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Farewell 2018: Year-End News Quiz

Directions: *See what you remember about the events of this dramatic year by filling in the blanks below. You can find a scrambled list of answer choices on the separate "Answer Bank."*

1. The Trump administration said on Jan. 4 it would allow _____ in nearly all United States coastal waters.
2. Dr. Lawrence G. Nassar was sentenced to 40 to 175 years in prison on Jan. 24 for multiple sex crimes, capping an extraordinary seven-day hearing that drew more than 150 young women to publicly confront him and speak of their abuse. He was a former team doctor for _____.
3. Nick Foles threw three touchdown passes and caught another to lead the _____ to their first Super Bowl title on Feb. 4, beating Tom Brady and the New England Patriots, 41-33.
4. The opening ceremony of the 23rd Winter Olympics, in _____, unfurled in frigid temperatures and high spirits on Feb. 9, as athletes from the two Koreas marched into the stadium together less than 50 miles from the heavily fortified border between their nations.
5. A heavily armed young man barged into his former high school on Feb. 14, opening fire on terrified students and teachers and leaving a death toll of 17. The rampage took place at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in _____, Florida.
6. The Disney-Marvel movie _____, which finds the superheroic T'Challa returning to his remote African kingdom to assume the throne, roared into theaters during its February opening weekend as a full-blown cultural event, breaking box office records.
7. Thousands of students _____ across the U.S. on March 14 as part of a coordinated protest calling for gun control. The protests generally lasted for 17 minutes, one for every victim of the school shooting in Parkland.
8. Prime Minister Theresa May of Britain said on March 12 that Moscow was "highly likely" to blame for the _____ of a former Russian spy, Sergei V. Skripal, near his home in southern England.
9. Stephanie Clifford, the _____ who is known professionally as Stormy Daniels, told "60 Minutes" that she struck a \$130,000 deal for her silence about an alleged affair with Donald J. Trump in the final days of the 2016 presidential campaign.
10. High-profile departures among White House staffers and cabinet members in the first three months of the year included _____, the secretary of state.
11. On April 4 _____ announced that the data of up to 87 million users might have been improperly shared with a political consulting firm connected to President Trump during the 2016 election.

12. President Trump ordered strikes against _____, which were carried out in conjunction with Britain and France early on April 14, to punish President Bashar al-Assad for an apparent chemical attack on his own people a week before.
13. The Pulitzer Prizes startled a lot of people this year with an award that's usually greeted as an afterthought: the music prize, which went to _____ for his album "DAMN."
14. A nationwide teacher protest movement that began in February in West Virginia, and quickly spread to _____, upended daily routines in these conservative-leaning states where teachers and many parents said taxes are too low to adequately fund schools.
15. A jury found _____ guilty on April 26 of drugging and sexually assaulting a woman at his home in suburban Philadelphia 14 years ago, capping the downfall of one of the world's best-known entertainers.
16. A historic summit meeting on April 27 marked the first time a _____ leader had ever set foot in South Korea. The summit yielded a promise to negotiate a treaty to replace a truce that has kept an uneasy peace on the divided Korean Peninsula for more than six decades.
17. President Trump declared on May 8 that he was withdrawing from the _____, unraveling the signature foreign policy achievement of his predecessor, Barack Obama, and isolating the United States from its Western allies.
18. While a ceremony to mark the relocation of the _____ took place on May 14 in Jerusalem, thousands of Palestinians protested.
19. A thousand-year-old English castle echoed with the exhortations of an African-American bishop and a gospel choir on May 19, as _____ wed, nudging the British royal family into a new era.
20. In March, the hit sitcom _____ returned after a two-decade absence to enormous ratings on ABC. But on May 29, the network abruptly canceled the show after its star posted a racist tweet about a former Obama political advisor.
21. The deaths during the same week in early June of two beloved figures — American handbag designer _____ and celebrity chef _____ -- prompted widespread conversations about what leads to suicide, and the tolls of depression.
22. On June 11, _____ shook hands with Kim Jong-un of North Korea and offered a major concession during the first summit meeting between their nations, a momentous step in an improbable courtship between the world's largest nuclear power and the most reclusive one.
23. After leading figures of both parties demanded that President Trump halt his administration's practice of _____, Mr. Trump caved and signed an executive order on June 20 meant to end the practice.

