

## Hour 5: Nines

### Part I: Courts

1. With what two-word phrase did Jeffrey Toobin describe former Supreme Court Justice David Souter's preferred clerks? **Quirky intellectuals**
2. Which current or former Supreme Court justice is a Shakespeare truther? **John Paul Stevens**
3. What did Ruth Bader Ginsburg do at the last State of the Union? **Fall asleep because she was drunk**
4. Jury trials were supposedly invented by Athena, as recounted in Aeschylus's Oresteia trilogy. If we truly followed their tradition, who would sit on every jury as a tiebreaker? **Athena**
5. Who decided that SCOTUS justices shouldn't wear wigs? **Thomas Jefferson**
6. Name a Supreme Court Justice who, prior to joining SCOTUS, argued a case before the Court, and name that case. **Abe Fortas in Gideon v. Wainwright, Thurgood Marshall in Brown v. Board of Education...there might be others**
7. Name the SCOTUS justice who refused to speak to Justice Louis D. Brandeis or sign decisions written by him because Brandeis was Jewish. **James Clark McReynolds**
8. Who was the last justice to be unanimously confirmed by the Senate? **Anthony Kennedy**
9. Why did Reagan SCOTUS nominee Douglas Ginsburg (no relation to Ruth) withdraw his nomination? **Admitted to having smoked marijuana**
10. Who is the only president who served a full term and never made a Supreme Court nomination? **Jimmy Carter**
11. Who did President George W. Bush nominate to fill Sandra Day O'Connor's seat, only to have the appointee withdraw their nomination after their responses to questions from the Senate Judiciary were described as "inadequate," "insufficient," and "insulting"? **Harriet Miers**
12. On *The West Wing*, President Bartlet added three justices to the Court. Name the actors who played them. **Edward James Olmos, William Fichtner, and Glenn Close**
13. Which SCOTUS justice's home state passed a law forbidding him from being buried in that state's soil? **Hugo Black**

### Part II: Baseball

14. Name of Casey's team. **Mudville 9**
15. This player took the number 99 after being traded from the Red Sox to the Dodgers in 2008. **Manny Ramirez**

16. This manager's refusal to play a team from Ban Johnson's American League resulted in the cancellation of the second World Series. **John McGraw**
17. This legendary player served tours of duty in both World War II and Korea as a pilot. **Ted Williams**
18. This player died in a plane crash while on a trip to bring aid to earthquake victims in Nicaragua with exactly 3,000 hits to his name. **Roberto Clemente**
19. Gob's secret son on *Arrested Development* shares a last name with this Red Sox utility player. **Brock Holt**
20. This Red Sox pitcher hurt himself last year, ostensibly by letting his baby fall asleep on his shoulder. **Clay Buchholz**
21. Jewish player who famously refused to play on Yom Kippur, even in the middle of a pennant race. **Hank Greenberg**
22. After suffering a head injury, this player claimed doctors X-rayed his head and "found nothing." **Dizzy Dean**
23. What animal did Honus Wagner supposedly field as a ground ball? **Rabbit**
24. Who does the nation turn its lonely eyes to in "Mrs. Robinson?" **Joe DiMaggio**
25. This player was famed for his lively conversations with batters, and gave his name to a popular cartoon character **Yogi Berra**
26. Who's on first, what's on second, and I don't know's on third. But what's the name of the man playing Center Field? **Because**
27. What was Babe Ruth's full, given name? **George Herman Ruth**
28. Who was at the plate when Babe Ruth was caught stealing to end the 1926 World Series? **Bob Meusel**

### Part III: The '90s

29. What Stonehenge-like site became a World Heritage site in 1999 that should be the name of a *Lord of the Rings* location, but isn't? **The Ring of Brodgar**
30. What does Will Smith sip from a champagne glass in the full version of the Fresh Prince of Bel Air theme song? **orange juice**
31. What are you supposed to "let" a beyblade do? **Rip**
32. What's Kaiba's signature card in Yu-Gi-Oh? **Blue Eyes White Dragon**
33. What is George worried that women don't know about in Seinfeld? **Shrinkage**
34. Where do Kramer and Newman go to renew their bottles and cans? **Michigan**
35. What will the aliens never take? **Our Independence Day!**
36. What was Ross's monkey's name? **Marcel**
37. What were the names of the Teletubbies? **Tinkywinky, Dipsy, Lala, Po**
38. The last Christmas standard came out in 1994. What was it? **All I Want For Christmas Is You by Mariah Carey**

39. Which team switched leagues in Major League Baseball in the '90s? **Milwaukee Brewers**

#### Part IV: The 900s (AD and BC?)

40. Who was the first king of all England? **Æthelstan**

41. In America, a federal holiday commemorates this man on October 9; the date was selected because it marked the arrival of a Norwegian sloop in New York Harbor. **Leif Erickson**

42. The oldest democracy in the world is Iceland, whose elected assembly has met annually (with one 45 year interlude) since 930. What's the assembly called? **The Althing**

43. And what does the name mean? **The All Thing**

44. Solomon reigned in Israel in the 900s BC. What happened to Israel with his death? **It was partitioned into Israel and Judah**

45. The Kingdom of Ethiopia was also founded in the 900s BC. Who founded it? **Menelik 1, son of Solomon and the Queen of Sheba**

46. The first use of gunpowder in battle occurred in 919 AD. Where? **China**

47. Vikings settled in Northern France in the 900s. What would we call those Norsemen now? **Normans**

48. Elsewhere in France, the first Capetian king was crowned. What was his name? **Hugh Capet**

49. What climatological event began in about 950 AD and was followed by the so-called Little Ice Age? **Medieval Warm Period**

50. Leif Erikson's father founded a famous settlement in the 980s. What was Leif's father's famous appellation, what did he name the settlement, and why did he pick that name? **Erik "the Red," Greenland, and named it to make it sound more appealing to the denizens of Iceland**

51. Which tenth-century Danish and Norwegian king's name lives on today in a common consumer electronic? **Harald Bluetooth**

#### Part V: Other 9ths and 9s

52. Who was Jacob's 9th son according to the Torah? **Issachar**

53. What's the 9th Fibonacci number? (With  $F_0=1$ ,  $F_1=2$ ) **34**

54. 9th prime? (First prime is 2). **19**

55. Rings were given to men, dwarves, and elves, plus the one ring to bind them and in the darkness find them. Who got 9? **Men**

56. 9th president of the US? **William Henry Harrison**

57. 9th president of Williams? **Harry Garfield**

58. What's the standard name of Louis IX of France? **Saint Louis**

59. What is the 9th stop on the MBTA red line starting from Alewife? **South Station**

60. Which position is denoted by #9 in baseball? **Right field**
61. 9th most populous country on earth (the EU is not a country)? **Russia**
62. What was the 9th state to ratify the constitution? **New Hampshire**