

The Real Dirty Cops

ANSWER: TUBERCULOSIS

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The flavor text tells you that for every page of five famous figures, one doesn't fit in somehow. The footnote is simply telling you that aspects such as race, age, and gender are irrelevant when determining the odd one out.

First page:

Margaret Bourke-White
Courtney Kupets
Jessie Wallace Hughan
Susan Brooks
Susan B. Anthony

All were members of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority at Barnard College except for:

Susan B. Anthony

Second page:

Cecilia Beaux
William Bliss Baker
Frank Weston Benson
Thomas Eakins
Adolph Weinman

All had exhibitions at the Chicago World's Fair except for:

Adolph Weinman

Third page:

David Stein
Peter Hammon
James Schafer
Sylvester Stallone
Betty Macdonald

All were either teachers or students at Montgomery Blair Highschool except for:

Betty Macdonald

Fourth page:

William Clark
John Lynch
Edward Sorin
Brian Cashman
John F. Kennedy

All were Catholics except for:

William Clark

Fifth page:

John Paul Sartres
Albert Einstein
Samuel Morse
Henry Kissenger
Bertrand Russel

All won Nobel Prizes except for:

Samuel Morse

Sixth page:

George Plimpton
James B. Donovan
Paul Romer
Gore Vidal
Jay Rockefeller

All attended Phillips Exeter Academy except for:

James B. Donovan

Seventh Page:

Walt Disney
Columbus
Duke Ellington
Fredrick Douglas
William Sherman

All have statues at the corners of Central Park except for:

Walt Disney

Eighth page:

Diogenes
Captain Phillips
Phillip Ashton
Jeffrey Hudson
George Orwell

All were captured by pirates except for:

George Orwell

Ninth page:

Arien SpeHocter
John McCain
Charlie Wilson
Ted Kennedy
Strom Thurmond

All served as senator except for:

Charlie Wilson

Tenth page:

Edmund Hillary
Neil Armstrong
Robert Peary
Roald Amundsen
Jim Lovell

All were the first to explore a location except for:

Jim Lovell

Eleventh page:

Malcolm X
Ho Chi Minh
Che Guevara
Martin Luther King Jr.
Mahatma Gandhi

All were assassinated except for:

Ho Chi Minh

Twelfth page:

Prince Meternik
Napoleon Bonaparte
Duke of Wellington
Czar Alexander I
Karl Augus Furst von Hardenburg

All were members of the Congress of Vienna except for:

Napoleon

Thirteenth page:

Tiberius
Marcus Aurelius
Diocletian
Constantine
Julius Caesar

All were Emperors of Rome except for:

Julius Caesar

Fourteenth page:

Socrates

Plato

Pericles

Alexander the Great

Miltiades

All were Athenians except for:

Alexander the Great

Fifteenth page:

Stephen Hawking

Winston Churchill

Theresa May

Christopher Hitchens

Oscar Wilde

All attended Oxford except for:

Winston Churchill

Sixteenth page:

John Travolta

Robert Downey Jr.

Will Ferrell

Benedict Cumberbatch (yes, we accidentally used a picture of a lookalike)

John Cleese

All played Sherlock Holmes except for:

John Travolta

Seventeenth page:

Ingrid Bergman

Elizabeth Moss

Geoffrey Rush

Jessica Tandy

Viola Davis

All have won the Acting Triple Crown (Academy Award, Emmy Award, Tony Award) except for:

Elizabeth Moss

Eighteenth page:

Kurt Cobain
Janis Joplin
Nicky Hopkins
Jimi Hendrix
Amy Winehouse

All were part of the 27 club (died at 27) except for:

Nicky Hopkins

Nineteenth page:

Chubby Checker
Beck
Blues Brothers
Justin Timberlake
Al Hirt

All performed at Super Bowl Halftime Shows except for:

Beck

Twentieth page:

Sarah Snook
Kieran Culkin
Brian Cox
James Cromwell
Cat Stevens

All are stars in Succession, the greatest television show of all time, except for:

Cat Stevens

Now that you have found the initial “dirty cops,” you must keep looking at the groups of the odd ones out to further narrow down the selection.

First group:

Susan B. Anthony
Adolph Weinman
Betty Macdonald
William Clark
Samuel Morse

All are featured on United States currency except for:

Betty Macdonald

Second group:

James B. Donovan
Walt Disney
George Orwell

Charlie Wilson
Jim Lovell

All were played by Tom Hanks except for:

George Orwell

Third group

Ho Chi Minh
Napoleon
Julius Caesar
Alexander the Great
Winston Churchill

All are leaders in the Civilization franchise:

Ho Chi Minh

Fourth group:

John Travolta
Elizabeth Moss
Nicky Hopkins
Beck
Cat Stevens

All are Scientologists except for:

Cat Stevens

Now we are left with the final four “dirty cops:”

Betty Macdonald
George Orwell
Ho Chi Minh
Cat Stevens

Using the hint “infected our ranks” in the flavor text, you should be able to find that all of these famous figures died of:

Tuberculosis