

Activity 3. Order the sentences based on the reading.

- Hats became famous in the United States because of the California Gold Rush, and so popular in the ports of Panama linking its name to the last country.
- During the building of the Panama Canal, Theodore Roosevelt popularized these hats, and many workers wore them as well as passengers who were passing through this.
- The paja toquilla hats have received some recognitions, by the Conrad Foundation in 1985 and the UNESCO in 2017.
- In 1835, hats designed in Montecristi, Manabí were exported to Panamá from Manta or Guayaquil.
- In that time, these hats acquired a big value so that the King of England paid a lot money for one.

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The History of Paja Toquilla Hats

It is said that back in 1835, people in Montecristi, Manabi sent boxes of hats to Manta and Guayaquil to be exported to Panama. The time coincided with the California **Gold Rush** (1848-1855), which made the hat famous because of the abundant sun on the west coast of the United States. They became so popular in the **ports** of Panama that the name was quickly linked to that location.

During the construction of the Panama Canal, Theodore Roosevelt, who was the president of United States at that time, wore those kinds of hats and contributed to their increasing popularity. Many workers also wore them. It is said that many passengers who were passing through the canal also made the hats famous. They became really valued around the world. Edward VII of England ordered a hat for himself and paid a lot of money for it. In 1985, the hat was selected as one of the 100 best designs ever by the Conrad Foundation in England. Also, in 2017, the UNESCO declared *paja toquilla* hats as part of the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.