



2016 - 2017 Academic Junior High Decathlon  
**Current Events Individual Subject Test Study Guide #2**  
October 7th through October 23, 2016

**Answer Keys**



## 2017 Current Events

Review Questions – October 7 through October 23, 2016

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### **Hurricane Matthew Travels Path of Destruction through Caribbean before Approaching United States**

1. Where did Hurricane Matthew first begin to form in September? off the coast of Africa
2. When did Hurricane Matthew reach its peak intensity? on September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016
3. What was Hurricane Matthew rated on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale when it reaches the island nation of Haiti? It was a category 4 hurricane, with sustained winds of 145 mph.
4. What was the death toll on Haiti from Hurricane Matthew? close to 900
5. What U.S. naval ship was deployed to Haiti to assist in relief efforts? the U.S.S. Mesa Verde
6. When did Hurricane Matthew make landfall in the Bahamas? on the evening of October 6<sup>th</sup>
7. According to the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale, what type of damage may be caused by a category 4 hurricane? extreme damage
8. With the approach of Hurricane Matthew toward the United States, who urged residents of coastal states in the southeast part of the United States to heed requests of emergency personnel to evacuate low-lying areas? President Barack Obama
9. How high was the storm surge from Hurricane Matthew in Florida? 9.88 feet above normal
10. Who ordered mandatory evacuations in North Carolina? North Carolina Governor Nikki Haley
11. When and where did Hurricane Matthew first make landfall in the United States? on October 8<sup>th</sup>, southeast of McClellanville, South Carolina
12. How strong was Hurricane Matthew when it made landfall in the United States? It was a category 1 hurricane, with sustained winds of 75 mph.

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13. What caused widespread flooding in eastern North Carolina? **Torrential rains of up to 7 inches of rain per hour from Hurricane Matthew caused flashfloods and river flooding.**
14. How many people were killed in North Carolina as a result of Hurricane Matthew? **22**
15. Who declared a federal emergency in 35 counties in North Carolina?  
**President Barack Obama**
16. Why do hurricanes usually form near the equator? **Hurricanes need warm waters of at least 80° F in order to form. Warm waters are found near the equator.**
17. What is another name for a hurricane? **tropical cyclone**
18. What is the difference between a hurricane and a typhoon? **Both are tropical cyclones, but a hurricane forms in the North Atlantic and Northeast Pacific Oceans and typhoons form over the Northwest Pacific Ocean.**
19. In what direction do tropical cyclones rotate south of the equator? **clockwise**
20. In what direction do tropical cyclones rotate north of the equator? **counter clockwise**
21. The center of a hurricane is called the **eye.**
22. What part of a hurricane has the heaviest rainfall and highest wind speed? **the eyewall**
23. What is storm surge? **a rise in sea levels caused by atmospheric pressure changes and winds created by a storm**

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### **Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej Dies at 88**

1. When did the king of Thailand, King Bhumibol Adulyadej die? **October 13, 2016**
2. Who succeeds King Adulyadej to the throne? **Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn**
3. For how many years did King Adulyadej reign? **70 years**
4. What did the Thai government order its civil servants to do as a sign of mourning for the king's death? **The government asked civil servants to wear black for one year.**
5. When was King Adulyadej crowned king? **May 5, 1950**
6. King Adulyadej is survived by **Queen Sirikit Kityakara, Crown Prince Vajiralongkorn, Princess Ubol Ratana, Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, and Princess Chulabhorn Walailak**
7. What did King Adulyadej convene in 1976 as part of political reform in Thailand? **the National Reform Assembly**
8. Where did King Adulyadej die? **in Bangkok's Siriraj Hospital**
9. Who is the prime minister of Thailand? **Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha**
10. What is the purpose of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations? **It is a group of ten nations dedicated to economic, political, and security cooperation.**
11. What name is used for King Adulyadej to signify his relation to the founder of the Chakri dynasty? **Rama IX**
12. Was King Adulyadej in good health before his death? **No. He had been hospitalized since October 3<sup>rd</sup>, with kidney and heart issues.**