24. A trade war between the world's two largest economies officially began on July 5 when the Trump administration imposed _____, setting off a tit-for-tat skirmish that has affected companies and consumers in both countries.
25. What began as a misadventure by _____ in a flood-prone northern Thai cave turned into a nearly three-week-long story of survival, international collaboration and triumph over the impossible that was followed live across the world.
26. On July 15, _____ defeated Croatia 4-2 to become the World Cup champions.
27. _____, the veteran Republican political operative and lobbyist who helped run President Trump's 2016 campaign, went to trial on financial fraud charges in Federal District Court.
28. Leaders of the _____ in Pennsylvania covered up child sexual abuse over a period of 70 years, persuading victims not to report the abuse and law enforcement not to investigate it, according to a searing grand jury report issued on Aug. 14. The report identified more than 1,000 victims.
29. _____, universally acclaimed as the "Queen of Soul" and one of America's greatest singers, died on Aug. 16. Nine days later, _____, the war hero, U.S. senator and presidential contender, died.
30. _____, President Trump's former lawyer, made the extraordinary admission in court on Aug. 21 that Mr. Trump had directed him to arrange payments to two women during the 2016 campaign to keep them from speaking publicly about affairs they said they had with Mr. Trump.
31. Drug overdoses killed about _____ Americans last year, a record number reflecting a 10% rise, according to preliminary estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The death toll is higher than the peak yearly death totals from H.I.V., car crashes or gun deaths.
32. The disappearance of _____ Jamal Khashoggi on Oct. 2 set off a diplomatic feud between Saudi Arabia and Turkey, a bipartisan uproar in the U.S. Congress, and tremors of uncertainty on Wall Street and in Silicon Valley about how to deal with Saudi Arabia.
33. Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh was confirmed to the Supreme Court on Oct. 6 by one of the slimmest margins in American history, locking in a solid conservative majority on the court and capping a rancorous battle that began as _____ and concluded with _____.
34. A federal trial that began on Oct. 15 accusing Harvard University of _____ is providing a rare glimpse into the secretive selection process at one of the country's most elite universities.
35. On Oct. 17, Canada became the first major world economy to _____, beginning a national experiment that will alter the country's social, cultural and economic fabric.
36. A caravan of migrants, nearly all of them _____, began making its way north through Guatemala toward Mexico and the United States.
37. Armed with an AR-15-style assault rifle and three handguns, a man shouting anti-Semitic slurs opened fire inside a Pittsburgh _____ the morning of Oct. 27, killing 11 people.

38. On Oct. 28, Brazil became the latest country to drift toward the _____, electing an extreme nationalist as president in the nation's most radical political change since democracy was restored more than 30 years ago.
39. In the November midterm elections, Democrats harnessed voter fury toward President Trump to win control of the _____ and capture pivotal governorships as liberals and moderates banded together to deliver a forceful rebuke.
40. A day after the elections, President Trump abruptly fired _____. Democrats were alarmed, worried that the president was moving toward shutting down the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election.
41. Fires raged on both ends of _____ in November, spreading with breakneck speed and displacing hundreds of thousands of people in a state where a once-seasonal worry has become a near-constant terror.
42. A major scientific report issued by 13 federal agencies on Nov. 23 presents the starkest warnings to date of the consequences of _____ for the United States, predicting that if significant steps are not taken to rein it in, the damage will knock as much as 10 percent off the size of the American economy by century's end.
43. As criticism of Saudi Arabia has surged over its bombing campaign in Yemen and the killing of Jamal Khashoggi, the United States and Britain, Saudi Arabia's biggest _____, have stepped up their pressure for a cease-fire in the Yemen war, the world's worst man-made humanitarian disaster.
44. China said on Nov. 29 that it had suspended the work of a scientist who claims to have created the world's first _____, saying his conduct appeared to be unethical and in violation of Chinese law.
45. _____, the 41st president of the United States and the father of the 43rd, who steered the nation through a tumultuous period in world affairs, died on Nov. 30 at his home in Houston at age 94.
46. Trying to quell its most serious political crisis, the government of President Emmanuel Macron announced on Dec. 4 that it would suspend the gasoline tax increase that had set off three weeks of increasingly violent protests in Paris and around France by the so-called _____ movement.
47. Defense Secretary _____, whose experience and stability were widely seen as a balance to an unpredictable president, resigned on Dec. 21 in protest of President Trump's decision to withdraw American forces from _____ and his rejection of international alliances.
48. The Senate adjourned on Dec. 21 without a spending deal, ensuring that for the third time in 2018, parts of the _____.