

## Summer Collaborative Advanced Literature Event (SCALE) - Packet 8

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- 1. An early scene in a novel centering on these people includes rumors that one of them was murdered with a knitting needle out of jealousy and also mentions one of them poisoning a man with toilet cleaner. Before a celebration in a novel, one of these characters secretly sneaks a piece of butter in her shoe, which she later uses as (\*) lotion. These people greet each other with the phrases “blessed be the fruit” and “praise be.” One of these people sees the bodies of salvaged men on display at “the Wall,” and is fearful that her husband would be among them. In a novel, Moira escapes from the “Red Center,” where these people are trained. One of these characters sleeps with the chauffeur Nick, who is a member of the Mayday Resistance attempting to overthrow Gilead. Commanders often have children with, for 10 points, what title women in a Margaret Atwood novel?**

ANSWER: **handmaids** [accept *The Handmaid's Tale*; prompt on women; prompt on Offred, I guess]  
<Ganeshan, Commonwealth Long Form>
- 2. A character in this play is accused of genetically modifying humans to all look like himself. Another character in this play recites a Latin prayer to his wife, who calls him a “fat flop” and says her father will never “publish this kind of crap” about his work. A character in this play becomes distraught when told her “puff went away” after getting married, but later shouts that she wants a baby. In this play, a character repeatedly forgets whether another is a (\*) math or biology professor. When the crashing of dishes is heard in this play, a character decides to play a final game called “Bringing Up Baby” and says that his imaginary son died swerving to avoid a porcupine, leading his wife to dejectedly answer “I am” to the title question. For 10 points, Nick and Honey visit the dysfunctional couple George and Martha in what play by Edward Albee?**

ANSWER: ***Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*** <Cope, American Drama>
- 3. This novel mentions that a character was “jilted” by her cousin Rutland Whitney, and later chapters describe Ole Benson’s crush on a dressmaker. A man in this novel claims sunflowers were introduced to its setting by Mormons, and when he is returned a worn-out collar, a character in this work fights Ambrosch. In this novel, d’Arnault entertains guests at a hotel while a character tells a terrifying story about wolves attacking a Russian village. In this novel, (\*) Wick Cutter attempts to rape the title character before the narrator saves her from a massive rattlesnake. Lena befriends the protagonist of this novel. The beginning of this novel introduces the town of Black Hawk, Nebraska, home to the Shimerda family. For 10 points, name this novel about Jim Burden, penned by Willa Cather.**

ANSWER: ***My Antonia*** <Ganeshan, American Long Form>
- 4. The narrator of one poem in this book realizes the brevity of life when he considers how “the Roman” is now “ashes under Uricon.” The title figure of a poem in this book has “Eyes the shady night has cut” which “Cannot see the record cut.” One figure in this collection shows his resistance to poison when “they poured strychnine in his cup / And shook to see him drink it up.” The speaker of one poem in this collection gets angry at the title character and says, “you eat your (\*) victuals fast enough.” That poem in this collection states that “malt does more than Milton can / To justify God’s way to**

man.” The addressee of a poem in this collection is told “early though the laurel grows / It withers quicker than the rose.” For 10 points, name this collection that includes “Terence, this is Stupid Stuff” and “To an Athlete Dying Young,” written by A.E. Housman.

ANSWER: A Shropshire Lad <Kodali, British Poetry>

5. **This person “thinks on men and kings” because “when the sick world cries, how can he sleep?” In that poem about this man, “he cannot sleep upon his hillside now” because “it breaks his heart that kings must murder still.” The speaker of a work about this man says that he will combine “sea-winds blown from east and west” with the “breath of [his] chant” to make a “perfume” for him. This man is told to (\*) “rise up” so he can “hear the bells” and the “bugle trills.” One work eulogizing this man references a “great star early droop’d in the western sky in the night.” In one work about this man, he “does not answer, his lips are pale and still.” For 10 points, name this American president memorialized in “When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom’d” and “O Captain! My Captain!” following his assassination.**  
ANSWER: Abraham Lincoln <Kodali, American Poetry>