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### North Korean Missile Reportedly Explodes Soon After Liftoff

1. What two countries reported that North Korea launched a missile on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> (local time)? **the United States and South Korea**
2. According to reports, what happened to the missile? **It exploded soon after liftoff.**
3. What type of missile did North Korea test? **a mid-range Musadan missile**
4. Why does South Korea strongly condemn the launch? **The test launch violates United Nations Security Council resolutions that ban North Korea from testing ballistic missiles.**
5. Who said, "Our commitment to the defense of our allies, including the Republic of Korea and Japan, in the face of these threats, is ironclad"? **Commander Gary Ross, a Pentagon spokesperson**
6. Who is the defense minister of Japan? **Tomomi Inada**
7. How many nuclear tests has North Korea conducted? **five**
8. What is one of the delivery systems used for nuclear weapons? **ballistic missiles**
9. What is the range of a Musadan missile? **approximately 2,180 miles**
10. Why are the North Korean missile tests a concern for the United States? **U.S. allies, including South Korea, Japan, and the U.S. territory of Guam, are all within the range of a Musadan missile.**
11. Who is deliberating additional sanctions against North Korea for conducting nuclear tests? **the United Nations Security Council**
12. When did North Korea conduct its latest nuclear test? **September 6, 2016**
13. How big was the nuclear detonation during the latest North Korean test? **10 kilotons**
14. In contrast, what was the explosive force of the first test of the atomic bomb? **18 to 20 kilotons**

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15. What magnitude earthquake did the nuclear test on September 9<sup>th</sup> cause?  
**5.3 on the Richter scale**
16. What country conducted the first atomic bomb test? **the United States**
17. What is the most powerful nuclear test ever conducted? **the detonation of a 50 megaton hydrogen bomb**
18. What country conducted the test? **the Soviet Union**
19. One megaton is equal to how many kilotons? **1,000 kilotons**

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### **Bob Dylan Awarded Nobel Prize in Literature**

1. What did the Swedish (Nobel) Academy cite as the reason for awarding the 2016 Nobel Prize in Literature to Bob Dylan? **He was awarded the Nobel Prize "for having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition."**
2. Why is the selection of Bob Dylan to win the Nobel Prize unusual? **It is the first time a singer-songwriter has won the Nobel Prize in Literature.**
3. Who was the last American to win the Nobel Prize in Literature before this year's prize? **Toni Morrison in 1993**
4. What other honors have been awarded to Bob Dylan? **He has been awarded Grammy awards, an Academy Award and Golden Globe for Best Original Song, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame.**
5. When and where was Bob Dylan born? **May 24, 1941 in Duluth, Minnesota**
6. What was Bob Dylan's birth name? **Robert Allen Zimmerman**
7. Who influenced Bob Dylan's music? **Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Little Richard, and Woody Guthrie**
8. With what recording company did Bob Dylan sign his first recording contract? **Columbia Records**
9. What are the titles of some of the iconic songs Bob Dylan wrote? **"Song to Woody", "Blowin' in the Wind", A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall", "Like a Rolling Stone", "Knockin' on Heaven's Door", "Hurricane", "Sara", and "Things Have Changed".**
10. For what album did Bob Dylan win his first Grammy Award? **Slow Train Coming**
11. Who were the members of the band, the Traveling Wilburys? **Bob Dylan, George Harrison, Roy Orbison, Tom Petty, and Jeff Lynne**
12. For what album did Bob Dylan win the 1994 Grammy Award for the Best Traditional Folk Album? **World Gone Wrong**

