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1. Coffee was first discovered in Northern Africa in an area we know today as Ethiopia. A goat herder by the name of Kaldi observed his goats were unusually active after eating berries from a bush. Curious about this, Kaldi tried eating the berries himself. He found that these berries gave him a lot of energy. The news of this special fruit that gave people energy quickly spread throughout the region.
2. Coffee berries were transported from Ethiopia to the Arabian Peninsula and were first grown in what today is the country of Yemen. From there, coffee traveled to Turkey where coffee beans were roasted for the first time over open fires. The roasted beans were crushed and then boiled in water, creating an early version of the drink we enjoy today.
3. Coffee was brought to Europe by Italian traders. Once in Europe, this new drink was criticized by some people. They felt that coffee should be illegal. However, local leaders declared that coffee was an acceptable drink.
4. In the 1700's coffee found its way to America. It was taken there by a French military captain who only took one small plant on the long journey across the Atlantic. This one plant, transplanted to the Caribbean Island of Martinique, became the first of over 19 million trees on the island within 50 years. It was from this small beginning that the coffee plant found its way to the rest of the tropical regions of South and Central America.
5. In 1822 the French invented a way of preparing coffee called espresso. The Italians perfected a machine that makes espresso and were the first to manufacture it. Espresso has become such an integral part of Italian life and culture that there are presently over 200,000 espresso bars in Italy.
6. Today, coffee is a huge industry employing more than 20 million people all over the world. This product ranks second only to petroleum in terms of dollars traded worldwide. With over 400 billion cups consumed every year, coffee is the world's most popular drink. In Brazil alone, over 5 million people are employed in the coffee industry.

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43. This text is mostly about the -----.

- a) preparation of coffee
- b) history of coffee
- c) coffee industry
- d) different types of coffee

44. The Turkish people -----.

- a) brought coffee to the Arabian Peninsula
- b) believed that coffee should be illegal
- c) were the first to make hot coffee
- d) discovered the espresso machine

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45. Coffee berries were first discovered by -----.

- a) Italian traders
- b) an Ethiopian goat herder
- c) the French military
- d) people in Turkey

46. The hot coffee drink that is popular today was first made in -----.

- a) Martinique
- b) France
- c) Turkey
- d) Yemen

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47. Local leaders in Europe -----.

- a) criticized coffee
- b) approved of coffee
- c) invented espresso
- d) made coffee illegal

48. In the 1700s, a French soldier took ----- to America.

- a) 19 million trees
- b) 50 coffee plants
- c) a small coffee plant
- d) the espresso machine

49. Espresso is a -----.

- a) machine for making special coffee
- b) kind of coffee roasted over an open fire
- c) special coffee plant
- d) way of coffee preparation

50. Paragraph 6 is mostly about -----.

- a) the coffee industry in Brazil
- b) the importance of the petroleum industry
- c) the global coffee industry
- d) the popularity of coffee