Country Western Balderdash Notes

*Instructions: “Balderdash means NONSENSE. The object of this game is for your table to choose the correct answer among several nonsense possibilities. I will read the question and choices. You will be given 1 minute to discuss your answer at your table. [Americans may encourage discussion, but not give the answer away to their teammates.] I will say, “TIME UP. CHOOSE YOUR ANSWER. ANSWERS UP.” Your team leader will hold up the letter corresponding to your choice. Then I will reveal the correct answer.*

St. Louis’ nickname is…

1. Rome of the West
2. Gateway to the West
3. Mound City
4. All of the above

St. Louis is called Gateway to the West because…

1. The Arch looks like a gate
2. It was a travel hub in the 1800’s
3. A lot of immigrants settled here
4. It hosts a national racecar event

St. Louis is called Mound City because…

1. The Cardinal baseball team wins a lot
2. It was built on seven little hills
3. An ancient civilization built pyramid-like mounds here
4. The Mounds candy bar was developed here

Who made a famous journey west from St. Charles?

1. Bonnie Parker & Clyde Barrow
2. Naomi & Wynonna Judd
3. Merriweather Lewis & William Clark
4. John Smith & Pocahontas

When Lindenwood (College) was established…

1. Railroads were the main source of transportation
2. Henry Ford’s Model T (car) had just been invented
3. Conestoga Wagons were outdated
4. It was common to see 150 steamboats at St. Louis’ levy

What fictional characters travelled the Mississippi on a raft?

1. Tom & Becky
2. Huck & Jim
3. Jack & Jill
4. Rocky & Bullwinkle

Name a famous female western “sharp shooter.”

1. Laura Ingalls Wilder
2. Jackie Joyner
3. Harriet Tubman
4. Annie Oakley

The Pony Express was…

1. The first mail service across the west
2. St. Joseph’s famous annual horse race
3. A train running from St. Louis to Chicago
4. An alternate transportation source for Santa Claus

A “Hillbilly” is…

1. A billy goat that claims control of a pasture
2. An unsophisticated Ozark Mountain dweller
3. An ant hill
4. An article of agricultural clothing

What’s an “all-fired shindig?”

1. A barn dance
2. A kick in the leg from an angry cow
3. An underground prairie dog burrow
4. A painful insect bite