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13. What award, considered the nation's highest award for artistic excellence, was bestowed on Bob Dylan in 1997, making him the first rock star to receive it?  
**the Kennedy Center Honors**
14. For what pontiff did Bob Dylan play "Knockin' on Heaven's Door" during a special performance in 1997? **Pope John Paul II**
15. What was the title of the song Bob Dylan wrote that won a Golden Globe and an Academy Award for Best Original Song in 2000? **"Things Have Changed" from the film Wonder Boys**
16. Who directed the documentary film *No Direction Home: Bob Dylan*? **Martin Scorsese**
17. What did Bob Dylan exhibit at the National Gallery of Denmark? **40 of his original paintings**
18. What is the title of Bob Dylan's latest album, released in 2015? **Shadows in the Night**
19. Who did Bob Dylan marry in 1965? **Sara Lowndes**
20. Who is the lead singer of the rock band the Wallflowers? **Bob Dylan's son, Jakob Dylan**



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### **Global Progress for Children Is Stalled by War, Holy See Tells UN**

1. Who addressed the United Nations regarding the mass displacement of children?  
**Archbishop Bernardito Auza**
2. What position does Archbishop Auza hold at the United Nations? **He is the apostolic nuncio leading the Holy See's (Vatican) permanent observer mission to the United Nations.**
3. What are some of the causes of child mortality in the world? **lack of access to health care and safe drinking water, extreme poverty, war, violence against children, hunger and malnutrition, and disease**
4. What man-made cause has displaced large populations of children in recent years?  
**war and armed conflicts**
5. Approximately how many children have war and armed conflicts displaced? **28 million**
6. What does Archbishop Auza say is a strategy used in current wars that disregard international humanitarian laws and creates large numbers of refugees? **the deliberate destruction of schools and hospitals**
7. By what percent has the rate of child mortality for children under the age of five been reduced? **50%**
8. What areas in the world have made significant progress in reducing child mortality rates? **sub-Saharan Africa**
9. How many children die every day from preventable or treatable causes? **16,000 a day**
10. What are the causes of 50% of the deaths of children under the age of five? **lack of food and malnutrition**
11. Approximately what percentage of children lack birth records? **33%**
12. What are some of the major problems facing young girls? **underage marriages, violence, lack of access to education, and human trafficking**

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13. How many unaccompanied children were detained at the U.S. – Mexican border in 2014? **approximately 90,000**
14. What does Pope Francis cite as "modern slavery, which deprives millions of children of some fundamental rights and exposes them to serious dangers"? **child labor**

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### Vatican, Al-Azhar to Officially Resume Dialogue

1. To what country is the Vatican sending a delegation to set plans for a dialogue between the Holy See and the Al-Azhar Mosque and adjunct University? **Egypt**
2. Who is heading the delegation from the Vatican? **Bishop Miguel Angel Ayuso Guixot, the secretary of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue**
3. Who heads the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue's Office for Islam? **Monsignor Khaled Akasheh**
4. Who is the Bishop of Luxor, Egypt? **Bishop Emmanuel Ayad**
5. Along with Bishop Guixot, Msgr. Akasheh, and Bishop Ayad, who else makes up the delegation to the Al-Azhar Mosque? **Professor Josef Maila and Fr. Jean Druel**
6. Who is the current Imam of Azhar? **Ahmed al Tayyeb**
7. Why is the meeting between the Holy See and the Imam of Azhar an important step toward thawing relations between the Holy See and the Muslim World? **The Imam of Azhar is considered by many Muslims to be the highest authority for the Sunni Muslim religion.**
8. The Al-Azhar University is considered to be one of the best study centers for **the legal principles of Sunni Islam.** (Note – in the article, *principle* should be used instead of its homonym *principal*.)
9. Why were relations strained between the Holy See and the Al-Azhar Institution? **In 2011, Pope Benedict XVI interfered in Egypt's affairs by condemning the bombing of a church during Coptic Christmas.**
10. Who said, "Those who kill Muslims, and who also kill Christians, have misunderstood the texts of Islam either intentionally or by negligence"? **Imam Ahmed al Tayyeb**
11. Who issued a global appeal to end terrorism? **Imam Ahmed al Tayyeb**

