

MLAG THEME Tournament Rules 2018-19

- TH1** The following version of THEME is played at all levels.
- TH2** Players play in groups of three or four for purposes of scorekeeping. Scores of all players in a group are kept on a Score Sheet at the table. Each player has an individual answer/wager sheet.
- TH3** A total of 25-30 questions are played as follows:
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| Round 1 — | Lightning Round | 15-18 questions |
| Round 2 — | Wager Round | 10-12 questions |
- Questions are multiple-choice with four alternatives marked A,B,C or D. Only one of the four alternatives is correct as determined by reliable resources. Participants must use a non-erasable ink pen in recording all answers.
- TH4** Reference books are **NOT** permitted at the table. Questions are taken from reference books, i.e. historical reference texts on the chosen topic, *reliable* Internet-based sources, and other basic text references.
- TH5** The Theme for 2018-19 is **Women Who Changed the World**. See TH14 for full listing of subtopics and scope.
- TH6** During the Lightning Round, students will be asked questions with assigned values of 2,4, or 6 points.
- TH7** During the Wager Round, a central reader announces one of the following categories before reading the question: My Life's Work, I Was the First/Look What I Started, Win Place or Show, I Discovered / Invented It, GPS, Porpurri. See TH 14 for a full explanation of these categories.
Each player begins the round with 0 points. Before each question is read aloud, each player writes a wager of 2, 4, or 6 on his/her wager/answer sheet based on the category the central reader announces. All wagers at a table are revealed simultaneously, then recorded on a common score sheet before the question is read.
- TH8** For both rounds of THEME, the central reader reads aloud the question and the four alternative answers. The reader may read the question and alternatives twice and only twice. At the end of the second reading, the question and choices are projected to the players via a central screen.
- TH9** From the end of the second reading, each player has about 30 seconds to circle her/his answer on the wager/answer sheet.
- TH10** If a player is unsure of an answer or wishes not to answer on a question, he/she may **abstain** from answering during the Wager Round. To abstain, a player must NOT circle an answer choice (A-B-C-D), but circle ABS on the wager/answer sheet before the correct answer is revealed. Each player may abstain no more than twice per round. If a player abstains on a question a third or more times, the player loses his/her wager for that question and receives the highest negative score (-3)
- TH11** Scoring for the Lightning Round:
Wagering is not permitted and there are NO abstentions during this round. The value of each questions (2,4 or 6 points) is announced by the central reader prior to the reading of the questions. If the player's choice is correct, the assigned point value is awarded. If the player's choice is incorrect, then no points are awarded. Players cannot lose points for incorrect answers in the Lightning Round

TH12 Scoring for the Wager Round:

- If a player's answer agrees with the reader's, that player wins his/her wager (6,4, or 2)
- If a player's answer disagrees with the reader's, he loses HALF his wager. (-3,-2 or -1)
- If a player abstains, the player neither gains nor loses points, provided he has not exceeded the abstention limit of two (see CE10).
- If a player is not at the table to answer a question, the player scores -4 for that question.

TH13 Play proceeds until all questions have been dealt with in a round. The ultimate winner in a Division is determined by the total number of points in both THEME rounds.

TH14 The Theme Questions for 2018-19 refer to the following: **Women Who Changed the World**

Women Who Changed the World

Questions will come from their vocations; inventions; firsts; cities or countries where major accomplishments, inventions or discoveries were made; the historical era during which their work was accomplished; awards received; and how their work influenced history concerning the women listed below.

