

triumph of the nerds :: part one questions

- 1) Who founded Apple Computers?
- 2) Who founded Microsoft?
- 3) What is machine language?
- 4) What type of language translates machine language?
- 5) Fill in the blanks: _____ Valley
- 6) Where is _____ Valley located?
- 7) What is the name of the first personal computer?
- 8) How much did it cost?
- 9) Who had to build this computer?
- 10) What programming language was eventually used on this computer?
- 11) Who invented this language?
- 12) What was the name of the first Apple computer?
- 13) How much did it cost?
- 14) What was the name of the second computer called?
- 15) What is a “killer application”?
- 16) What was the name of the first killer application?
- 17) What did this program do?
- 18) Name a program installed on our computers that does the same thing.
- 19) What does the inventor of the answer to number 7 do today?
- 20) What is his name?
- 21) How much was Steve Jobs worth at 23? 24? 25?

triumph of the nerds :: part two questions

- 1) What company is referred to as “Big Blue”?
- 2) What is “open architecture”?
- 3) Define hardware
- 4) Define software
- 5) What two pieces of software are needed to run a computer?
- 6) What company did IBM purchase their operating system from?
- 7) Did this company create it?
- 8) How much did it cost them?
- 9) Where did IBM get their programming language?
- 10) What was it called?
- 11) What do the letters stand for?
- 12) What was IBM’s killer application called?
- 13) How were companies able to clone IBM computers?
- 14) Describe this process
- 15) Name at least two companies that cloned IBM computers
- 16) Who created OS/2?
- 17) What operating system did they create at the same time as OS/2?
- 18) What nickname did Microsoft call IBM?
- 19) What is a KLOC?
- 20) Is more KLOCs better? Explain.
- 21) How many KLOCs do you think you will create this semester?

triumph of the nerds :: part three questions

- 1) Who introduced Bill Gates at the launch of Windows 95?
- 2) What do the letters GUI stand for?
- 3) What is a GUI?
- 4) What is the name of Microsoft's GUI?
- 5) Where did they get the idea for it?
- 6) Which company had the first GUI?
- 7) What does wysiwyg stand for?
- 8) What was the Macintosh's killer application?
- 9) How did Apple Computers "lose its soul"?
- 10) Why did Apple sue Microsoft?
- 11) Who won the lawsuit?