



TRIMBLIA QUIZ

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A Justice Robert Trimble bobblehead certificate appeared in some copies of our Autumn 2017 issue, then an annotation of the bobblehead appeared in our Summer 2018 issue, and now here – in what might qualify as the completion of a trifecta of trivia – we have a quiz inspired by the bobblehead.

– *The Editors*

1. Name the year in which all three of the following events occurred:
 - i. Robert Trimble was born.
 - ii. Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations* was published.
 - iii. New Jersey's Constitution gave the right to vote to all adults with at least 50 pounds of wealth, regardless of gender or skin color.
2. The names of Robert Trimble's parents. Two hints:
 - i. Had they co-founded a wizarding university, it surely would have been Griffindor.
 - ii. Had they lived across the pond, they might have reigned as co-monarchs.
3. Trimble first rose to prominence as a lawyer in this state, also the state in which Muhammad Ali was born and raised.

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4. Trimble was appointed to the United States District Court by this President, both of whose Vice Presidents died in office. (For a bonus point, name the Vice Presidents.)
 5. Name the year in which all three of the following events occurred:
 - i. Robert Trimble became the first district court judge to be appointed to the United States Supreme Court.
 - ii. Beethoven completed his String Quartet No. 14 in C Minor, Opus 131.
 - iii. On July 4, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died.
 6. When the United States' past and current Presidencies are numbered 1 through 45, Trimble was appointed by #6, who shared a last name with #2. For 1 point each, give all the paired Presidency numbers in the list 1 through 45 that shared the same last name, and give the names that recurred on the list.
 7. During his short tenure on the court, Trimble was the second most prolific opinion writer after Chief Justice John Marshall. Through most of the Marshall Court, however, the role of second most prolific opinion writer was occupied by this Justice, who eulogized Trimble as follows: “[P]erhaps no man ever on the bench gained so much in so short a period of his judicial career . . . no man could bestow more thought, more caution, more candor, or more research upon any legal investigation than he did.”
 8. Trimble served how many years in that “short period” on the Supreme Court before being struck down by a bilious fever?
 9. Trimble died in this city in his home state – which, in the city’s European incarnation, is where British monarch Henry VI was crowned.
 10. In sum, Trimble wasn’t much trouble. But not so tribbles. In the famed *Star Trek* episode “The Trouble with Tribbles,” the first tribble was brought onto the Enterprise by this communications officer.
- Bonus: Name the person who has personally distributed more *Green Bag* Supreme Court bobbleheads than any other person in history?

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ANSWERS

1. 1776
2. William and Mary
3. Kentucky
4. James Madison (George Clinton and Elbridge Gerry)
5. 1826
6. Adams (2 & 6), Harrison (9 & 21) Johnson (17 & 36), Cleveland (22 & 24), Roosevelt (26 & 32), Bush (41 & 43)
7. Joseph Story
8. Two
9. Paris
10. Uhura

Bonus: Nadine Bynum

SCORE

((___ of 15 points) + (___ of 2 bonus points))/15 = your score: ___

