

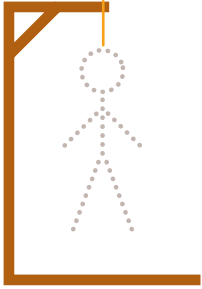


GIVE 'EM ENOUGH ROPE!

Instructions: There's only one way to cut yourself loose from the noose: solve these six hangman puzzles about notable hangings and receive a stay of execution from the gallows!

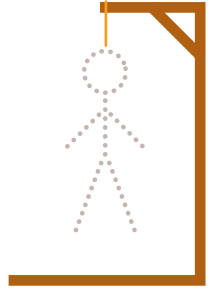


1) My only regret was that I had but one life to lose for my country...and that I wasn't a stealthier spy. During the American Revolution, I posed as a Dutch schoolteacher in New York City while reporting British troop movements to the Continental Army. I was apprehended by the Red Coats and hanged in Manhattan on September 22, 1776. Before the trapdoor on the gallows swung open, I delivered an eloquent speech that was an inspiration to the colonists.



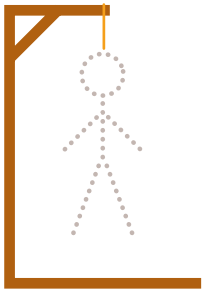
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2) I couldn't cast any spells to save myself from the gallows — probably because I wasn't a witch! In 1711 (nineteen years after my execution), the General Court of Massachusetts admitted that accusing me of witchcraft was just a bunch of hocus-pocus. In 1952, Arthur Miller dramatized my trial in *The Crucible*.



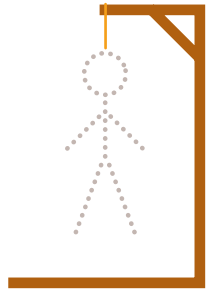
3) In Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper," I am portrayed with a spilled salt shaker in front of me, and I am the only person with an elbow on the table — signs of bad luck and poor manners respectively. One of the original twelve apostles, I betrayed him for 30 pieces of silver.

According to the Gospel of Matthew, I was guilt-ridden after Jesus' execution and hung myself.



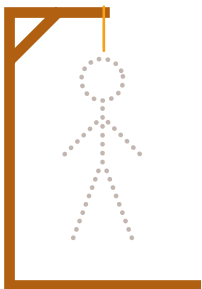
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4) My hanging in 6th Century BCE is now celebrated as a joyous Jewish holy day. My heinous plan to rid Persia of all Jews was foiled by Queen Esther, and today I have a delicious cookie (the Hamantaschen) named after me. Happy Purim!



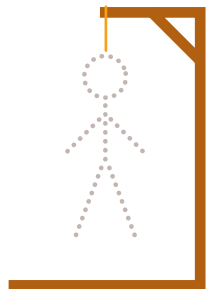
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5) After assassinating President James Garfield, I defended myself in court by saying, "The doctors killed Garfield. I just shot him." This defense didn't work, and I made my way to the gallows on June 30, 1882. My hanging is depicted in Stephen Sondheim's Broadway musical, *Assassins*, and I am name-checked in the Johnny Cash song, "Mister Garfield."



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6) If you didn't hear about my hanging on December 31, 2006, chances are you are living in a spider-hole. In fact, you probably saw footage of my hanging posted on *YouTube*. Nicknamed "The Butcher of Baghdad," I was tried for crimes against humanity and genocide, but I was not charged with possessing weapons of mass destruction.



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