6. **The “god of flies and death” approaches this character, calling himself Demetrios. In that play about this character, he travels with his tutor and disguises himself as Philebus. In another play, this character interprets himself as the snake in a dream where a snake bit his mother’s breast as she nursed it. This character is revealed to be hiding when his sister discovers a (\*) lock of golden hair on a grave along with identical footprints. Athena casts the tie breaking vote to acquit this character in a trial prosecuted by the Furies, leading them to be renamed to the “Eumenides.” This character conspires to murder Aegisthus and Clytemnestra after reuniting with his sister Electra. For 10 points, name this title character of an Aeschylus trilogy.**  
ANSWER: Orestes [accept the Oresteia] (the first two sentences refer to Jean-Paul-Sartre’s *The Flies*) <Kodali, European Miscellaneous>

7. *Description acceptable.* **One of these characters tells another to look in a calendar to see if the moon will shine to provide proper lighting for a certain night. Another one of these characters tells that person that he is fit to play “a sweet faced man, a proper man that one shall see in a summer’s day,” but later calls him a “bully.” A monologue given by one of these characters begins (\*) “I see their knavery.” During a performance, that character demands to a wall “Show me thy chink to blink through with mine eyne!” After falling *out* of love with one member of this group, a character declares “Methought I was enamored of an ass!” Peter Quince and the arrogant Nick Bottom are members of, for 10 points, what group that produces the play-within-a-play *Pyramus and Thisbe* in *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*?**  
ANSWER: the Rude Mechanicals [generously accept answers describing the acting troupe in *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*; prompt on “characters in a *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*”; prompt on actors] <Benti, British Drama>

8. **This character is taken aback when asked, “Are you happy?” by a girl who is supposedly hit by a car. A man resembling this character is killed in a televised police chase while this character escapes by floating down a river. This man quotes the phrase “To everything there is a season” from the Book of (\*) Ecclesiastes, for which this man is the backup copy of behind Harris of Youngstown. This man murders his boss after he makes a woman cry by quoting “Dover Beach.” This character convinces the former English teacher Faber to help him by ripping pages out of one of the few remaining Bibles. Captain Beatty asks this man to burn down his own house for illegally possessing books. For 10 points, name this “firefighter,” the protagonist of *Fahrenheit 451*.**  
ANSWER: Guy Montag [accept either] <Davidsen, American Long Form>

9. **The narrator of this essay is startled by the sight of a cat without a tail, later saying that a meal at Ferndean did not compare to the opulent luncheon at a fictional college. The narrator of this essay loses her “little fish of an idea” after a Beadle chases her off of the lawn. A line from a book supposedly by Mary Carmicheal shocks this essay’s narrator; that line is (\*) “Chloe liked Olivia.”** The narrator contemplates Coleridge’s theory of the androgynous mind in this essay’s final chapter. This essay claims that “It is fatal for anyone who writes to think of their sex,” and it earlier imagines Judith, a fictional sister of Shakespeare, who commits suicide after being impregnated by a Stage-Manager. The author concludes that five hundred pounds and the title place are what a woman needs to succeed in literature. For 10 points, name this feminist essay by Virginia Woolf.

ANSWER: A *Room of One’s Own* <Benti, British Miscellaneous>

10. **In one poem by this man, he asks “why are your libraries full of tears?” before stating “It occurs to me that I am” the title entity. In another poem by this author, the speaker has memories of “bridges clanking Joes Greasy Sandwiches” while looking at sunflowers. Another of this writer’s poems asks a dead poet, “what were you doing down by the (\*) watermelons?”** That poem ends with the narrator watching “the boat disappear on the black waters of Lethe” and describes a trip to the title location while filled with thoughts of Walt Whitman. This writer’s most famous poem’s second section repetitively shouts “Moloch”; that poem is dedicated to Carl Solomon. For 10 points, name this poet of “A Supermarket in California” who “saw the best minds of [his] generation destroyed by madness” in his poem “Howl.”

