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Spooky Season	Science Fiction	World Mythology
Geographic Names	Double Feature	Feeling Lucky?
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Astronomy	It's Elementary!	Getting Medieval

Results

Rank	Team	1	2	3	Final
1	All Good	16	17	15	48
2	Fab 5	17	9	9	35
3	Old Grey Beard	15	12	13	40
4	Non-Stop Disco	11	13	13	37
	AVERAGE	14.8	12.8	12.5	40

Category 1 - Spooky Season

1. Born Erik Weisz, this famous escape artist was better known by this stage name, and died on Halloween in 1926, having been assaulted by two fans around a week earlier while performing in Montreal.

2. The original jack-o-lanterns were carved in Ireland, and were not made of pumpkins, but rather of this hardy root vegetable.

3. A Charles Schultz comic strip, and later cartoon, introduced the world to this mascot for Halloween, in the same vein as Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny.

4. This spooky film became the first outright horror film to be nominated for a Best Picture Oscar, in 1973.

5. Bram Stoker's Dracula begins when Jonathan Harker arrives in Transylvania on this night, a festival associated with witchcraft, which actually takes place at the end of April.

Category 2 - Geographic Names

6. A founding member of America's original boy band, this lead vocalist from New Jersey was born Francesco Castelluccio, but is better known by this geographical stage name.

7. This actor had siblings named Rain, Liberty, and Summer, and earned an Academy Award nomination at age 18 - his promising career was cut short with his death at the age of 23.

8. Industrial Light and Magic were contracted to use then-revolutionary CGI techniques to show this fictional character meeting such figures as JFK and LBJ in the eponymous 1994 film.

9. This resident of the fictional Arlen, Texas is a mild-mannered family man who sells propane and propane products in the animated series by Mike Judge which contains his last name.

10. This funnyman with a geographic name is one of the very few EGOT winners - his first and only Academy Award was for the 1968 film The Producers.

Category 3 - I Am The Law

11. While lawyers are usually referred to as attorneys in the United States, in Canada and most Commonwealth countries, they are instead referred to as this in their official capacities in court.

12. This John Grisham novel was adapted into a 1993 film starring Tom Cruise, featuring a young lawyer drawn by the lure of money into inadvertently working for the Mafi

13. The scores can really change when this legal principle is invoked in common law jurisdictions, preventing someone from being tried for the same or similar charges following an acquittal.

14. Prior to the Constitution Act of 1982, the Canadian Constitution was known by this name instead, having been created in an act of a foreign parliament.

15. In American law, this legal structure is not actually one single piece of legislation, as its name would indicate, but rather instead the first ten amendments to the Constitution.

Category 4 - Astronomy

16. This is the only planet in the solar system that is never visible to the naked eye, despite its size - it was discovered in 1846 due to gravitational anomalies affecting the orbits of its neighboring planets.

17. Most of these celestial objects are theorized to come into our solar system from the Oort Cloud, a collection of icy planetesimals at the very edge of the Sun's gravitational influence.

18. This Danish Renaissance astronomer observed a supernova in 1572 and used it to argue against Aristotle's conception of an unchanging universe - he also lent his name to one of the two main characters from the Penny Arcade comic strip.

19. This astronomer discovered that there were galaxies other than the Milky Way in the universe, but is perhaps most famous for lending his name to a landmark piece of NASA technology in orbit around the Earth.

20. Our galaxy will collide catastrophically with this galaxy in around 4.5 billion years, our closest galactic neighbour, named after a Greek princess chained to a rock as a sacrifice.

Category 5 - Science Fiction

21. This Arthur C. Clarke character is a heuristically-programmed algorithmic computer, hence giving rise to the name which he is most known by in the story and film he appears in.

22. This word can describe both a subspecies of cephalopod described as a "living fossil", or the submarine piloted by Captain Nemo in 20,000 Leagues Under the Se

23. Grok is now an artificial intelligence platform, but before that, it was a word invented by Robert A. Heinlein in this 1961 novel, describing the Martian process of intuitive understanding.

24. Giovanni Schiaparelli's observations of Mars were mistranslated into English as being the discovery of "canals", artificial structures, inspiring many science fiction stories, including this one by H. G. Wells.

25. The 10th -century Japanese fable The Tale of the Princess Kaguya features its title character originating from, and eventually returning to, this celestial body.

Category 6 - Double Feature

26. This double-double-consonant Norwegian town was host to both the 1994 Winter Olympics, as well as a 2012 crime-comedy series starring Steven Van Zandt.

