

SOLUTION TO:



SITTING THROUGH THE RING CYCLE!

These are events and characters from various types of operas: Rock, Soap, Space, Grand, Horse, and Light. The types of operas are indicated by the pictures at the top of the columns. Each description of an event on the left can be paired with a character on the right from the same work. A line connecting the description and the event will cross through exactly one letter in the appropriate column. For example, “A man kisses another man on the cheek” is an event in the rock opera, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, which features Pontius Pilate. If you draw a line connecting the two dots next to these items, it will cross through the letter “I” in the column under the picture of the rock.

Once all the descriptions and characters have been connected and the appropriate letters noted, reading down each column in order left to right will give the grievance: **INSIPID MET ARIAS**.

Description	Character	Work	Opera Type	Letter
A man kisses another man on the cheek.	Pontius Pilate	<i>Jesus Christ Superstar</i>	Rock	I
A man completes his actual and metaphorical isolation from humanity.	Pink’s Mother	<i>Pink Floyd The Wall</i>	Rock	N
Two men engage in a pinball contest.	The Acid Queen	<i>Tommy</i>	Rock	S
A woman has an elaborate dream involving her husband’s death while he is in the shower.	J. R. Ewing	<i>Dallas</i>	Soap	I
The youngest daughter of an aristocratic family marries the chauffeur.	The Dowager Countess	<i>Downton Abbey</i>	Soap	P
A dangerous near-autistic woman and her brother join a renegade crew.	Inara Serra	<i>Firefly</i>	Space	I
Three people escape danger by sliding down a garbage chute.	Greedo	<i>Star Wars</i>	Space	D
A girl asks her neighbor to light her candle, as she has no matches.	Musetta	<i>La Boheme</i>	Grand	M
A young warrior falls in love with an imprisoned slave, who turns out to be a princess.	The King of Egypt	<i>Aida</i>	Grand	E
A man abandons his pregnant wife to marry a woman from his home country halfway around the world.	The United States Consul at Nagasaki	<i>Madame Butterfly</i>	Grand	T
A teen-aged tomboy vows revenge when her father is murdered.	Rooster Cogburn	<i>True Grit</i>	Horse	A
A man demands repayment for a worthless gold claim and is thrown off a cliff.	Doc Cochran	<i>Deadwood</i>	Horse	R
Criminals have mercy on orphans.	Frederic	<i>The Pirates of Penzance</i>	Light	I
A disguised prince falls in love with a woman who is engaged to her guardian.	Pooh-Bah	<i>The Mikado</i>	Light	A
The protagonist learns that it is not necessarily the best of all possible worlds.	Pangloss	<i>Candide</i>	Light	S