

Cultural Treasure Hunt

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France

- Paris is the capital of France. (True)
- The Eiffel Tower was originally meant to be a temporary structure. (True)
- France is the most visited country in the world. (True)
- The official language of France is English. (False - It's French.)
- France is known as the "Hexagon" due to its shape. (True)
- The French Revolution began in 1789. (True)
- The currency of France is the Euro. (True)
- The Louvre Museum in Paris is the most visited museum in the world. (True)
- France shares a border with Portugal. (False)
- Mont Blanc, the highest mountain in Europe, is located in France. (True)
- The French flag consists of three vertical stripes of blue, white, and red. (True)
- The legal drinking age in France is 21. (False - It's 18.)
- France has won the FIFA World Cup twice. (True - in 1998 and 2018.)
- The Tour de France is a famous annual cycling race held in France. (True)
- The Seine River flows through Paris. (True)
- France was one of the founding members of the European Union. (True)
- French fries were invented in France. (False - They likely originated in Belgium.)
- The Mona Lisa painting is displayed in the Musée d'Orsay in Paris. (False - It's in the Louvre.)
- France has an official law restricting the use of English words in advertisements. (True)
- Bordeaux is famous for producing cheese. (False - It's famous for wine.)



Japan

- Kyoto was the capital of Japan before Tokyo. (True)
- Honshu is Japan's largest island and where important cities are located. (True)
- Removing shoes before entering a home is not common in Japan. (False - it is!)
- In Japan, it is considered polite to slurp noodles loudly. (True)
- Japan experiences frequent and severe earthquakes due to its location on the Pacific Ring of Fire. (True)
- The red circle in Japan's flag symbolizes the moon. (False - it represents the sun)
- Japan has a higher population density than the United States. (True)
- Japan has five islands and thus is an archipelago. (False - it has 14,125 islands)
- Japan is home to the world's oldest hotel, which has been operating since 718 AD. (True)
- It is common in Japan to exchange business cards called "meishi" during introductions. (True)
- In Japan, there are vending machines that dispense fresh eggs, hot meals, umbrellas, clothing, and even books. (True)
- The population of Japan at the turn of the 21st century was just under 100,000,000. (False)
- The most northerly of the four main islands is Hokkaido. (True)
- Japan has a warm wet climate in the south and a cold dry climate in the north. (True)
- The highest mountains in Japan are the Japanese Andes. (False - they are the Japanese Alps)
- Mount Fuji can be seen from Kyoto. (False - it can't)
- Japan has to import most of the raw materials needed for its industries. (True)
- Two-thirds of Japan is forested. (True)
- The sea to the west of Japan is known as the Sea of Japan. (True)
- Rice is Japan's most important crop. (True)

Australia

- Australia is both a country and a continent. (True)
- The koala is the national symbol of Australia. (False - it's the Kangaroo)
- Australia has a population of approximately 25 million people. (True)
- Australia is the only continent in the world with many active volcanoes. (False - it's the only one without.)
- Melbourne has the world's largest Greek population outside of Greece. (True)
- Australia has the world's longest fence. (True)
- The Great Barrier Reef is located off the coast of Queensland, Australia. (True)
- Australia is the first country in the world to see the sunrise. (False - Antarctica does.)
- Australia has 60 designated wine regions. (True)
- The capital city of Australia is Sydney. (False - it's Canberra)
- Australia has never had a female Prime Minister. (False - they had one in 2010.)
- Wombats have squarish poop. (True)
- Over 80% of people in Australia live within 10 km of the coast. (True)
- Australia has the highest rate of gambling in the world. (True)
- The Australian flag features the Union Jack and six stars. (True)
- Australia is home to the world's largest desert. (False - that's the Sahara)
- The emu and the kangaroo are featured on Australia's coat of arms. (True)
- Australia is divided into six states and two territories. (True)
- The Sydney Opera House is a UNESCO World Heritage site. (True)
- Australia is the driest inhabited continent on Earth. (True)



