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### Categories

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Also Known As	The Ancient World	World Mythology
The Seven Seas	Tragedy	Musicals
Philosophy	Featuring...	Numbers
The Human Body	Synonyms	Famous Swords

### Results

Rank	Team	1	2	3	Final
1	Cardinals, Assemble!	20	15	13	48
2	Minus Alex	17	14	11	42
3	14 More Games	15	11	7	33
4	Bye Chris	15	10	7	32
	Brady Sucks	14	10	8	32
	JD Killed the Pope	16	9	7	32
7	SSG	9	10	8	27
8	Laniel	4	4		8
AVERAGE		13.75	10.4	8.7	31.8

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### Category 1 - Also Known As

1. This famous science fiction movie has an alternate title in many other languages - the French version translates to the rather-ominous The Eighth Passenger.
2. Abel Tesfaye is better known by this stage name, which he planned on retiring after his most recent album, Hurry Up Tomorrow, released in 2025.
3. Tardigrades are also known by this ursine name, as their German discoverer named them "Kleiner Wasserbar".
4. Highway 20 is also known by this name in the city of Niagara Falls, Ontario, the historic site of one of the bloodiest melee battles of the War of 1812.
5. François-Marie Arouet is better known by this pen name, under which he published all of his major works as a novelist, satirist, philosopher and historian.

### Category 2 - The Seven Seas

6. This sea is so named due to its extremely high salinity, 9.6 times saltier than the ocean, making it hostile to most forms of aquatic life.
7. This sea was named due to it being the "middle of the world" - while literally untrue, it was historically important as a trade route and link between many different places, a purpose it still serves today.
8. This "sea" was a known landmark and navigational hazard for European explorers crossing the Atlantic, where ships could become stuck due to the lack of current and wind, as well as the abundance of oceanic vegetation.
9. The Black Sea and the Sea of Marmara meet in the strait known as the Bosphorus, a strategically and economically important route located in this former capital city.
10. This genre of nautical songs originated as work songs sung to keep time and ensure a stable rhythm by sailors working aboard sailing ships.

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### Category 3 - Philosophy

11. This word can refer to someone who has refined taste, particularly in food or drink - it derives from a hedonistic school of Ancient Greek philosophy, founded by the eponymous philosopher.
12. This Greek philosopher was a student of Plato, and is considered one of the most important philosophers in Western thought and science - he later taught Alexander the Great.
13. This English philosopher is famous for writing The Leviathan, in which he claimed that human existence, without proper government, was "solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short". He also lent his name to one half of a famous comic strip duo.
14. This Japanese school of Buddhism was originally imported from China - colloquial usage has caused an association between its name and a state of calm or inner peace.
15. This philosopher wrote Beyond Good and Evil and Thus Spake Zarathustra - he is perhaps most famous for his declaration that "God is dead".

### Category 4 - The Human Body

16. René Descartes called this area of the brain "the seat of the soul" - we now know it regulates melatonin, and it is named due to its shape, somewhat like that of a pinecone.
17. This area of the human body completely lacks blood vessels - it instead obtains its oxygen, with the help of a mediating fluid, directly from the air.
18. This is one of the only parts of the human body that completely lacks pain receptors - it can be operated on while a patient is still awake.
19. Leukocytes are produced in bone marrow, and their presence in a blood sample is often used as a marker for a latent disease or infection. What are they more commonly known as?
20. Ozempic belongs to a family of drugs designed to regulate this hormone, a peptide which controls the metabolism of carbohydrates, fats, and proteins in the body.

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### Category 5 - The Ancient World

21. The name attributed to the majority ethnic group in modern China derives from the name of this ancient dynastic family, the second imperial dynasty after the Qin.
22. This famous mathematician and inventor was killed in the defence of the city-state of Syracuse, which he had been contracted to protect - his final words, to the Roman soldiers accosting him, were, according to legend, "do not disturb my circles".
23. The true purpose of this ancient British landmark remains unknown - it features many burial sites, and its structure aligns with the sunrise of the summer solstice, and sunset of the winter solstice.
24. This famous enemy of Rome's last name meant "lightning bolt", a reference to his family's reputation for swift and unexpected attacks, and his first name referred to the patron god of his city, Ba'al Hamon.
25. The legendary home of Conan the Barbarian took its name from this real Hellenic kingdom on the shores of the Black Sea.

