

17 Multiple choice questions

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When did the first street parades with masks and floats take place?

- ☐ In the 1750s
- ☐ In the 1900s
- ☐ In the 1830s
- ☐ In the 1800s

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What nickname is given to Mardi Gras in New Orleans?

- ☐ 'The Greatest Free Show on Earth.'
- ☐ 'The Smallest Festival In the Country.'
- ☐ 'The Quietest Celebration In the World.'
- ☐ 'The Most Expensive Show on Earth.'

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What does 'Fat Tuesday' signify?

- ☐ It marks the start of the summer festival celebrations.
- ☐ It represents a day of solemn reflection and prayer.
- ☐ It signifies the beginning of harvest season.
- ☐ It represents the last day to indulge in rich food and fun before the 40 days of fasting during Lent.

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Who introduced the tradition of Mardi Gras to Louisiana?

- ☐ Native americans
- ☐ French colonists
- ☐ Spanish colonists
- ☐ Dutch colonists

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What is the historical significance of the first Mardi Gras celebration?

- ☐ It showcases the integration of British Protestant practices with regional folklore.
- ☐ It reflects the merging of Spanish Catholic customs with local Native American traditions.
- ☐ It highlights the blending of French Protestant customs with African heritage in the New World.
- ☐ It reflects the blending of French Catholic customs with local culture in the New World.

Why is Mardi Gras celebrated in New Orleans?

- ☐ It is celebrated because French settlers brought the carnival tradition to Louisiana in 1699, evolving into a grand festival by 1730.
- ☐ It is celebrated to commemorate the founding of New Orleans in 1718.
- ☐ It is celebrated because British settlers introduced the tradition in 1803, evolving into a local festival by 1850.
- ☐ It is celebrated to honor Spanish explorers who discovered Louisiana in 1520.

What year did the French settlers bring the carnival tradition to Louisiana?

- ☐ 1699
- ☐ 1650
- ☐ 1725
- ☐ 1801

What do the official colors of Mardi Gras represent?

- ☐ Purple for Courage, Gold for Honor, and Green for Harmony.
- ☐ Purple for Justice, Gold for Power, and Green for Faith and Hope.
- ☐ Purple for Wisdom, Gold for Strength, and Green for Peace.
- ☐ Purple for Royalty, Gold for Wealth, and Green for Prosperity.

What does Mardi Gras mark?

- ☐ It marks the culmination of the Carnival season, celebrated on 'Fat Tuesday' before Lent begins.
- ☐ It marks the beginning of the Carnival season, celebrated on New Year's Day.
- ☐ It marks the end of the Carnival season, celebrated on Easter Sunday.
- ☐ It marks the start of Lent, celebrated on Ash Wednesday.

What fills the streets of New Orleans during Mardi Gras?

- ☐ Quiet gatherings and meditation.
- ☐ Silence, solitude, and reflection.
- ☐ Music, masks, costumes, and joy.
- ☐ Formal ceremonies and speeches.

What significant event occurred on March 2, 1699, related to Mardi Gras?

- ☐ Explorers Pierre and Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville discovered Louisiana.
- ☐ Explorers Pierre and Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville arrived near present-day New Orleans and named the site 'Pointe du Mardi Gras.'
- ☐ Explorers Pierre and Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville founded New Orleans.
- ☐ Explorers Pierre and Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville named the site 'Pointe du Carnaval.'

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What is the cultural impact of Mardi Gras on New Orleans?

- ☐ It has been replaced by modern festivals.
- ☐ It has become a central part of the city's culture and identity.
- ☐ It has remained a minor local event.
- ☐ It has become a commercial tourist attraction only.

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What are Krewes in the context of Mardi Gras?

- ☐ Krewes are government committees that organize public events.
- ☐ Krewes are historical societies that preserve local traditions.
- ☐ Krewes are private social clubs that design, fund, and run the parades and celebrations.
- ☐ Krewes are volunteer groups that manage city cleanup efforts.

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What does 'Boeuf Gras' symbolize?

- ☐ It symbolizes the start of the New Year.
- ☐ It symbolizes the end of harvest Season.
- ☐ It symbolizes the beginning of Lent.
- ☐ It symbolizes the last feast before Lent.

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How is Mardi Gras celebrated today?

- ☐ Through historical reenactments and cultural exhibitions.
- ☐ Through colorful parades organized by Krewes and various festivities throughout the city.
- ☐ Through formal galas and fundraising events.
- ☐ Through quiet gatherings and religious ceremonies.

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What is a well-known tradition during Mardi Gras parades?

- ☐ Handing out maps and guides to tourists.
- ☐ Throwing flowers and confetti from floats to the crowd.
- ☐ Throwing beads and trinkets from floats to the crowd.
- ☐ Distributing food and drinks to the crowd.

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What is the French term for 'Fat Tuesday'?

- ☐ Mardi Gras
- ☐ Feast Of Annunciation
- ☐ Christmas
- ☐ Fort Louis