A short history of • coffee •

No one knows when the first cup of coffee was drunk. Some people say it was made (make) in the 9th century by a young man in Ethiopia who looked after goats.

He [1]_____ (try) the beans of a coffee plant but they tasted bitter, so he [2]_____ (throw) them on a fire. But when the beans [3]_____ (roast) in the fire, the young man noticed a wonderful smell. He [4]_____ (take) the beans from the fire and boiled them with water. In this way, the first cup of coffee [5]_____ (produce).

In fact, the first evidence for coffee comes from the 1400s. Plants [6]_____ (grow) in Yemen and ground coffee [7]_____ (export) to other Arab countries.

People [8]_____ (love) the drink and in the 1500s 'coffee houses', or cafés, [9]_____ (open) across the Arab world. They were places where coffee [10]_____ (drink), chess [11]_____ (play) and people [12]_____ (chat).

At the end of the 1500s coffee [13]_____ (sell) in Europe for the first time. In the next hundred years, coffee plants [14]_____ (transport) all over the world by the Dutch, the French and the British. Coffee [15]_____ (become) one of the most important products for many countries.

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