

many kingdoms

SOLUTION - EMPIRE BUILDER

Answers to the questions are as follows, in image order, with associated nations:

THAMES (tube map animal)	ENGLAND
PRESIDENTS (birth states)	USA
VLAD TEPEȘ	ROMANIA
KUBLA KAHN (note the pleasure dome)	MONGOLIA
RHAPSODY	HUNGARY
BORIS	BULGARIA
SPOONERISM (of "OESLING")	LUXEMBOURG
ORACLE (of Delphi)	GREECE
LITTLE BELT	DENMARK
TULIP BOWL	NETHERLANDS

Arranging the letters in numbered spaces in order spells the instruction PUT IN CAPITOLS. Noting that the capitals of those nations also exactly fit the blanks, filling in

LONDON
WASHINGTON
BUCHAREST
ULAN BATOR
BUDAPEST
SOFIA
LUXEMBOURG
GREECE
COPENHAGEN
AMSTERDAM

gives you letters in the numbered spaces that in order spell out EMPIRE BUILDER.