

Simply Spherical Questions (Non-Pyramid!)

Answers Referenced on the Simpsons, Season 33, Episode 1

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1. One character in this game is a cross between a unicorn and a rainbow, Lady Rainicorn. In the Land of Ooo, the Ice King wants to marry Princess Bubblegum, which causes problems for Finn and Jake.

Adventure Time

2. There are 28 monumental castings of this sculpture of a male nude figure. Originally created as part of The Gates of Hell, this sculptor's creator is Auguste Rodin.

The Thinker

3. This incendiary device was first improvised by a Bolshevik revolutionary. It is made from a bottle full of flammable liquid and a wick made from a strip of cloth.

Molotov Cocktail

4. This structure was created as the entrance to the 1889 World's Fair. At the time of its construction, it was the tallest manmade structure in the world.

Eiffel Tower

5. This musical work's initial fanfare is called "Sunrise." Based on a philosophical novel by Friedrich Nietzsche, this orchestral tone poem by Richard Strauss was used in the Stanley Kubrick film, "2001: A Space Odyssey."

Thus Spake Zarathustra

6. This landmark is situated on Mount Lee in the Santa Monica mountains. Created in 1923 as an advertisement for local real estate development, it features nine white letters forty-five feet tall.

Hollywood Sign

7. This type of rifle is produced by an armory of the same name. It was the standard US military rifle of World War 1, and is also the surname of an American pop singer, whose song "Jessie's Girl" was released in 1981.

Springfield

8. This Italian composer was a leading exponent of the verismo style. His opera, Turandot, was incomplete at his death, and he wrote about Cio-Cio-San and Lieutenant Pinkerton in Madame Butterfly.

Puccini

9. This man's story is told in the old testament, Judges chapters 13-16, where it is recorded that he slew an entire army with just the jawbone of an ass. He is the husband of Delilah.

Samson

10. In this year, the sixteenth and seventeenth amendments to the US Constitution were ratified, the ballet The Rite of Spring with music by Igor Stravinsky premiered in Paris, prompting a riot, the Ford Motor Company introduced the first assembly line, and Woodrow Wilson became president of the United States of America.

1913

11. This woodwind instrument is made of brass and played with a single reed mouthpiece. A jazz version was played by John Coltrane.

Saxophone

12. This golfer, part of the “Big Three” that also includes Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player, died on September 25, 2016. The drink named for him is half lemonade and half iced tea.

Arnold Palmer

13. This perissodactyl mammal is one of the “big five” game animals in Africa. These herbivores can reach one ton in weight, and are killed by humans for their horns.

Rhinoceros

14. This medical specialty was practiced by Bill Hader’s character in the movie Trainwreck. It is concerned with correcting functional impairments of the skeletal system.

Orthopedics

15. According to Newton’s Third Law, this backward momentum of a firearm is exactly balanced by the forward momentum of the projectile or bullet.

Recoil

16. This silvery-white lustrous transition metal is hard and ductile, with atomic number 28 and symbol Ni.

Nickel

17. This English comic actor died in 1977, but rose to fame in the silent movie era. He satirized Adolf Hitler in “The Great Dictator” and became a screen icon with his persona, “the Tramp.”

Charlie Chaplin

18. This is the acronym for a federal law enforcement agency under the department of homeland security. It is also formed when water freezes.

Ice

19. Originally a religious practice in ancient Greece, this stagecraft involves disguising the performer’s voice, and is performed using a puppet or dummy.

Ventriloquism

20. A group of crows is not called a group or even a flock, but this morbid term.

Murder of Crows