

1 – Battles of Stalingrad, El Alamein and Midway are considered the turning points of which **conflict**?

WORLD WAR II

2 – Endemic to semi-arid regions of central Australia, the inland taipan is the most venomous species of what **animal**? As it can only be found in isolated territories, inland taipan accounts for much less deaths than its coastal counterpart or black mamba.

SNAKE

3 – Shot in 1990, photograph shows which **passageway**, which was opened three and a half years later by Elizabeth II and Francois Mitterrand?



CHANNEL TUNNEL / EURO TUNNEL / CHUNNEL / LA MANCHE TUNNEL

4 – Olympic winner from Rio and Tokyo, Kenyan athlete Eliud Kipchoge is the first runner who broke what **time barrier** over a marathon distance? As standard competition rules for pacing and fluids weren't followed, IAAF refused to acknowledge the result of the aptly named Ineos ____ Challenge as the new world record.

NB: Name of the challenge is different to the time barrier asked for in the question.

2 HOURS (he did it in Ineos 1:59 Challenge)

5 – Premiering in 1907 in Saint Petersburg, Mikhail Fokine choreographed which **short ballet** to a movement from *Le Carnaval des animaux* by Camille Saint-Saëns? *Pièce d'occasion* for the ballerina Anna Pavlova, the ballet has since influenced modern interpretations of Odette in probably the most famous ballet by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

Dying SWAN

6 – „The greatest living master of the art of historical writing“, Theodor Mommsen became the second winner of which **prestigious award** in 1902?

NOBEL FOR LITERATURE

7 – Snickers was a sweepstakes winner that belonged to which family? Frank and Ethel kept the horse on their farm Milky Way in Tennessee till his death in 1930.

MARS (the horse died a month before the chocolate bar named after it was first produced)

8 – What **title phrase** could be used to name Christine Vole, played by Marlene Dietrich in the 1957 Billy Wilder film?

WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION

9 – Serving as inspiration for the film Nightcrawler, because he would often beat the police to the scene of the crime by listening to the police radio, what was the **pseudonym** of the photographer Arthur Fellig? Renowned for black and white street photography of New York, he is also known as stills photographer for Stanley Kubrick's film *Dr. Strangelove*.

WEEGEE

10 – Often seen in the literature of the Heian period, what **term** is used in Japanese folklore and religion to denote spirits that possess individuals and make them suffer, cause disease and even death? Sometimes referred to as *Yōkai*, *Ayakashi* or *Mamono*, first appearance of the term was in the work *Nihon Kōki* in the 9th century, though today the term is best known because of the 1997 film.

MONONOKE

11 – Winner of British Comedy Award in 2000, which **comedian** acted as team captain on the comedy panel show *8 Out of 10 Cats* from 2005 to 2015, and on *8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown* from 2012 until his death in 2021?



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