1. **An epistolary novel by this author contains six letters from one figure to the author and six from the author to another figure, both of whom share the same name. In that same novel by this author, he writes that he “will love you if you abandon your baticeering, and I will love you if you retire from the theater to take up some other, less dangerous occupation.” The subject of that line is Beatrice.** In a series by this author, a snake offers the protagonists an apple containing the horseradish that saves them from the Medusoid Mycelium. In the first book of that series, the protagonists are forced to participate in the play, “The Marvelous Marriage,” by Al Funcoot. That play’s real purpose is to bind Violet into a legal marriage. For 10 points, who wrote about the Baudelaire orphans and Count Olaf in *A Series of Unfortunate Events*?

Answer: Lemony Snicket (accept Daniel Handler)

2. **This novel is presented as an abridged version of a work by S. Morgenstern. According to the author, this novel was abridged to only contain “The Good Parts,” leaving out the political commentary in the original copy. This novel is primarily set in the country of Florin, which neighbors the country of Guilder. Parts of this novel are set in Florin’s** Cliffs of Insanity and its Fire Swamp, the latter of which has ROUS that the protagonists must avoid. This novel begins with one of the protagonists calling the other a “farm boy” and the other protagonist replying, “as you wish.” For 10 points, what novel features Westley’s Battle of the Wits involving iocane powder in his quest to save Buttercup?

Answer: The Princess Bride

3. **This event is the setting of a novel narrated by two characters whose surname translates to geumsan, Sun-Hee and Tae-Yul. In another novel set during this event, the protagonist transmits a braille** **reading of *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*,** **which is received by a character who later dies from stepping on a landmine.** The protagonist of that novel set during this conflict leaves the Sea of Flames in a gated grotto, the key to which is later found in a model of Saint-Malo. In another novel set during this conflict, Liesel Meminger becomes the sole survivor of a bombing on her street that occurs while she is writing her book in the basement. For 10 points, what war is the setting of *When My Name Was Keoko* and *The Book Thief*?

Answer: World War 2 (All the Light We Cannot See)

4. **In February 2022 NBC article, this book was listed as #47 on a list of 50 books that conservative parents wanted banned from Texas public schools. In a 2017 article from *The Guardian*, one sentence from this book was described as having “the air of the slurred advice you might overhear at the back of a Wetherspoons.” A 2017 Buzzfeed article criticizes** how this book “addresses a white, Western audience in their appeal for recognition of South Asian beauty and resilience” despite the author claiming to address issues of race and diversity. The same year, this collection and its author were accused of plagiarism on Tumblr by Nayyirah Waheed. A frequent criticism of this collection is its reliance on “instapoetry.” For 10 points, what is the title of this 2014 poetry collection by Rupi Kaur?

Answer: milk and honey

5. **The first edition cover of this author’s second published novel formats the title as a mathematical notation using exponents and square roots, all encased in square brackets. The cover of that novel’s 2008 reprint depicts a lightbulb, Venn diagram, highway sign, heart, bathtub, and graphed parabola. This author’s first book had attracted controversy for its first edition cover, which featured “an improbable amount of** **smoke**” from an extinguished candle. Paperback releases of that book by this author have removed candle from the cover since late 2012. This author’s most popular novel’s cover uses a font resembling chalk writing on black and white cloud-shaped bubbles on top of a blue background, which was parodied for quotes from the novel such as “Okay? Okay.” For 10 points, name this author of *The Fault in Our Stars*.

Answer: John Green (An Abundance of Katherines, Looking for Alaska)

6. *Description acceptable****.* In one novel, inhabitants of a country gain this general characteristic after Queen Lurline enchants the country in passing. Queen Lurline made that country a fairlyland to give its inhabitants this characteristic. In another novel, a bottle of water** **is poured on a toad** to give it this characteristic. That water, which bestowed this trait, is from a spring in the woods by Treegap. In that novel, the Tucks realize Winnie chose not to gain this trait upon finding out the woods have been bulldozed and seeing Winnie’s gravestone. For 10 points, what is this trait that is granted by possessing the philosopher’s stone?

Answer: Immortality (anything about living forever, not aging, not dying)

7. **This person was nominated for an Academy Award and a Golden Globe Award for his song featured in a 1990 film based on a Carrie Fisher novel. That film is titled *Postcards from the Edge* and the song by this person that was nominated for Best Original Song is titled “I’m Checkin’ Out.” This author wrote another song that was recorded by Johnny Cash and became his biggest hit on the Billboard Top 100.** **That song by this author won a Grammy Award in 1970** and is titled “A Boy Named Sue.” This author won a Grammy Award in the Children’s category in 1985 for a phonograph record of his poetry collection. That album includes poems such as “Melinda Mae,” a girl who takes 89 years to eat a whale, and “Sarah Cynthia Silvia Stout Would Not Take The Garbage Out.” For 10 points, who wrote and recorded the album, *Where the Sidewalk Ends*?

