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# CARNIVAL

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BIGGEST PARTY

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**READ THE QUESTIONS, WATCH THE VIDEO WHILE YOU TAKE NOTES. THEN, TRY TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.**

1. WHERE DID CARNIVAL ORIGINALLY START?
2. HOW DID THE FESTIVAL SPREAD TO OTHER CULTURES?
3. WHAT DOES THE WORD 'CARNIVAL' MEAN?
4. HOW DID CARNIVAL BECOME A GLOBAL TRADITION?
5. WHY IS BRAZIL'S CARNIVAL SO FAMOUS?
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7. HOW DID TRINIDAD'S CARNIVAL DEVELOP ITS UNIQUE STYLE?
8. WHY IS GOA THE ONLY PLACE IN INDIA THAT CELEBRATES CARNIVAL?
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10. WHICH CITY HOSTS ONE OF THE BIGGEST CARNIVAL CELEBRATIONS IN A COLD CLIMATE?

# MAIN IDEAS

**ORIGINS & SPREAD:** BEGAN IN ANCIENT EGYPT, LATER ADOPTED BY GREEKS AND ROMANS, AND CONNECTED TO CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS. SPREAD WORLDWIDE THROUGH COLONIZATION.

**MEANING:** THE NAME "CARNE VALE" MEANS FAREWELL TO MEAT, LINKED TO LENT IN THE CATHOLIC CALENDAR.

**BRAZIL:** PORTUGUESE INTRODUCED LENT, MIXING WITH AFRICAN TRADITIONS. NOW THE BIGGEST CARNIVAL, ATTRACTING MILLIONS OF TOURISTS AND GENERATING HUGE REVENUE.

**TRINIDAD:** FRENCH BROUGHT LENT, BUT SLAVES CREATED THEIR OWN VERSION WITH CALYPSO MUSIC, MOCKING COLONISTS.

**GOA:** THE ONLY INDIAN STATE THAT CELEBRATES CARNIVAL, DUE TO PORTUGUESE RULE.

**NEW ORLEANS:** KNOWN AS MARDI GRAS, ADDS OVER 2% TO THE CITY'S GDP.

**QUEBEC:** ONE OF THE LARGEST COLD-WEATHER CARNIVALS, SHOWING IT'S NOT ONLY A WARM-CLIMATE EVENT.

**GLOBAL CELEBRATION:** CARNIVAL HAS EVOLVED INTO A MASSIVE WORLDWIDE EVENT, INVOLVING MILLIONS OF PEOPLE AND GENERATING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

# 10 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

## WHERE DID CARNIVAL ORIGINALLY START?

CARNIVAL BEGAN AS A PAGAN FESTIVAL IN ANCIENT EGYPT TO MARK THE END OF WINTER AND THE START OF SPRING.

## HOW DID THE FESTIVAL SPREAD TO OTHER CULTURES?

IT WAS ADOPTED BY THE GREEKS AFTER ALEXANDER THE GREAT CONQUERED EGYPT, THEN BY THE ROMANS, WHO LATER CONNECTED IT TO CHRISTIANITY.

## WHAT DOES THE WORD 'CARNIVAL' MEAN?

IT COMES FROM LATIN, WHERE "CARNE" MEANS "MEAT" AND "VALE" MEANS "FAREWELL," REFERRING TO THE FEAST BEFORE LENT.

## HOW DID CARNIVAL BECOME A GLOBAL TRADITION?

AS CHRISTIANITY SPREAD ACROSS EUROPE, SO DID CARNIVAL. COLONIZATION THEN INTRODUCED IT TO MANY OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

## WHY IS BRAZIL'S CARNIVAL SO FAMOUS?

PORTUGUESE COLONISTS BROUGHT LENT TO BRAZIL, WHERE IT MIXED WITH AFRICAN TRADITIONS, CREATING A UNIQUE AND VIBRANT CELEBRATION.

## HOW DOES CARNIVAL IMPACT BRAZIL'S ECONOMY?

IN 2016, RIO DE JANEIRO ALONE WELCOMED 1.1 MILLION TOURISTS DURING CARNIVAL, GENERATING AROUND \$900 MILLION.

# 10 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**HOW DID TRINIDAD'S CARNIVAL DEVELOP ITS UNIQUE STYLE?**

**FRENCH COLONISTS INTRODUCED LENT, BUT ENSLAVED AFRICANS, EXCLUDED FROM CELEBRATIONS, CREATED THEIR OWN FESTIVITIES WITH CALYPSO MUSIC.**

**WHY IS GOA THE ONLY PLACE IN INDIA THAT CELEBRATES CARNIVAL?**

**GOA WAS RULED BY PORTUGUESE COLONISTS FOR OVER FOUR CENTURIES, WHICH INFLUENCED ITS CULTURE AND TRADITIONS.**

**HOW DOES MARDI GRAS CONTRIBUTE TO NEW ORLEANS' ECONOMY?**

**THE CELEBRATION ADDS MORE THAN 2% TO THE CITY'S GDP, MAKING IT A SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC EVENT.**

**WHICH CITY HOSTS ONE OF THE BIGGEST CARNIVAL CELEBRATIONS IN A COLD CLIMATE?**

**QUEBEC, CANADA, HOLDS THE WORLD'S THIRD-LARGEST CARNIVAL, PROVING THAT THE FESTIVAL IS NOT JUST FOR WARM-WEATHER LOCATIONS.**

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**NOW USING YOUR NOTES AND ANSWERS, WRITE  
A SUMMARY OF 80 WORDS MAX.**

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# SUMMARY SAMPLES

## SUMMARY 1

CARNIVAL BEGAN IN ANCIENT EGYPT AND SPREAD THROUGH GREEK AND ROMAN INFLUENCE BEFORE BECOMING A CHRISTIAN TRADITION. IT REACHED DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD THROUGH COLONIZATION.

IN BRAZIL, IT FUSED WITH AFRICAN TRADITIONS, CREATING THE MOST FAMOUS CARNIVAL. TRINIDAD'S VERSION INCLUDES CALYPSO MUSIC, WHILE GOA CELEBRATES DUE TO PORTUGUESE INFLUENCE.

MARDI GRAS IN NEW ORLEANS SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTES TO ITS ECONOMY, AND QUEBEC HOSTS A MAJOR COLD-WEATHER CARNIVAL.

TODAY, CARNIVAL IS A GLOBAL EVENT, GENERATING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

## SUMMARY 2

CARNIVAL ORIGINATED IN EGYPT AND LATER SPREAD TO GREECE, ROME, AND CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS. IT EXPANDED WORLDWIDE THROUGH EUROPEAN COLONIZATION.

IN BRAZIL, AFRICAN AND EUROPEAN INFLUENCES CREATED ITS VIBRANT CARNIVAL, NOW A MAJOR TOURIST ATTRACTION. TRINIDAD'S CARNIVAL FEATURES CALYPSO MUSIC, WHILE GOA CELEBRATES DUE TO PORTUGUESE RULE.

MARDI GRAS BOOSTS NEW ORLEANS' ECONOMY, AND QUEBEC HOSTS ONE OF THE LARGEST COLD-WEATHER CARNIVALS.

TODAY, CARNIVAL IS AN INTERNATIONAL PHENOMENON, ATTRACTING MILLIONS OF REVELERS.

WELL DONE, YOU HAVE JUST MADE  
A MEDIATION ACTIVITY !