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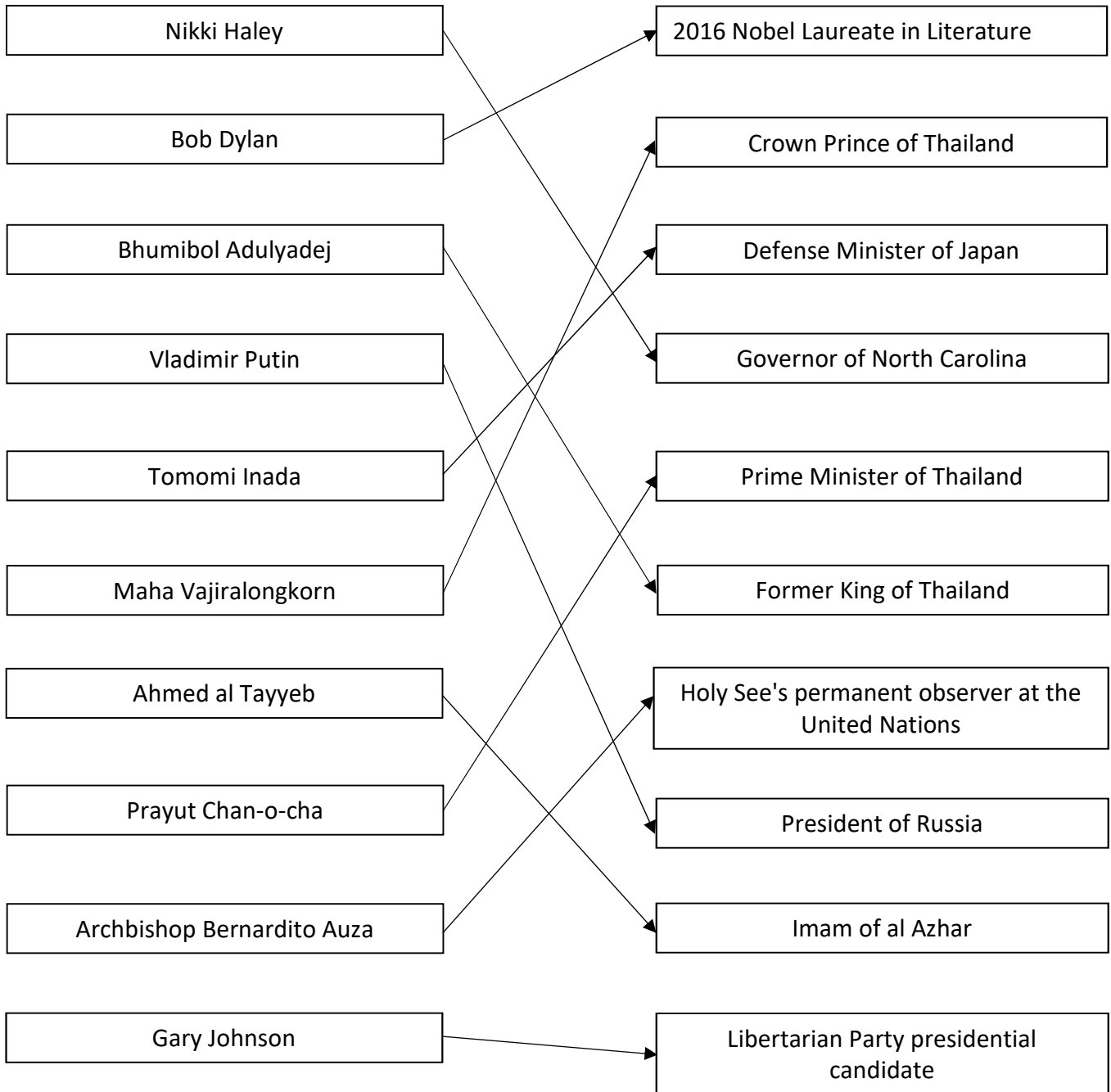
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### **World Series 2016: Schedule Details, Format and Predictions**