Answer: Shel Silverstein

8. **The first film adaptation of this novel starred Dale Midkiff for the protagonist’s role and was released in 1989. The author of the novel appeared in that film adaptation as a minister. That film adaptation changed the ending of the novel to a scene that implies the protagonist is stabbed rather than** playing cards. A sequel to that film adaptation of this novel was originally meant to involve Ellie Creed as the central character. Another film adaptation of this novel was released in 2019 with a poster featuring a cat with yellow eyes overlapped by portraits of the characters. In this novel, Gage dies, and Louis is told “sometimes, dead is better.” For 10 points, name this Stephen King novel with a strange spelling of one word.

Answer: Pet Sematary

9. **In one novel that begins in the Village of Fruitless Mountain, the protagonist buys one of these animals before letting it go due to her mother’s bitterness at the animal. That protagonist purchased one of these animals from a seller because he promised that these animals bring good luck. That animal of this type gives the protagonist,** Minli, directions to the Never-Ending Mountain where she can find the Old Man of the Moon. At the end of that novel, a seller of these animals revisits the village to find Minli sitting in a courtyard by a pond of these animals. For 10 points, what is this animal depicted jumping out of a fishbowl on the cover of *Out of My Mind*?

Answer: Goldfish (Where the Mountain Meets the Moon)

10. **This author once disagreed with a description of his works as romance novels, because love stories are a different genre from romance. In the same interview, this author compared his works to those of Hemingway, Sophocles, Euripides, and Aeschylus. Reviews disagree, with one describing this author’s third novel as “the author’s most simple,** formulaic, and blatantly melodramatic package to date.” Examples of such formulaic tropes in this author’s works include Romeo-and-Juliet relationships, the untimely death of a protagonist, single parents, and commitment issues. A famous scene from a movie adaptation of this author’s novel is also a classic example of romanticizing toxic behavior, when the male protagonist hangs precariously from a Ferris wheel to ask out the female protagonist. For 10 points, who wrote of the relationship between Noah and Allie in *The Notebook*?

Answer: Nicholas Sparks

11. *Description acceptable*. **In one novel, this phenomenon is triggered by a curse on the two protagonists who fight with each other on their tenth birthdays, which goes unresolved until their next birthday. In another novel, it is revealed at the end that “the laughing man” had used this phenomenon in order to leave notes in a book, bag, coat pocket, and shoe for** **Miranda to find.** **That laughing man used this phenomenon in order to save Sal** from a traffic accident caused by the man himself. In a book that inspired that novel, using a technology that involves harnessing this phenomenon is referred to as “tessering” because it is done by using the tesseract. That technology using this phenomenon is used by the Mrs. Ws, of whom Mrs. Which is the most skilled. For 10 points, what phenomenon lets Meg, Charles, and Calvin return to the Murry home at the moment in time just after they left Earth in *A Wrinkle in Time*?

Answer: Time travel (11 Birthdays, When You Reach Me)

12. **In the *sequel* to this novel, the protagonist is unhappy to see Genevieve at a tree house party. At that party, the protagonist and Genevieve, John, and Peter begin a game of Assassins that culminates in the protagonist’s victory and wish to go back to the way things were between her and Peter. In this novel, on September 15th, an agreement involving a *Fight Club*/*Sixteen Candles* double feature,** a hand in back pocket, and writing a note every day is written up. That contract from this novel outlines the ground rules for a fake relationship between Peter and the protagonist with the surname Song Covey. In this novel, those events are sparked by the mailing out of the contents of a hatbox. For 10 points, what is this novel about Lara Jean’s love letters to her past crushes?

Answer: To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before

13. **In one novel where an animal of this kind is the main antagonist, that animal has been noted for speaking aggressively politely, like the British upper class. In another novel, the protagonist finds the true name of one of these animals by gambling his life on it. That animal of this kind offers to tell the protagonist the name of a shadow that haunts him, but the protagonist extracts protection from this animal instead. Another one of this kind of animal boasts of being** “old and strong, strong, strong” to the Thief in the Shadows, 150 years after killing King Thror and Girion Lord of Dale. It has been suggested that that animal of this kind was partly inspired by Megissogwon from *The Song of Hiawatha*. Yet another animal of this kind was named Saphira in the first novel of *The Inheritance Cycle*, which begins with *Eragon*. For 10 points, what is this kind of animal exemplified by Puff in a song by Peter, Paul and Mary?

Answer: Dragon (A Wizard of Earthsea, The Hobbit)

14. **In this country, the protagonist fails to save a man who is drowned in a fountain, one suffocated by the earth, and another whose lungs are punctured. The assassin of those three men is killed by the protagonist at the Church of Illumination in this country. That protagonist wakes up with amnesia in this country hearing the words** **“seek and find”** and is helped by Sienna Brooks. In this country, that protagonist finds a Faraday pointer that projects the *Map of Hell* and evade soldiers via the Vasari Corridor. That protagonist, Robert Langdon, learns that Ventresca is Janus before he self-immolates in St. Peter’s Square in this country. Langdon also steals Dante’s death mask from Il Duomo in this country. For 10 points, what country is home to cities such as Florence and Rome?