The United Kingdom

- The UK is made up of four countries. (True)
- The King of England lives in Big Ben. (False - it's a clock tower!)
- The British Museum is home to the Rosetta Stone. (True)
- Fish and chips is a traditional British dish. (True)
- The UK uses the Euro as its currency. (False - it's the Pound)
- Stonehenge is located in Scotland. (False - it's in England)
- Shakespeare was born in Stratford-upon-Avon. (True)
- The Beatles originated in London. (False - they're from Liverpool)
- The Union Jack is the UK's flag. (True)
- The UK had the longest reigning monarch in history. (True)
- The River Thames runs through London. (True)
- The UK is the smallest country in Europe. (False - it's pretty big!)
- Buckingham Palace has more than 700 rooms. (True)
- The UK legalized same-sex marriage in 2013. (True)
- English is the most spoken language in the UK. (True)
- Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland. (True)
- Tea is the most consumed beverage in the UK. (True)
- The UK hosted the first modern Olympic Games. (False - it was in Athens, Greece)
- The Tower of London is haunted. (Subjective; many believe it is)
- Wales is known as the "Land of Song." (True)

Mexico

- Mexico City is built on a lake. (True)
- Mexico's Independence Day is on May 5th. (False - it's on September 16th)
- The Aztecs were an ancient civilization in Mexico. (True)
- Mexico is the largest Spanish-speaking country in the world. (True)
- The national dish of Mexico is tacos. (False - it's actually Mole, a rich sauce)
- The Day of the Dead is celebrated in November. (True)
- Mexico has 31 states. (True)
- Chichen Itza is a Mayan ruin in Mexico. (True)
- Tequila is made from agave plants. (True)
- The Mexican flag has an eagle eating a snake. (True)
- Mexico shares a border with four countries. (False - it's only two)
- Mariachi music originated in Spain. (False - it comes from Mexico)
- Mexico is home to the world's smallest dog breed, the Chihuahua. (True)
- The Yucatán Peninsula is in Mexico. (True)
- Frida Kahlo was a famous Mexican artist. (True)
- Mexico's currency is the Peso. (True)
- Chocolate was first discovered in Mexico. (True)
- The official language of Mexico is Portuguese. (False)
- Acapulco is a famous beach city in Mexico. (True)
- Mexico hosted the FIFA World Cup twice. (True)



Germany

- Oktoberfest originated in Munich. (True)
- Berlin is the largest city in Germany. (True)
- Germany has more castles than any other country in the world. (True)
- German is the official language of five countries. (True)
- Beethoven was a famous German composer. (True)
- Germany is the largest producer of wine in Europe. (False - it's the 4th largest)
- The Autobahn has no speed limit in some areas. (True)
- Germany reunified in 1990. (True)
- The Black Forest inspired the Brothers Grimm fairy tales. (True)
- Currywurst is a traditional German dish. (True)
- Germany has the oldest national flag in Europe. (False - that's Denmark)
- Angela Merkel was Germany's first female Chancellor. (True)
- Adidas is a German brand. (True)
- The Danube River starts in Germany. (True)
- Cologne Cathedral took over 600 years to complete. (True)
- Germany has 16 federal states. (True)
- Volkswagen is the largest car manufacturer in Germany. (True)
- German was an official language of the US. (False - it came close though!)
- Germany is the largest economy in Europe. (True)
- Pretzels were invented in Germany. (True)

India

- India is the second most populous country in the world. (True)
- The Taj Mahal is located in New Delhi. (False - it's in Akra)
- India is known as the "Land of Spices." (True)
- Hindi is one of the official languages of India. (True)
- The Indian flag has a wheel in the center called the Ashoka Chakra. (True)
- Bollywood is the largest film industry in India. (True)
- The Ganges is one of the longest rivers in India. (True)
- India gained independence from Britain in 1951. (False - 1947)
- Mahatma Gandhi was a leader of India's independence movement. (True)
- Field hockey is considered the national sport of India. (False)
- The Himalayas are located in northern India. (True)
- Yoga originated in India. (True)
- The Indian currency is the Yen. (False - it's the Rupee)
- India is the world's largest democracy. (True)
- The Thar Desert is located in India. (True)
- Diwali is a major festival celebrated in India. (True)
- India shares a border with China. (True)
- The capital of India is Mumbai. (False - it's New Delhi)
- India is one of the largest producers of tea in the world. (True)
- The Lotus Temple is a famous monument in India. (True)

