

1. This song was first created in just over half an hour on “an 8-input console, with no animation”, and was performed during the halftime show of the Raiders’ first home game at Allegiant Stadium. This song was inspired by one of its writers finding his girlfriend cheating on him in a bar in Las Vegas. This song’s title character imagines “turning saints into the sea” and “swimming through sick lullabies” in its chorus, in which he opens up his “eager eyes”. For 10 points, name this song by the Killers, whose title character has been “comin’ out of his cage” and “doin’ just fine”.

Answer: **Mr. Brightside**

2. While speaking before a Senate subcommittee, this man was initially regarded with skepticism by senator John Pastore, but that same senator tearfully remarked “I think it’s wonderful” following his presentation. An xkcd comic jokingly depicting this man arguing with his wife says that he appears to be genuine, unwavering, and almost saintly, but when you look deeper, he’s exactly what he appears to be. This man stated that he went into television because he “hated it so” and he wanted to “nurture those who would watch and listen”. For 10 points, name this creator of an educational children’s program, his namesake “neighborhood”.

Answer: **Mr. Rogers**

3. This man’s first sponsor was the digital collectibles app Quidd, and the first time he took an ownership stake was with the mobile banking app Current. Farokh Sarmad claimed that this man excluded him from a Clubhouse room in 2021 because he could not pronounce his name. This man’s early content included “best and worst” roundups and Let’s Play’s, while one of his breakthrough videos featured him counting to 100,000. This man attributes much of his success to his study of the YouTube algorithm. For 10 points, name this YouTuber behind videos like “\$1 vs \$100,000,000 (one hundred million dollar) car” and “Last to Leave Circle wins \$500,000”.

Answer: **MrBeast**

4. This character was inspired by a story of a miser who habitually concealed 5 pound notes, although its writer later dismissed his titular song as “a bit of crap I wrote in India”. This character has a sister named Pam who works in a shop and never stops, as she’s a go-getter. “Out to look at the Queen” is the only place this character has ever been, and his namesake track follows Sun King and precedes Polythene Pam on the album on which it appears. For 10 points, name this “dirty old man” from an Abbey Road song.

Answer: (Mean) **Mr. Mustard**

5. This character may have been partially inspired by the writer's friendship with the French teacher Eugène Chantrelle, who was convicted of murdering his wife, while inspiration may have also come from the experiences of the writer's homosexual friends like Horatio Brown and John Addington Symonds. After discovering half of a broken murder weapon, one character concludes that another character must have forged an apology note in order to protect this character. Upon realizing a certain serum is running low, that other character resolves to write a full account of the events pertaining to this character, realizing that whatever fate awaits will be endured by this character alone. For 10 points, a Robert Louis Stevenson novel depicts Dr. Jekyll's inability to control his transformations into what character?

Answer: **Mr. Hyde** (prompt on **Dr. Jekyll** until "protect this character")

6. This nickname was created by Thurmon Munson when he indicated that the man it refers to would be a better subject than himself for an interview. After hitting a home run just after midnight in Game 4 of the 2001 World Series, Derek Jeter was given a variant of this nickname which was brought about by that season's delay due to the 9/11 terrorist attacks. This nickname was inspired by plays like a two-run homer in Game 7 that helped the A's win the 1973 World Series, and was justified in a later series by its holder hitting home runs on four consecutive swings of the bat between Games 5 and 6, helping the Yankees win the 1977 World Series over the Dodgers. For 10 points, give this nickname of Reggie Jackson which refers to his clutch hitting in the playoffs.

Answer: **Mr. October**

7. A phrase addressed to this person was originally inspired by a conversation with Ingeborg Elz. Howard Baker advised that that phrase sounded "extreme" and "unpresidential", while another country's press called the speech in which that phrase appeared (*) "openly provocative" and "war-mongering". That speech addressed to this person states that the "question of freedom for all mankind" remains open and refers to a "scar" that every man in a certain city is "forced to look upon". For 10 points, name this man who is told to "open this gate" and "tear down this wall" in a famous Reagan speech.

Answer: **Mr. Gorbachev**

8. This song replaced *Don't Let It End* at the last minute as the first single released from its original album. The ending of the Barenaked Ladies song *The King of Bedside Manor* quotes this song, which depicts a rock-and-roll performer placed in a prison for misfits by the Majority for Musical Morality. In one verse of this song, the title character calls himself "a man who needed someone and somewhere to hide". In the ending of this song, the singer repeatedly states that he is the title character of the album it appears on, Kilroy was Here. This

song frequently repeats the refrain “secret, secret, I’ve got a secret”. For 10 points, name this Styx song that tells the title character “thank you very much” or “doumo arigatou”.

Answer: Mr. Roboto

9. This character emigrated to the United States in 1924 after unsuccessfully declaring love to Yukie, who was to marry his friend Sato, and later meets his future wife while working in a Hawaiian cane field. This character instructs another character to do seemingly pointless actions like painting fences and waxing cars, although those movements have an ulterior purpose. That other character finds him drunkenly lamenting the death of his wife and newborn son in childbirth in one scene, while in another, this character is convinced to teach that character a pain suppression technique so that he can continue to compete in a tournament he eventually wins. For 10 points, name this mentor of Daniel in *The Karate Kid*.

Answer: Mr. Miyagi

10. This character’s games were inspired by a businessman idly pressing buttons on his calculator during a train ride. This character’s original series was launched through Mego Corporation and was called the Time-Out series, and many of his games include easier “GAME A” and harder “GAME B” versions. That series included the games Ball, Flagman, Vermin, and Fire. This character is the oldest to appear in Super Smash Brothers Ultimate, where his moves include Chef, Judge, and Oil Panic. For 10 points, name this two-dimensional video game character with a conjunctive name.