27. Often found in little fabric bags in packaging, this is the term for a substance which absorbs moisture, inducing or sustaining a state of dryness in adjacent objects.

28. One of the most frequently misspelled English words, a typo might lead one to experience the feeling or state that this double-double-consonant word describes.

29. This double-double-consonant word can be a noun or a verb, describing a location, a speech, or the act of delivering one, with its pronunciation often changing based on use.

30. This often-misspelled piece of exercise equipment and double-double-consonant word was so named because it resembled a "muted" version of a noisemaking apparatus commonly found in a church.

Category 7 - Casting Gaffes

31. This film, considered to be a classic, is nonetheless marred in the modern day by the presence of Mickey Rooney in an ill-advised role as Japanese photographer Mr. Yunioshi.

32. The 2017 Hollywood adaptation of classic manga series Ghost in the Shell ran into controversy after casting this lead actress as a character who was insisted not to be, but in fact was, Japanese.

33. This 2002 Sean Penn-starring film earned both an Oscar nomination and a critical drubbing for his exploitative portrayal of a mentally-disabled man, later mocked in the film Tropic Thunder.

34. The Conqueror was bankrolled by Howard Hughes, and was likely doomed from the start due to casting this American actor as the title character, Temujin, also known as Genghis Khan.

35. One of the films that put a serious dent in his career, this 2007 "comedy" saw Eddie Murphy playing a man, his wife, and the Chinese operator of the orphanage in which he grew up.

Category 8 - It's Elementary!

36. This element is the second most common in the universe but fairly rare on Earth, and provides for a costly yet less-dangerous alternative to hydrogen in keeping airships afloat.

37. After oxygen, this is the most abundant element in the Earth's crust, leading to theories of it potentially being the basis for life on other planets.

38. This is the only letter in the English alphabet that does not appear in the periodic table at all.

39. Element 101, chemical symbol Md, is named after this Russian scientist, the original creator of the periodic table.

40. This corrosive substance is often used in water purification, and, other than mercury, is the only periodic table element which is a liquid at room temperature.

Category 9 - World Mythology

41. A chain of Irish-themed pubs take their name from the Anglicized name of this Irish hero, said to have been a giant and the creator of the Giant's Causeway.

42. Before Noah, this Mesopotamian hero and friend of Enki dealt with a great flood in his self-titled epic, one of the first in recorded history.

43. Google's proprietary AI system is named after this Greek constellation, representing the brothers Castor and Polydeuces.

44. Rakshasa king Ravana plays antagonist to Rama in several epics, like the Mahabharata, and his island fortress shares a name with this very real modern country in the subcontinent.

45. Goku in Dragon Ball Z draws inspiration, like many other characters, from this figure in Chinese folklore, the monkey king and trickster god who helps the protagonist of Journey to the West.

Category 10 - Feeling Lucky?

46. In the theatre, it is considered extremely bad luck to say the name of this play, which is associated in folklore with several deaths related to production mishaps.

47. The European tradition of the "hand of glory", a necromantic aid and supernatural device made from the hand of a hanged murderer, is said to have transformed into superstitions surrounding the lucky pickled foot of this animal.

48. Medieval churches had a major problem with parishoners stealing this object, often using it to protect doorways, burying it in a field to bless crops, or carrying it for luck.

49. Bad luck can supposedly be countered by tossing this substance, which can also act as a barrier against ghosts or other malevolent supernatural entities.

50. This phenomenon is a source of good luck in Gaelic cultures, and a portal to the realm of the gods in Old Norse myth, but the Navajo thought it would bring extremely bad fortune if one were to point at it.

Category 11 - Eureka!

51. This scientist is said to have formulated his theory of gravity after being struck on the head by an apple falling from a tree.

52. Egyptian hieroglyphics were indecipherable until the 1799 discovery of this object, which featured the same text in three different scripts, one of which was Ancient Greek, and decipherable.

53. Eureka means "I've found it!" in Ancient Greek, and is said to have been exclaimed by this mathematician and inventor upon discovering the principle of volume and displacement when settling into his bath.

54. Wilhelm Roentgen accidentally discovered this radiation in 1895, which has since been recognized both as a valuable aid in medical imaging, and a health hazard.

55. Clinical trials for this drug, intended to treat hypertension under the generic name sildenafil, revealed an unintended side effect which led it to be marketed to underperforming men under this now-famous brand name.