1. What two teams will play in the 2016 World Series? **the Cleveland Indians and the Chicago Cubs**
2. What team has the home-field advantage for the first game of the World Series? **the Cleveland Indians**
3. How many games must a team win to clinch the World Series? **four (best of seven)**
4. What team did the Chicago Cubs beat to win the National League pennant? **the Los Angeles Dodgers**
5. What is an ERA in baseball? **ERA stands for Earned Run Average, the amount of earned runs a pitcher allows for every nine innings he pitches. It is one of the statistics used to compare pitchers.**
6. What advantage do the Cleveland Indians have over the Chicago Cubs in the World Series? **The Cleveland Indians' pitching is better than Chicago's bullpen.**
7. What advantages do the Chicago Cubs have over the Cleveland Indians in the World Series? **The Chicago Cubs have better hitters and the best overall record in baseball in 2016.**
8. Have the two clubs ever played each other in the postseason? **No.**
9. When is the first game of the World Series scheduled to begin? **Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. (PDT)**

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People in the News Worksheet #1 Answer Key  
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Draw a line from the person to the position he/she holds:



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### Multiple Choice Quiz – October 7 through October 23, 2016

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1. What team did the Chicago Cubs beat to win the National League pennant?  
B. Los Angeles Dodgers
2. What was the strength of Hurricane Matthew when the storm made landfall in Haiti?  
D. category 4
3. On October 16<sup>th</sup>, what country attempted to launch a ballistic missile?  
C. North Korea
4. Who is expected to succeed King Bhumibol Adulyadej onto the throne of Thailand?  
A. Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn
5. The Nobel Prize for \_\_\_\_\_ was awarded to American singer-songwriter Bob Dylan.  
B. Literature
6. Who presented a report to the United Nations on behalf of the Holy See regarding the displacement and endangerment of children due to war, conflict, and poverty?  
E. Archbishop Bernardito Auza
7. What presidential candidate wants to build a wall along the U.S. – Mexico border to prevent illegal immigration?  
B. Donald Trump
8. What presidential candidate wants to uphold and expand the Affordable Care Act?  
A. Hillary Clinton
9. What presidential candidate wants to eliminate the federal Department of Education?  
C. Gary Johnson
10. Who is heading the Vatican delegation to the Al-Azhar Mosque and University?  
D. Bishop Miguel Angel Ayuso Guixot
11. What was the first national Park established in the United States?  
B. Yellowstone
12. When was Mother Teresa of Calcutta canonized?  
A. September 4, 2016

