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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.

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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.

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

- 1699
- 1650
- 1725
- 1801

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

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