

Elimination Clues Solution

Clues 2, 8, and 4 tell us that Ben Hur, Flash, Marty, and Mario were eliminated consecutively in that order.

Clues 5 and 7 tell us that Speed Racer was eliminated some time after that group, and Anakin was the second racer eliminated after Speed Racer.

Clue 6 tells us that Gulliver, Frodo, and Phileas Fogg left the race consecutively in that order, and clue 9 tells us this group left some time after Speed Racer (which must actually be after Anakin, since he was the second eliminated after Speed Racer).

Clue 3 and the fact that there are 13 racers (mentioned in clue 1) tell us Odysseus was the 5th to be eliminated. Odysseus could not be eliminated before Ben Hur, because then more than 8 racers would be eliminated after him. So Ben Hur must have been eliminated first, with Flash, Marty, Mario, and Odysseus immediately after him in that order.

Clue 1 tells us four racers were eliminated after Dick Dastardly and Muttley, and before Tortoise and Hare. The racers between them can't include those first five. If Gulliver, Frodo, and Phileas Fogg did NOT finish between them, then there would be a group of 5, a group of 6, and a group of 3, none of which overlap, but this is 14 racers, too many. So those three were eliminated after Dick Dastardly and Muttley, and before Tortoise and Hare.

Clue 10 tells us Huckleberry Finn was eliminated after Tortoise and Hare, so he was not the other racer eliminated between Dick and Tortoise. Only Speed Racer and Anakin can possibly be the 4th racer eliminated between those two, and since Speed Racer was eliminated before Anakin, who was eliminated before Gulliver, Anakin must be that 4th racer.

This gives us the complete ordering. Arrange the hazards from the puzzles in this same order and read on the diagonal to get the answer CHECKERED FLAG:

Ben Hur	Chariothastermites
Flash	sHockwave
Marty	spEedlimiteightyseven
Mario	psyChoactivemushroom
Odysseus	greeKtragedy
Speed Racer	japanEsecarmanual
Dick Dastardly and Muttley	backfiRingboobytraps
Anakin	cartwodEtour
Gulliver	badyahooDirections
Frodo	redlighttoFsauron
Phileas Fogg	hecouldntfLoataloan
Tortoise and Hare	moraldilemma
Huckleberry Finn	twaincrossing