Supreme Court Podcast Assignment #4

Radio Lab Presents: Cruel and Unusual

*Instructions: Answer the following questions while listening to the episode of the podcast. The podcast is “More Perfect” presented by RadioLab and WNYC studios. The episode can also be found on YouTube at* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cl-SAAcpZi0>

 1. What does the organization “Reprieve” do?

2. Why do they want to find out who was supplying the execution drugs?

3. What court overturned the stay on Jeffrey Landrigan’s execution?

4. In the fall of 2010 what was there a shortage of?

5. What is kept confidential in an execution?

6. What was the name of the “middle man”?

7. What is it illegal to do in the UK?

8. What % of Americans support the death penalty?

9. What was India’s objection to America’s version of the death penalty?

10. Where does Bill Wiseman get elected in 1974?

11. What does the Supreme Court say to the states in 1976?

12. How did Wiseman vote on the death penalty bill?

13. What percentage of executions have been done by lethal injection since Wiseman’s “invention”?

14. How many drugs are in the modern lethal injection?

15. What is the medical purpose of the second drug?

16. In 2008 what drug did the Supreme Court say was the most important in lethal injection?

17. What did states have to do to deal with the drug shortage?

18. What did Paul Ray propose in Utah?

19. With a firing squad how long does it take to kill someone?

20. When did the Supreme Court approve the firing squad?

21. What is bizarrely similar between an ill person and a person on death row?

22. In 2014 what did Justice Breyer say about the death penalty?

23. What has the pharmaceutical giant Pfizer done?

24. Critical Thinking: IN A GOOD PARAGRAPH EXPLAIN, do you support the continued use of the death penalty in the United States?