	NAME	DATES	VOCATION
1	Jane Addams	1860-1935	Social reformer
2	Marian Anderson	1902-1993	Singer
3	Susan B. Anthony	1820-1906	Women's rights activist; suffragist
4	Virginia Apgar	1909-1974	Physician, Anesthesiologist
5	Clara Barton	1821-1912	Nurse; American Red Cross Founder
6	Harriet Beecher Stowe	1811-1896	Abolitionist; author
7	Elizabeth Blackwell	1821-1910	Doctor
8	Pearl S. Buck	1892-1973	Author, Humanitarian
9	Rachel Carson	1907-1964	Biologist; Pioneer Environmentalist
10	Marie Curie	1867-1934	Physicist
11	Dorothea Dix	1802-1887	Social reformer
12	Amelia Earhart	1897-1937	Pioneering aviator
13	Gertrude B. Elion	1918-1999	Biologist
14	Geraldine Ferraro	1935-2011	Politician; attorney
15	Ella Fitzgerald	1917-1996	Singer
16	Dian Fossey	1932-1985	Primatologist; Naturalist
17	Indira Gandhi	1917-1984	Prime Minister of India
18	Althea Gibson	1927-2003	Athlete
19	Katharine Graham	1917-2001	Publisher
20	Helen Keller	1880-1968	Advocate for Disadvantaged
21	Jeane Kirkpatrick	1926-2006	Diplomat; political scientist
22	Belva Lockwood	1830-1917	Women's rights advocate; attorney
23	Juliette Low	1860-1927	Founder of Girl Scouts USA
24	Wilma Pearl Mankiller	1945-2010	Chief of Cherokee Nation
25	Barbara McClintock	1902-1992	Scientist
26	Golda Meir	1898-1978	Prime Minister of Israel
27	Maria Mitchell	1818-1889	Astronomer
28	Mother Teresa (Agnes Gonxha Bojajiu)	1910-1997	Missionary; humanitarian

29	Grace Murray Hopper	1906-1992	Computer Scientist
30	Florence Nightingale	1820-1910	Nurse; Social Reformer
31	Rosa Parks	1913-2005	Civil Rights Activist
32	Frances Perkins	1880-1965	Sociologist; Labor Rights Advocate
33	Ellen Swallow Richards	1842-1911	Scientist
34	Sally Ride	1951-2012	Physicist; astronaut
35	Eleanor Roosevelt	1884-1962	Humanitarian
36	Wilma Rudolph	1940-1994	Olympic Athlete
37	Sacajawea	1784-1812	Frontier Guide; Interpreter
38	Tye Leung Schulze	1888-1972	Interpreter
39	Eunice Kennedy Shriver	1921-2009	Special Olympics founder
40	Muriel F. Siebert	1938-2013	Stock broker
41	Elizabeth Cady Stanton	1815-1902	Women's Rights Activist
42	Ida Tarbell	1857-1944	Journalist
43	Margaret Thatcher	1925-2013	Prime Minister of Great Britain
44	Sojourner Truth	1797-1883	Abolitionist; suffragist
45	Harriet Tubman	1820-1913	Fugitive slave; abolitionist; slave rescuer
46	Madam C.J. Walker (Sarah Breedlove)	1867-1919	Entrepreneur
47	Ida B. Wells-Barnett	1862-1931	Journalist
48	Mary Wollstonecraft	1759-1797	Author
49	Victoria Woodhull	1838-1927	Women's suffragist; politician
50	Mildred "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias	1914-1956	Athlete

Categories of the Game

Categories for questions in both the lightning and wagering rounds will be as follows:

CATEGORY

My Life's Work

I Was the First / Look What I Started

Win, Place or Show

DESCRIPTION

Questions will ask players to match the vocation with the famous woman.

Questions will ask who did what for the first time in history or which woman started what movement or made what change.

Questions will seek the identity of which women won Nobel Prizes, Olympic medals or other major awards or who published what important works.

I Discovered / Invented It

Questions will ask players to match discoveries or inventions with their discoverers or inventors.

GPS

Questions will ask players to identify whose life was related to a time and place in history – focusing on locations and historical eras important to each famous woman.

Potpourri

Questions will ask players about noteworthy miscellaneous facts concerning these famous women.

Students do not need to know trivial details such as names of spouses, numbers of kids, family life that was unrelated to their work, and other biographical information unrelated to the categories. Students should know the vocations; inventions or discoveries; firsts; cities/countries where the women accomplished things; the historical era during which their work was accomplished; awards they received; and how their work influenced history.