House Cup Round Four!

Hall Trivia Rematch

Wednesday, Mar 17
9pm (Coffee Hour)

Just drop by coffee hour to join your hall’s team!
Impress your friends!

(That is, if they’d be impressed by your knowledge of useless facts.)

Current Leaderboard:
1. 6th Floor (11.43)
2. 8th Floor (10.75)
3. 4-North (10.53)
4. 4-South (10.22)

Current Leaderboard:
5. 3-South (9.90)
6. 1st Floor (9.74)
7. 2-South (8.72)
8. 7th Floor (8.41)
Category 1:
St. Patrick's Day... Green
Question 1

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- Ans: 520-570 nm
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- Ans: anywhere
Category 2: Spice
Question 5

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Question 6

- This English novelist wrote S&P: Sense and Sensibility and Pride and Prejudice.
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- Five-spice powder is popular in Chinese cuisine, where it is used as a spice rub for chicken, duck, pork, and seafood as well as in stir-fried vegetable dishes. For 0.2 points each, name its five components.
- Ans: bajiao (star anise), cloves, cinnamon, huajiao (Sichuan pepper), ground fennel
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Category 3: Vintage Video Games
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- Ans: rabbit, squirrel, deer, bear, buffalo
  - (but remember, you can only bring 100 lbs of food back to your wagon!)
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- Fun fact: In an initial version, there were no graphics and players were timed on how fast they could type "BANG," "WHAM," or "POW," with misspelled words resulting in a failed hunt.
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- Ans: nuclear fusion
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- Ans: pogo stick
BONUS!

- The rules change for this round, which is worth special prizes rather than points.
- Each question will have a series of three clues.
- As soon as someone on your team knows the answer, shout it out – the first correct answer wins.
- Each team can only answer once, so be careful.
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Ans: Holy Grail
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- Ans: *Watership Down*
Category 4: Aphorisms

- Fill in the missing word: 0.5 pts
- Name the person quoted: 0.5 pts
Question 13

• An eye for an eye makes the whole world ______.
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- An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.
  - Mahatma Gandhi
Question 14

• I hear and I know. I see and I remember. I do and I _____.
Question 14

- I hear and I know. I see and I remember. I do and I understand.
  - Confucius
Question 15

- Lost _____ is never found again.
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- Lost time is never found again.
  - Benjamin Franklin
Question 16

- If you see the teeth of the lion, do not think that the lion is ______ at you.
Question 16

• If you see the teeth of the lion, do not think that the lion is smiling at you.
  – Al-Mutanabbi (an Arab poet)
Category 5: Movies
Question 17

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