ANSWER: (Irwin) Allen *Ginsberg* <Davidsen, American Poetry>

11. **This character lives another day after a chicken bladder filled with blood bursts in a parody by Friedrich Nicolai. After this character reminisces about the heartbreak of Leonore, he discusses the gardening experience of Count von M, who used to live in this character’s home. A group of aristocrats gossip about this character, causing him to leave Count C.’s dinner party. Wilhelm suggests this character to work for the ambassador, which fails and results in this character returning to (\*) Wahlheim.** After reading a passage from Ossian, this character asks to borrow Albert’s pistols under the pretense that he will go for a journey. For 10 points, name this character who commits suicide over his unrequited love for Lotte, the subject of a Johann Wolfgang von Goethe novel titled for his “Sorrows.”

ANSWER: Young *Werther* [accept *The Sorrows of Young Werther*] <Kodali, European Long Form>

12. **The protagonist of a novel from this country earns his nickname from stealing camels to make enough money for the title vehicle. A character from this country is attacked by a black dog after attempting to steal turnips from a nun, and another nun from a different novel from this country is seen cleaning entrails from a bathtub. That novel features characters such as (\*) “You,” “She,” and “I.”** A character from this country is unaware of his impending execution due to wanting to draw a perfect circle for his signature, and another novel from this country was inspired by a journey that the author took after a false diagnosis of lung cancer. Works such as *Rickshaw Boy*, *The True Story of Ah Q*, and *Soul Mountain* take place in, for 10 points, what country home to authors such as Lao She, Lu Xun, and Gao Xingjian?

ANSWER: People’s Republic of *China* [or *Zhongguo*] <Benti, World Long Form>

13. **In a play by this author, a character says “The generation of kings has always loved brass,” before telling that man “You are a king because of me.” That character appears after watching birds tear each other apart in a play by this man. This author wrote about a queen who kills herself when she learns that her son fell on his sword after spitting on his father. The title character of another of this man’s plays is found by (\*) Polybus with his ankles staked on a mountainside.** In one of his plays,

Haemon is distraught at the death of the title character, who sought burial for her dead brother Polynices. This author wrote about a man who answered the Sphinx's riddle and finds out that his wife, Jocasta, is also his mother. For 10 points, name this author of *Antigone* and *Oedipus Rex*.

ANSWER: Sophocles <Davidsen, European Drama>

14. **Before the events set in this text, “All is silent / and calm. / Hushed / and empty is the womb of the sky.” During an event in this text, two characters use mosquitos to test whether other characters are real or made of wood. The earliest known manuscript of this text was created by Francisco Ximenez. A god’s decapitated head spits in a woman’s hand after it is hanged on a tree in this text. In this work, humans are created from mud and wood and wash away in a flood; later, however, they are successfully created from (\*) maize and given gifts of morality and women to make them happy. The false god Seven-Macaw is defeated in this text by brothers who later win a ballgame against the Lords of Xibalba. For 10 points, the Hero Twins appear in what text translated from K'iche' to Spanish that recounts the mythology of the Maya?**

ANSWER: Popol Vuh [or Popol Wuj; accept Book of the People] <Cope, World Miscellaneous>

15. **This character sees a British admiral executed for failing to kill enough Frenchmen. After that event, this character dines with six deposed kings in Venice. This character murders two monkeys who are seen chasing after women, but is then scolded because the women and monkeys were lovers. This man survives being burned at the stake and is almost cooked by the Oreillones after being mistaken for a (\*) Jesuit. This man fights for the Bulgarians after being kicked out of Baron Thunder-ten-tronckh’s castle for kissing the Baron’s daughter. Cacambo accompanies this man in the search for that daughter, Cunegonde; along the way he comes across his former mentor Pangloss, a caricature of Leibniz, who claims we live in “the best of all worlds.” For 10 points, name this title character of a Voltaire novella.**