Egypt

- The Great Pyramid of Giza is one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. (True)
- The Nile River is the shortest river in the world. (False - it's the longest!)
- Cleopatra was the last ruler of Ancient Egypt. (True)
- Egypt is located in both Africa and Asia. (True)
- The Sphinx of Giza has a lion's body and a human head. (True)
- Arabic is the official language of Egypt. (True)
- Egypt has more pyramids than any other country. (True)
- The capital of Egypt is Cairo. (True)
- The Rosetta Stone was discovered in Egypt. (True)
- Egypt has no deserts. (False - it's mostly desert!)
- Ancient Egyptians believed in over 2,000 gods and goddesses. (True)
- The currency of Egypt is the Egyptian Pound. (True)
- King Tutankhamun's tomb was discovered in 1922. (True)
- The Red Sea lies to the west of Egypt. (False - it lies East.)
- Egypt's flag features a golden eagle. (True)
- Mount Sinai is a sacred site in Egypt. (True)
- Ancient Egyptians were the first to invent paper from papyrus. (True)
- The Library of Alexandria was located in modern-day Cairo. (False - Alexandria was a separate city.)
- Egypt has hosted the Olympic Games. (False - it never has.)
- The Sahara Desert covers much of Egypt. (True)

United States

- The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France. (True)
- Washington, D.C. is the largest city in the US. (False - New York City)
- The US is the third-largest country in the world by land area. (True)
- Mount Rushmore features the faces of five presidents. (False - it has 4)
- Hawaii was the last state to join the US. (True)
- The US has more national parks than any other country. (True)
- The Grand Canyon is located in Arizona. (True)
- The first moon landing was in 1969 by the US. (True)
- The bald eagle is the national bird of the US. (True)
- The US is the world's largest producer of coffee. (False - that's Brazil.)
- The capital of California is Los Angeles. (False - it's Sacramento.)
- Yellowstone is the oldest national park in the world. (True)
- English is the official language of the US. (False - it doesn't have one!)
- The Wright brothers invented the airplane in North Carolina. (True)
- Alaska is the largest state in the US by area. (True)
- The US has 50 states. (True)
- The US hosted the first modern Olympics. (False - it was in Athens, Greece.)
- The Mississippi River is the longest river in the US. (False - it's the Missouri.)
- The White House is located in New York. (False - it's in Washington, D.C.)
- The US has the world's largest economy. (True)



Brazil

- Brazil is the largest country in South America. (True)
- The Amazon River is the largest river in the world by volume. (True)
- Brazil has the largest rainforest in the world, the Amazon Rainforest. (True)
- The official language of Brazil is Portuguese. (True)
- Rio de Janeiro is famous for its carnival celebration. (True)
- The capital of Brazil is Rio de Janeiro. (False - it's Brasília)
- Brazil is home to the world's largest coffee industry. (True)
- The Christ the Redeemer statue is located in Rio de Janeiro. (True)
- The Pantanal is the world's largest tropical wetland area, located in Brazil. (True)
- Brazil has won the FIFA World Cup four times. (False - it's won it 5 times!)
- Brazil is the only country to have appeared in every World Cup tournament. (True)
- The national dish of Brazil is feijoada, a stew made with beans and pork. (True)
- Brazil is home to many indigenous tribes with their own unique languages. (True)
- The Iguazu Falls, located on the border with Argentina, is one of the largest waterfall systems in the world. (True)
- Samba music and dance did not come from Brazil. (False - it did!)
- The Amazon Rainforest produces 20% of the world's oxygen. (False - it's between 6-10%.)
- Carnival is celebrated in cities across Brazil, with the most famous in Rio de Janeiro. (True)
- Brazil is a major producer of soybeans, sugar, and beef. (True)
- São Paulo is the largest city in Brazil. (True)
- Brazil has the world's largest number of species of monkeys. (True)