

20 Multiple choice questions

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What items have been placed in king cakes around the world?

- ☐ Coin, seed, miniature crown, stars, shells, or a baby doll
- ☐ Bean, nut, figure representing the Christ child, frogs, fish, porcelain pieces shaped like full moons, or the Christ child in swaddling clothes
- ☐ Stone, feather, miniature flag, leaves, animals, or a saint figure
- ☐ Button, acorn, tiny bell, clouds, insects, or a king figurine

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When does Mardi Gras take place?

- ☐ 30 days after Easter
- ☐ 40 days prior to Christmas
- ☐ 46 days prior to Easter
- ☐ 2 weeks before Lent Begins

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When is Fat Tuesday and Ash Wednesday?

- ☐ Fat Tuesday is the first day of Lent; Ash Wednesday is the day after Easter.
- ☐ Fat Tuesday is the day before Easter; Ash Wednesday is the start of spring.
- ☐ Fat Tuesday is Mardi Gras day and the last day before the 40 days of lent; Ash Wednesday is the day lent starts.
- ☐ Fat Tuesday is the last day of summer; Ash Wednesday is the beginning of autumn.

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Who started Mardi Gras in Mobile?

- ☐ Frenchman Nicholas Langlois
- ☐ Michael Kraft
- ☐ Joe Cain
- ☐ Cowbellion De Rankin Society

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What do float riders throw to the spectators in the crowd?

- ☐ Dust and lime
- ☐ Bon bons, dragees, and flour
- ☐ Beads, cups, moonpies, doubloons
- ☐ Inexpensive trinkets tossed from floats
Items that are purchased by a Krewe member to throw at a parade, can be beads, doubloon, cups, candy, toys, etc.

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What is the oldest continuous parading society and the last parade in Mardi Gras?

- ☐ Order of Revelry (founded in 1880, first parade in 1882)
- ☐ Order of Myths (founded in 1867, first parade in 1868)
- ☐ Knights of Harmony (founded in 1900, first parade in 1902)
- ☐ Society of Festivities (founded in 1850, first parade in 1852)

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the 40 day season that lasts from Mardi Gras Day to Easter Sunday. Began with the Catholic Church, it's a time of fasting and reflection

- ☐ Advent
- ☐ Fetter
- ☐ Lent
- ☐ Plait

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What religion celebrates Mardi Gras around the world?

- ☐ Eastern Orthodox
- ☐ Anglican
- ☐ Roman Catholic
- ☐ Jewish

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Describe the traditional King Cake.

- ☐ A round layered cake with chocolate frosting and nuts
- ☐ A square sponge cake with caramel glaze and sprinkles
- ☐ A triangular pastry with vanilla icing and fruit
- ☐ An oval shaped cinnamon dough cake, glazed with frosting, and sprinkled with colored sugar

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In what year do we have historical evidence of the first Mardi Gras in America?

- ☐ 1650
- ☐ 1720
- ☐ 1699
- ☐ 1755

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What other items are thrown during Mardi Gras?

- ☐ Frisbees, plastic cups, and doubloons
- ☐ Flags, banners, and musical instruments
- ☐ Confetti, paper streamers, and balloons
- ☐ Ribbons, flowers, and small toys

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What city celebrates the largest and most elaborate Mardi Gras celebration?

- ☐ Baltimore
- ☐ Chicago
- ☐ Detroit
- ☐ New Orleans

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Who dressed as a Chickasaw Indian Chief and paraded around Bienville Square in a coal cart after the Civil War?

- ☐ Joe Cain
- ☐ Mardi Gras
- ☐ Krewe
- ☐ Michael Kraft

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what substances were thrown by street rowdies that almost ended mardi gras?

- ☐ bienville and d'iberville
- ☐ dust and lime
- ☐ frisbees, plastic cups, and doubloons
- ☐ bon bons, dragees, and flour

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The first Mardi Gras was held in 1703 at 27 Mile Bluff and was moved with Mobile in 1711 to where Mobile stands today. The first parade wasn't until 1830, which was when Michael Kraft and a group of his friends broke into a hardware store and grabbed rakes, cow belles, and hoes to parade around the streets. They called themselves the Cowbellion de Rakin society. In 1857, Mobile shared Mardi Gras with New Orleans and New Orleans had their first parade. During the Civil War, they did not celebrate Mardi Gras as a sign of respect to the soldiers fighting in the Civil War, but in 1866 Joe Cain revived Mardi Gras by parading down the street as an Indian. Today Mardi Gras is a celebration of the beginning of the 40 days of Lent.

- ☐ Compared to NOLA, when did Mardi Gras in Mobile begin?
- ☐ Tell me about the history of Mardi Gras.
- ☐ French leaders sent by Louis XIV to govern in Louisiana, credited with bringing the first Mardi Gras to Louisiana in 1699.
- ☐ After the civil war Joe Cain revitalize Mardi Gras and began parading through the streets of Mobile

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Who founded the first masked parading society in America?

- ☐ Joe Cain
- ☐ Krewe
- ☐ Frenchman Nicholas Langlois
- ☐ Michael Kraft

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How is Mardi Gras associated with Christianity?

- ☐ Mardi Gras marks the beginning of the Easter season.
- ☐ Mardi Gras celebrates the birth of Christ and the start of Advent.
- ☐ Mardi Gras is a festival honoring saints and martyrs.
- ☐ Mardi Gras is the last time Christians can "let loose" before Lent and it leads up to the 40 days of Lent.

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The annual carnival celebration in Mobile Alabama, oldest carnival celebration in the united states.

- ☐ The 40 Day Season That Lasts From Mardi Gras Day To Easter Sunday. Began With The Catholic Church, It's A Time Of Fasting And Reflection
- ☐ Feast Of Annunciation
- ☐ Mardi Gras
- ☐ Easter

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Where does the word carnival come from?

- ☐ The Spanish word for feast of colors
- ☐ The Latin word for celebration of spring
- ☐ The Greek word for festival of harvest
- ☐ The Latin word for farewell to meat or flesh

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What was the first masked parading society in America?

- ☐ Michael Kraft
- ☐ Roman Catholic
- ☐ Church Street Cemetery (was at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Bayou La Batre, but was moved)
- ☐ Cowbellion de Rankin Society