ANSWER: Candide <Davidsen, European Long Form>

16. **A character in a story by this author remarks that it is “strange that they don’t see us” when he passes the Mosquito Inlet. Stray bullets from a man who tries to shoot a dog force the Weary Gentleman Saloon to be boarded up in another story by this author. The main character of another story by this author has a fistfight with Johnnie in a blizzard outside the title establishment. One of this author’s stories opens (\*) “none of them knew the color of the sky.” The gambler stabs a character known as the Swede in one work by this author. Scratchy Wilson chooses not to shoot Jack Potter after seeing Jack’s new wife in another short story by this author. For 10 points, name this American author of “The Blue Hotel,” “The Bride Comes to Yellow Sky,” and “The Open Boat.”**

ANSWER: Stephen Crane <Kodali, American Short Form>

17. *Description acceptable.* **A character in a play from this genre throws ten gold pieces offered by his love interest to the ground. That character, nicknamed “Hard Luck,” flees after stabbing an assailant in the head. An oil merchant from a play in this genre scams the protagonist into giving him silver. A play in this genre ends with the protagonist paying 300 gold pieces to let his love interest to marry another man. The protagonist of another play in this genre is exiled by his (\*) uncle for refusing a marriage offer, and he hides under his lover’s robes when his enemy appears. That protagonist, Tokubei, binds his lover Ohatsu to a tree and uses a razor to commit the title action at the end of a play in this genre, which includes works like *The Uprooted Pine*. Chikamatsu wrote many “love suicides” in, for 10 points, what Japanese theatrical form that features doll-like characters?**

ANSWER:  bunraku  [or ningyō jōruri; accept sewamono or domestic plays; accept Japanese puppet theater and equivalents; prompt on “love suicides” until mentioned by asking “what theatrical form were they produced in?”] <Benti, World Drama>

18. A chapter in this novel begins with the O'Dowd family reading a book of sermons to pass time during an important conflict. In a fight in this novel which takes place at Dr. Swishtail's school, one character defeats Cuff after the latter steals a letter. At a dinner scene early in this novel, the protagonist almost chokes after another character tricks her into thinking that a chili was a "cool" name. Parts of this novel mention that all characters created are merely (\*) puppets, including one who tries to seduce a man named Jos. An important scene in this novel showcases the death of George Osborne and the eventual fate of William Dobbin, who marries Amelia Sedley, a friend of the main anti-heroine. For 10 points, name this novel centering on Becky Sharp, written by William Makepeace Thackeray.

ANSWER: Vanity Fair <Ganeshan, British Long Form>

19. The speaker of one poem by this author says "my tongue is broken / And immediately a subtle fire has run over my skin" when observing a man talking to a woman. This author's 31st lyric poem was preserved in the treatise *On the Sublime* by Longinus. The title figure of one of this author's poems "[billows] in [her] yoked car" to the author after leaving her father's "golden house in pity." Fragments of this author's poems are translated in the collection (\*) *If not, Winter*, by Anne Carson. This poet wrote of a goddess who is either "iridescent-throned" or "iridescent-minded," depending on the manuscript. That poem by this author addresses a "deathless / daughter of Zeus" and is titled "Ode to Aphrodite." For 10 points, name this "Tenth Muse," an ancient Greek poet hailing from the island of Lesbos.

ANSWER: Sappho of Lesbos <Kodali, European Poetry>

20. One novel by this author opens with Inspector Godfrey investigating the deaths of a teacher and two businessmen. A character in a novel by this author makes a powerful drink out of the Thang'eta plant, attracting tourists to the setting. Prisoners in one novel by this author lead a hunger strike after John Thompson tortures another character. An airplane crash in a novel by this author harms only a donkey in the village of New (\*) Ilmorog. Karanja fathers a child with Mumbi after her husband Gikonyo is imprisoned in one novel by this author. At the end of another novel by this author, Munira burns down Wanja's brothel after seeing Karega enter and leave it. The traitor Mugo admits to killing Kihika in one novel by this author, betraying the Mau Mau Rebellion. For 10 points, name this author who set the novels *Petals of Blood* and *A Grain of Wheat* in his native Kenya.

ANSWER: Ngugi wa Thiong'o [accept James Ngugi] <Kodali, World Long Form>