### Category 6 - Tragedy

26. Sigmund Freud named a particular complex after the sufferings of the main character in this Greek tragedy, where he inadvertently kills his father and marries his mother.
27. This Shakespearean revenge tragedy, set in Ancient Rome, features some of his most gruesome work, including murder, mutilation, rape, and cannibalism, as well as one of the first recorded "your mom" jokes in the English language.
28. Shakespeare's contemporary, Christopher Marlowe, wrote a tragedy centred around the life of this conqueror of central Asia and descendant of Genghis Khan - his name referred, in part, to a limp which afflicted him throughout his life.
29. Aeschylus' play Agamemnon centres around the pseudohistorical king as he returns from his conquest of Troy, only to be murdered by this character.
30. The single "Tragedy", off of the 1979 album Spirits Have Flown, was one of the last major hits for this band in their disco era.

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### Category 7 - Featuring...

31. The Platinum Blonde song "Crying Over You" features a musical cameo from this famous Canadian guitarist, who provided the song's guitar solo.
32. One of Bing Crosby's final recordings before his death was a 1977 collaboration with this famous musical artist, remixing the Christmas classic, "Little Drummer Boy".
33. This West Coast hip-hop star holds the record for most features as a solo musical artist - his other famous features include his acting career, appearing on television alongside Martha Stewart, and in such films as the 2004 remake of Starsky & Hutch.
34. Michael Jackson's hit song "Beat It", a 1983 single off of the Thriller album, features a guitar solo provided by this contemporary star of 1980's rock.
35. Eminem's single "Stan", off of the year 2000's Marshall Mathers LP, features a major interpolation of another song, "Thank You", by this British singer who shares her name with a mythical queen of Carthage.

### Category 8 - Synonyms

36. This phrase can refer either to a type of vodka-based cocktail, or an anti-Communist partisan in post-World War I Russia.
37. This word can refer to a helpful hint, or, in its more archaic form, a ball of yarn.
38. This word can refer to something strange or bizarre, or to something that is fated, according to the older use of the word.
39. This word is used to refer to conditions which are extremely prone to change, as well as an ancient Greek god of the sea.
40. This word can refer to a state of bliss, a state of being seized or abducted, or one element of the Christian apocalypse.

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### Category 9 - World Mythology

41. This hero of the Romance of the Three Kingdoms, often depicted with a red face and bearing his signature halberd, was venerated as a god of war after his demise - police stations in Hong Kong all featured a shrine to him.
42. J. R. R. Tolkien's famous wizard, Gandalf, takes his alias on Middle-Earth from one of the alternative names for this Norse deity.
43. The eighth gate to the inner city of Babylon was built of glazed blue bricks, and named in honour of this Mesopotamian goddess of war, love, and fertility.
44. Lawrence of Arabia called local legends of this city of the pillars "the Atlantis of the Sands", referred to in the Qu'ran as destroyed by Allah for its inhabitants' hubris - H. P. Lovecraft would later refer to it in his works as well.
45. According to Algonquian myth, this insatiable, man-eating, malevolent creature stalks the forests, associated with winter and famine. An act of cannibalism could turn a person into one - it also features as a spectral terror in Stephen King's *Pet Sematary*.

### Category 10 - Musicals

46. This musical surrounding the highest professional league of its eponymous game featured music written by former members of ABBA, and spawned an unorthodox radio hit with 1984's "One Night in Bangkok".
47. This 1960 musical adapted a Charles Dickens novel for the stage - its 1968 film version ended up winning six Academy Awards, including Best Picture.
48. This bloody penny dreadful was turned into a stage play before its serialization had even finished, and was famously adapted as a musical by Stephen Sondheim in 1979. Tim Burton would later film a 2007 adaptation of it, starring Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham-Carter.
49. This musical is "lovingly ripped off" from Monty Python and the Holy Grail, taking its name from a lyric in one of that film's original songs.
50. This 1947 musical centres around a Scottish town that only appears for one day every one hundred years.

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### Category 11 - Numbers

51. What is the Roman numeral XCIX, rendered into standard Arabic numerals?
52. This number is considered auspicious or sacred throughout Central and Eastern Asia - Hindu and Buddhist rosaries usually contain this number of beads, and in Shinto Buddhism, there are this many worldly temptations. There are also this many companions of the hero in the Chinese novel *Water Margin*.
53. The enigma associated with this number has been attributed to apophenia, or the tendency to perceive patterns in unrelated information. Jim Carrey, in 2007, played a character obsessed with the number in a movie titled after it.
54. The number 13 is generally considered unlucky in the West - in East Asia, this number is instead considered unlucky, as it sounds like the word for death.
55. This number, according to the supercomputer Deep Thought in *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, is the answer to life, the universe, and everything.