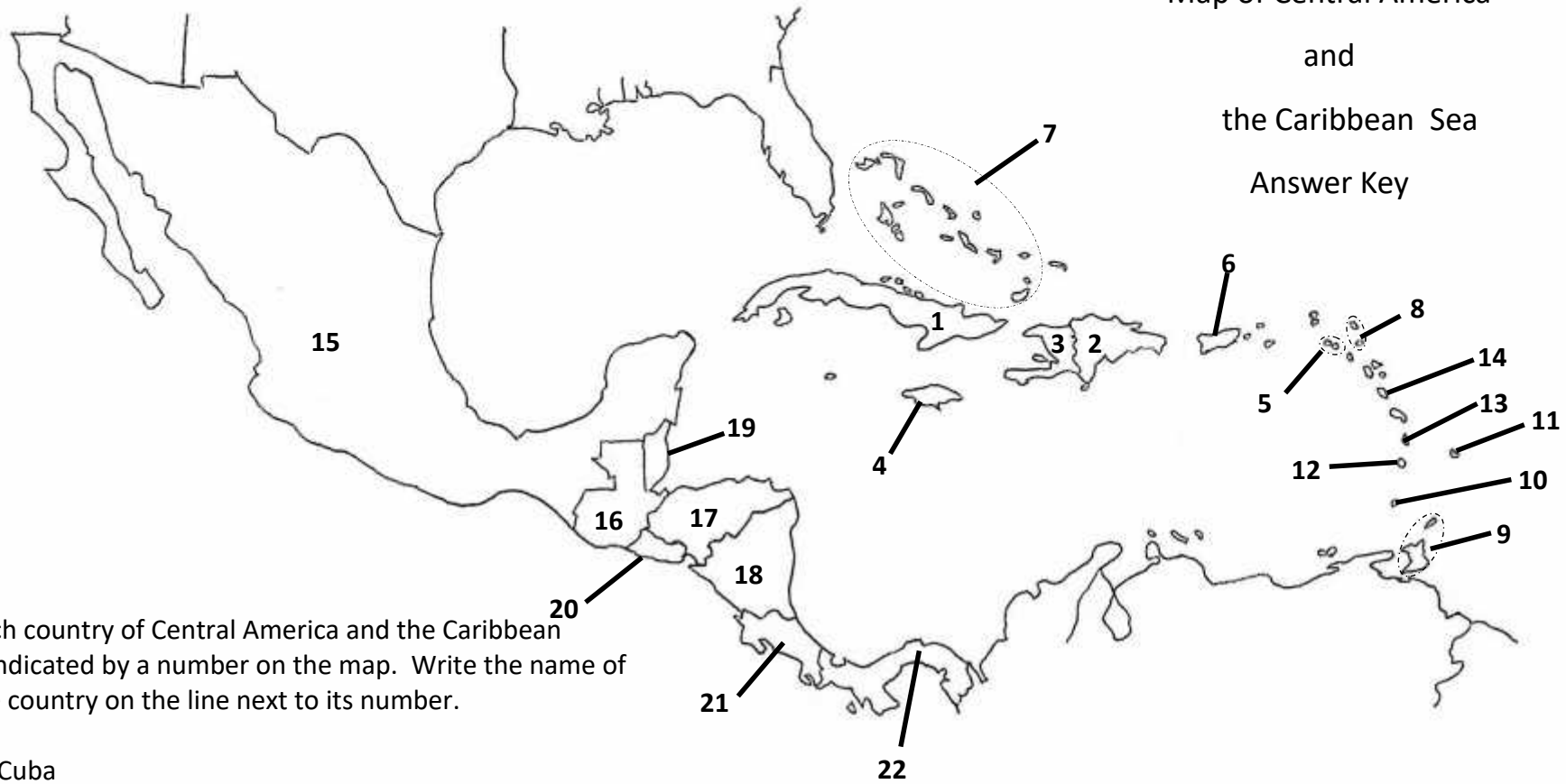
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13. In what city in New Jersey did a commuter train crash, injuring more than 100 people?  
E. Hoboken
  
14. How many members of the House of Representatives must be present for a quorum?  
C. 218
  
15. Who laid a wreath at the Pentagon to pay tribute to the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks?  
B. President Barack Obama

Map of Central America  
and  
the Caribbean Sea  
Answer Key



Each country of Central America and the Caribbean is indicated by a number on the map. Write the name of the country on the line next to its number.

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| 1. Cuba                          | 9. Trinidad and Tobago               | 16. Guatemala   |
| 2. Dominican Republic            | 10. Grenada                          | 17. Honduras    |
| 3. Haiti                         | 11. Barbados                         | 18. Nicaragua   |
| 4. Jamaica                       | 12. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 19. Belize      |
| 5. Saint Kitts-Nevis             | 13. Saint Lucia                      | 20. El Salvador |
| 6. Puerto Rico (*U.S. territory) | 14. Dominica                         | 21. Costa Rica  |
| 7. Bahamas                       | 15. Mexico                           | 22. Panama      |
| 8. Antigua and Barbados          |                                      |                 |