Answer: Italy (Angels & Demons, Inferno)

15. **In this book, the author expresses relief at being able to use Tarceva. Prior to discovering he has a mutation in the epidermal growth factor receptor, he and his wife visit a sperm bank. Their daughter is born near the end of this book, on July 4, 2014. This book’s epilogue that follows is written by the author’s** wife, Lucy. At age 10, the author of this memoir moves to Kingman, Arizona, the “least educated district in America.” Despite having been disenchanted with the field by his father, reading *Satan, His Psychotherapy and Cure by the Unfortunate Dr. Kassler* awakens this author’s curiosity in neuroscience. His perspective as a neurosurgeon at Stanford shapes his views on life and death throughout this memoir, most of which covers his journey with lung cancer. For 10 points, what is the title of Paul Kalanithi’s posthumously published memoir?

Answer: When Breath Becomes Air

16. **The author of this *series* identified *On the Marionette Theater* by von Kleist, William Blake’s works, and *Paradise Lost* as major influences, with *Paradise Lost* having provided inspiration for the title of this series. This series has faced Christian criticism because the author’s “God Himself is a merciless tyrant” and “Church is an instrument of oppression.” That Church from this series believes that the basis of sin is** Dust, which is analogous to dark matter in our world, as opposed to this series’ initial setting of Jordan College, Oxford. The female protagonist of this series is identified as the second Eve and loses her ability to intuitively read her alethiometer, also known by a term describing God’s instrument used to bound creation. That protagonist is accompanied by Pantalaimon, her daemon, and is named Lyra Belacqua. For 10 points, name this Philip Pullman series consisting of *The Northern Lights, The Subtle Knife,* and *The Amber Spyglass.*

Answer: His Dark Materials

17. **One novel set in this state features Holling Hoodhood, a Presbyterian, who has no religious classes to attend, unlike his Catholic and Jewish classmates. In that novel, Holling’s sister, a flower child, runs away from their suburban home in this state to California. Four students in this state form a group called “the souls” that go on to become the state’s** **Academic Bowl middle school champions.** That novel is by E. L. Konigsburg, who was born in this state and wrote another novel about Claudia and Jaime Kincaid at a museum in this state, titled *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*. In another novel that begins in this state, the protagonist is attacked by Mrs. Dodds while on a field trip, and defends himself with Mr. Brunner’s magical pen. For 10 points, in what state is Percy Jackson attacked at the Metropolitan Museum of Art?

Answer: New York (The Wednesday Wars, The View from Saturday, The Lightning Thief)

18. **This kind of animal is the protagonist of a 2003 novel by Kate DiCamillo. In the fourth part of that novel, “Recalled to the Light,” that protagonist who is this kind of animal eats soup and acquires a needle and spool of thread. That protagonist earlier lost his** tail, much like another character of this kind of animal who wields a rapier and chooses to remain at the End of the World. In doing so, that character fulfills his dream of finding Aslan’s Country. One protagonist who is this kind of animal is named Despereaux, and another is named Reepicheep. For 10 points, in *The Tale of Despereaux*, what animal fights against the rats?

Answer: Mouse (do not accept rat)

19. **According to the Guinness World Records, this book became the fastest selling non-fiction book of all time upon its release. A review stated one character in this book has a talent for “victimhood and offense.” A certain remark in this book led to the author being called a “big mouth loser” and a “monstrous murderous psycho”** and concerns of security repercussions. This book was ghostwritten by J. R. Moehringer. The main subject of this book mentions how a group of seals sang back to his now-wife and expresses regret over searching up his now-wife’s sex scenes. That person also claims he was born in case his brother would need an organ transplant or blood transfusion. For 10 points, what is this book with a title that refers to an aristocratic adage, a memoir of Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex?

Answer: Spare

20. **In one novel set in this general location, the Patrician uses rats as spies and meets Captain Vimes. In another novel, one character in this kind of place receives a telepathic message of four adults holding S-shaped pies. That character, named Constance, and her three friends arrive at this kind of place after chasing the Whisperer to a library. In this kind of place, Mr. Curtain attempts to kill himself before being stopped by S.Q. out of love.** In another novel primarily set in this general location, a lipstick tube with KB engraved into it is found by Stanley. Later, Stanley and Hector, also known as Zero, live on Big Thumb after leaving this kind of place. That place is known as Camp Green Lake, where the treasure of Katherine Barlow is found, allowing rain to fall in the desert once more. For 10 points, give this general type of location where the Warden forces teenaged boys to dig holes all day.

Answer: prison/correctional facility (Guards! Guards!, The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Prisoner’s Dilemma, Holes)