Answer: Mr. Game and Watch

11. This character says “I was in the middle b4 I knew I’d begun” in one adaptation. This character proclaims that “disguise in every sort is my abhorrence” and begins a speech by saying “In vain I have struggled. It will not do.” This character pays off the debts of a character who earlier attempted to seduce his sister, in order to avoid scandal by securing that character’s marriage to Lydia. This character eventually marries a woman whom he initially describes as “tolerable; but not handsome enough to tempt me.” For 10 points, name this central male character in Jane Austen’s *Pride and Prejudice*, who marries Elizabeth Bennet and that novel’s conclusion

Answer: Mr. Darcy

12. In 2024, the man best known for playing this character controversially stated that “the job of comedy is to offend, or have the potential to offend”—that man has also criticized cancel culture and defended controversial remarks by figures like Boris Johnson. That

man developed this character—thought to be partially drawn from the Canned Laughter character Robert Box—while studying for his Master’s Degree at The Queen’s College.

This “child in a grown man’s body” lives at 12 Ann Arbor Road, almost always wears a tweed jacket and a red tie, and only speaks by mumbling to himself in a comically low-pitched voice.

For 10 points, name this sitcom character who brings childish schemes to everyday tasks and is played by Rowan Atkinson.

Answer: **Mr. Bean**

13. This song’s introduction was borrowed from the Kinks’ song Do You Remember Walter. The creator of this song wrote that it was composed at a chalet in Switzerland and inspired by a clear view of the Alps. This song, the second single released from the album Out of the Blue, describes “the streets where once was pity”. The title figure is told, “you did it right” but soon comes an opposing figure who is “creeping over” and now has his hand on that figure’s shoulder. The title character is asked why “he had to hide away for so long,” in, for 10 points, what Electric Light Orchestra song about sunny weather?

Answer: **Mister Blue Sky**

14. One holder of this title says that another character “can’t help you now” before replacing one word in this title with “nice”. That character is addressed by this title as the first of three characters addressed just before the question “what is this?”, after which that character presents “check stubs, from separate accounts”. Another character addressed by this title is told “I am not the reason no one trusts you, no one knows what you believe” and is sent an “itemized list of thirty years of disagreements” in a letter signed “your obedient servant, A. Ham” (A dot ham). For 10 points, give this title by which Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr are referred to in *Hamilton*, due to them finishing second in presidential elections.

Answer: **Mr. Vice President**

15. The song named for this person was largely adapted from a poster for a circus performance in Rochdale. That song was banned from BBC radio due to the two slang words for heroin included in the name “Henry the Horse”, although the song’s writer denies that there is any relation. The Hendersons will all attend the event led by this person, who will cause them to dance and sing as he flies through a ring of pure fire. For 10 points, name this character who, in his way, will challenge the world, for the benefit of whom there will be a show tonight in a Beatles song.

Answer: **Mr. Kite** (prompt on **Mr. K**)

16. This character realizes that another character saying “No, that’s not true” of their earlier denial indicates that the original accusation was true, leading to a double entendre about double negatives. In another scene, this accident-prone character acquiesces to another character suggesting “why don’t you go in front,” then proceeds to not move. This character admits to being blackmailed due to his homosexuality, but that turns out to be just another red herring. This character answers the question “who done it?” with “They all did!” in a closing scene, before confiding that it was he who, in the hall, with the revolver, killed Mr. Body. For 10 points, name this character from Clue, revealed to be an FBI agent in the “Here’s what really happened” ending.

Answer: **Mr. Green**

17. The only time this character speaks, he tells his cat “Hello cat. You look good.” This character grows flowers and writes a poem for Pearl, who is the one girl this character knew. (*) Although this character was variously lonely, very shy and very nervous, he eventually is happy, and his cat and Pearl are too. For 10 points, name this subject of the sentence, who in a Schoolhouse Rock song, does what the predicate says.

Answer: **Mister Morton**

18. During a live CD performance of this song, the singer replaced the lyrics “different reasons for that” with “second thoughts about that”. This song’s title character represents the singer’s friend Marty, a bassist for the Himalayans. The bridge to this song states the singer’s desire to “be a lion,” even though “everybody wanna pass as cats”. This song takes place “down at the New Amsterdam,” and describes the singer and the title character as telling each other fairytales and “storming through the barrio”. For 10 points, name this Counting Crows song that repeats variants of the refrain “when everybody loves you, you can never be lonely”.

Answer: **Mr. Jones**

19. The author of the work in which this character appears noted that he “melts into” another character who himself is “not wholly distinct from Ferdinand Prince of Naples”. In one section of that work, this character is identified with the tarot card that follows the Wheel and (*) precedes a blank card representing “something he carries on his back”. This character, described as “one-eyed” in that section, uses “demotic French” in a later section in which he is “unshaven, with a pocket full of currants”. For 10 points, name this “Smyrna merchant” in The Waste Land.

Answer: **Mr. Eugenides**

20. This group performed the title song for the film “Stand and Deliver”, as well as the outro track “Is It Love” for the film Stakeout. In 2023, this group reunited to perform one of their songs for the 70th birthday of lead vocalist Richard Page. This group’s first album was entitled I Wear the Face, while their second and most popular was the 1985 release Welcome to the Real World, which included the song Kyrie as well as one that tells the listener to “learn to fly again” and to “learn to live so free.” For 10 points, name this band who wrote Broken Wings and is perhaps best known for being referenced in the Train song Hey, Soul Sister.

Answer: **Mr. Mister**