Category 12 - Getting Medieval

56. This English word which denotes a freewheeling musician or poet derives from a class of travelling performers in medieval France, composing and performing in the Occitan language.

57. Despite its ominous name, this tome was commissioned by William the Conqueror to assess the value of his new kingdom, following his successful conquest of England in 1066.

58. The House of Wisdom, the medieval world's largest public library, was located in this city until its destruction in 1258 by a Mongolian invasion.

59. An extremely famous Old English poem, this work inspired J. R. R. Tolkien and Wagner, among others, and features its titular hero struggling against monsters like a dragon and Grendel.

60. The Song Dynasty in China was known to be one of the first to originate this economic innovation, which didn't take hold in Europe until the late 17th century, and may already be outmoded in the modern era

	Difficulty
1. Harry Houdini.	25.0%
2. Turnips.	25.0%
3. The Great Pumpkin.	0.0%
4. The Exorcist.	0.0%
5. Walpurgisnacht (Walpurgis Night).	100.0%
6. Frankie Valli.	25.0%
7. River Phoenix.	25.0%
8. Forrest Gump.	25.0%
9. Hank Hill (King of the Hill).	75.0%
10. Mel Brooks.	0.0%
11. Barrister (solicitor).	0.0%
12. The Firm.	0.0%
13. Double jeopardy.	0.0%
14. The British North America Act (BNA Act).	0.0%
15. The Bill of Rights.	100.0%
16. Neptune.	75.0%
17. Comets.	0.0%
18. Tycho Brahe.	25.0%
19. Edwin Hubble (Hubble Space Telescope).	0.0%
20. The Andromeda galaxy.	25.0%

	Difficulty
21. HAL 9000.	50.0%
22. Nautilus.	0.0%
23. Stranger in a Strange Land.	0.0%
24. War of the Worlds.	50.0%
25. The Moon.	100.0%
26. Lillehammer.	0.0%
27. Desiccant.	0.0%
28. Embarrass (embarrassment).	25.0%
29. Address.	0.0%
30. Dumbbell.	50.0%
31. Breakfast at Tiffany's.	50.0%
32. Scarlett Johansson.	50.0%
33. I Am Sam.	100.0%
34. John Wayne.	100.0%
35. Norbit.	25.0%
36. Helium.	0.0%
37. Silicon.	25.0%
38. J.	0.0%
39. Dimitri Mendeleev (Mendelevium).	25.0%
40. Bromine.	75.0%

	Difficulty
41. Fionn mac Cumhaill (Finn McCool).	75.0%
42. Gilgamesh.	25.0%
43. Gemini.	0.0%
44. Sri Lanka.	100.0%
45. Sun Wukong.	0.0%
46. Macbeth.	0.0%
47. Rabbit (Rabbit's foot).	0.0%
48. Communion wafers (the Body of Christ, the Host, etc.).	25.0%
49. Salt.	50.0%
50. A rainbow.	25.0%
51. Isaac Newton.	25.0%
52. The Rosetta Stone.	25.0%
53. Archimedes.	75.0%
54. X-rays.	0.0%
55. Viagra.	100.0%
56. Troubadour.	100.0%
57. The Domesday Book (Doomsday).	50.0%
58. Baghdad.	50.0%
59. Beowulf.	0.0%
60. Paper money.	25.0%

Category	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Avg difficulty	30.0%	30.0%	20.0%	25.0%	40.0%	15.0%	65.0%	25.0%	40.0%	20.0%	45.0%	45.0%

Round	1	2	3
Avg difficulty	26.3%	36.3%	37.5%

Question difficulty	Easy (0-33%)	Medium (34-66%)	Hard (67-100%)
% of game	88.3%	13.3%	23.3%

Extreme Questions	Everyone got it	No one got it
% of game	46.8%	11.4%

General Categories	ART	CUL	ENT	GAM	GEO	HIS	LIT	MIX	MUS	NAT	SCI	SPO
Asked	20	13	0	5	9	11	10	1	2	16	1	32
% of game	33.3%	21.7%	0.0%	8.3%	15.0%	18.3%	16.7%	1.7%	3.3%	26.7%	1.7%	53.3%
Avg difficulty	27.5%	38.5%	--	30.0%	47.2%	38.6%	17.5%	25.0%	12.5%	29.7%	0.0%	39.1%

Team size (players)	1	2	3	4	4+	TTL teams (TTL players)
# of teams	--	--	1	2	1	4 (16)
Avg score	--	--	40	42.5	35	40