

Projectile Protection

ANSWER: ENDER

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NOTE: This puzzle was lifted entirely from the 2020 MIT Mystery Hunt, and all credit is due to the original writer, Todd Etter. This puzzle made its way into the PEA hunt due to a combination of me not writing my puzzle for this slot in time, as well as wanting to do a shoutout to a super clean MITMH puzzle I adore.

The text on the cannons are a specific artillery shot type, combined with a unit of measurement. Each artillery type clues towards a category of items found in one of the boggle walls. The solver is supposed to match the cannon with the wall that has the items related and remove them. The letters left are placed into the extract, where each column-like strip is an anagram of the letters left for a wall. The wall remainders are placed into the answer extract box sorted by weight, and the clue phrase, THROWN EYE OF BLANK IN MINECRAFT is found. The answer is ENDER, as in eye of ENDER!

Ordered from lightest to heaviest:

1. Pieces of Glass - Dalton - Compositions of Philip Glass

MAD RUSH
ECHORUS
UNDERTOW
PINK NOISE

Dropquote letters: TAIY

2. Warhead - Grain - Military Generals

HANNIBAL
SUNTZU
ROMMEL
LEONIDAS

Dropquote letters: TM

3. Throwing Star - Scruple - NFL quarterbacks

BRADY
BRADSHAW
MANNING
MONTANA

Dropquote letters: VRI

4. Marble Rocks - Troy Ounce - Names of marbles

TOM BOWLER
RED DEVIL
AGATE
CATS EYE

Dropquote letters: FCO

5. Sonic Bolt - Pound - Voice actors in the movie Bolt

TRAVOLTA
CYRUS
LIPTON
SAVAGE

Dropquote letters: NEHN

6. Grapeshot - Kilogram - Liquors made from grape

PISCO
COGNAC
BRANDY
VERMOUTH

Dropquote letters: NANB

7. Hot Metal - Hundredweight - Popular heavy metal bands

SLIPKNOT
TOOL
MEGADETH
MASTODON

Dropquote letters: EKOR

8. Block of TNT - Metric Ton - Original shows on the network TNT

SHAQ LIFE
CLAWS
THE ALIENIST
THE LAST SHIP

Dropquote letters: ELF

FILLING IN THE EXTRACT: THROWN EYE OF BLANK IN MINECRAFT

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