### Category 12 - Famous Swords

56. This sword is part of the crown jewels of the United Kingdom, and is known as the Sword of Mercy, due to its blunt edges and point. It is likely most famous, however, for lending its proper name to an artificial intelligence in Bungie's *Halo* series of games.
57. Gram, or Balmung, was the sword which belonged to this Germanic hero, whose price for slaying the dragon Fafnir was its reforging by the dwarf Regin.
58. This powerful sword from Norse mythology, named after the god of war, was cursed to take a life each time it was drawn from its sheathe, and cause three great evils - it also acts as the namesake of a hot sauce featured on season 18 of *Hot Ones*.
59. This legendary sword, said to be indestructible, belonged to Roland the paladin, and was hurled away before his death at the Battle of Roncevaux, coming to rest in a cliff face in Rocamadour, France. A replica was reported stolen from the cliff face in June 2024.
60. In *The Lord of the Rings*, Isildur used this sword to cleave the ring from Sauron's finger - it was later reforged, to be used by his heir, Aragorn, as king of Gondor.

**Answers Round 1**

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	Difficulty
1. Alien (1979).	37.5%
2. The Weeknd	25.0%
3. Water bears.	62.5%
4. Lundy's Lane.	12.5%
5. Voltaire.	62.5%
6. The Dead Sea.	12.5%
7. The Mediterranean Sea.	12.5%
8. The Sargasso Sea.	62.5%
9. Istanbul (Constantinople).	0.0%
10. Sea shanties.	0.0%
11. Epicurean (Epicurus).	75.0%
12. Aristotle.	37.5%
13. Thomas Hobbes.	25.0%
14. Zen.	12.5%
15. Friedrich Nietzsche.	37.5%
16. The pineal gland.	50.0%
17. The cornea.	50.0%
18. The brain.	12.5%
19. White blood cells.	0.0%
20. Insulin.	37.5%

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	Difficulty
21. Han.	75.0%
22. Archimedes.	87.5%
23. Stonehenge.	0.0%
24. Hannibal Barca.	50.0%
25. Cimmeria.	87.5%
26. Oedipus (Oedipus Rex).	12.5%
27. Titus Andronicus.	62.5%
28. Tamerlane (Timur Lenk, Tamburlane).	87.5%
29. Clytemnestra (his wife).	75.0%
30. The Bee Gees.	12.5%
31. Alex Lifeson of Rush.	75.0%
32. David Bowie.	12.5%
33. Snoop Dogg (Snoop Lion is also acceptable).	0.0%
34. Eddie Van Halen.	50.0%
35. Dido.	0.0%
36. White Russian.	75.0%
37. Clue.	25.0%
38. Weird.	50.0%
39. Protean (Proteus).	100.0%
40. Rapture.	25.0%

	Difficulty
41. Guan Yu.	100.0%
42. Odin.	42.9%
43. Ishtar (Inanna).	100.0%
44. Irem (Iram).	100.0%
45. The wendigo.	71.4%
46. Chess.	28.6%
47. Oliver!	0.0%
48. Sweeny Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street.	0.0%
49. Spamalot.	14.3%
50. Brigadoon.	28.6%
51. 90	0.0%
52. 108	100.0%
53. 23	71.4%
54. 4	28.6%
55. 42	57.1%
56. Curtana (Cortana).	71.4%
57. Siegfried (Sigurd).	85.7%
58. Tyrfing.	71.4%
59. Durandal.	100.0%
60. Narsil (Anduril)	57.1%

Category	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Avg difficulty	40.0%	17.5%	37.5%	30.0%	60.0%	50.0%	27.5%	55.0%	82.9%	14.3%	51.4%	77.1%

Round	1	2	3
Avg difficulty	31.3%	48.1%	56.4%

Question difficulty	Easy (0-33%)	Medium (34-66%)	Hard (67-100%)
% of game	41.7%	26.7%	31.7%

Extreme Questions	Everyone got it	No one got it
% of game	15.0%	10.0%

General Categories	ART	CUL	ENT	GAM	GEO	HIS	LIT	MIX	MUS	NAT	SCI	SPO
Asked	0	23	1	0	6	8	17	14	8	0	8	0
% of game	0.0%	38.3%	1.7%	0.0%	10.0%	13.3%	28.3%	23.3%	13.3%	0.0%	13.3%	0.0%
Avg difficulty	--	55.0%	71.4%	--	16.7%	51.6%	47.6%	49.5%	25.4%	--	46.0%	--

Team size (players)	1	2	3	4	4+	TTL teams (TTL players)
# of teams	--	1	5	1	1	8 (27)
Avg score	--	8	34.4	42	32	31.8