on partial answers)

Extra Tossup – ONLY READ IF A QUESTION IS BOTCHED!

Jack Lee Evans fled the country when he was implicated in the destruction of this vessel, and William Morgan was executed for supposedly destroying this ship. In a speech regarding this ship, Fidel Castro related it to the "mystery of the Maine" before claiming that its destruction was caused by US officials. The Photo *Guerrillero Heroico*, a depiction of Che Guevara, was taken at a memorial service for this ship. For the point, name this French ship which, while unloading munitions, exploded in Havana.

ANSWER: **La Coubre**