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Country Quiz

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

In this series of quizzes, posted every so often, we test your knowledge of world countries. This week, it's **FRANCE**.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may "buzz" in and answer.
4. Scoring: Give 10 points for each correct answer.

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QUESTIONS

1. What is the capital of France?
2. Can you name two of the top five largest cities, by population, in France (not including Paris)?
3. What two bodies of water border France on the east and the west?
4. How many of the eight countries that share a land border with France can you name?
5. Can you name two of the four longest rivers in France?
6. France has a number of overseas territories located in several parts of the world. Can you name two of the four Caribbean Islands that are represented in the French Parliament?
7. Charles de Gaulle was President of France from 1959 to 1969. There have been seven presidents since de Gaulle. How many can you name?
8. The ancient Greeks founded a colony in France that is represented today by the city of Marseille, making it the oldest city in France. Later, France was brought under Roman control by Julius Caesar. By what name was the region known during these ancient times?
9. In the middle of the 14th century, this was the key cause for the decrease of the population of France from 17 million to roughly half that number.
10. The French monarchy reached its peak during the seventy-two-year-long reign in the 17th century of Louis XIV, who built the spectacular Palace of Versailles. After he moved his court to Versailles, Louis XIV gave his former Paris palace to the public for use as this art museum.
11. The Louisiana Purchase, which nearly doubled the size of the United States, was sold by French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte to this US president in 1803.
12. Do you know the three-word motto of France?
13. What is the name of Europe's most popular theme park, which was opened in 1992 and is located in a suburb of Paris?
14. Can you name one of the three current major automobile manufacturers in France?

15. This architectural symbol of France was built in 1889 as the dramatic entrance arch to the 1889 World's Fair.
16. Two French brothers, Auguste and Louis Lumière, not only pioneered many important moving picture technologies, but are also considered the earliest filmmakers in history. One of them lived long enough to see the 1946 debut of this film festival, which is widely considered to be the most prestigious and influential film festival in the world.
17. The words "France" and "fashion" go hand in hand. Famous names in *haute couture* (high fashion) include Chanel, Dior, and Givenchy. But it was Yves Saint Laurent who broke with the elitist fashion establishment by launching a more affordable *prêt-à-porter* (pronounced "prêt-ah-portay") line in the 1960s. What does *prêt-à-porter* mean in English?
18. This painter of works such as *Waterlilies* and *Haystacks* was the founder of the Impressionist art movement in the late 19th century.
19. One of France's most famous authors, he wrote the classics *Les Misérables* and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.
20. The works of this Paris-born sculptor include *The Kiss* (1889) and *The Thinker* (1902).
21. Born in Nantes in 1828, he pioneered the genre of science fiction. Many of his books, including *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* and *Around the World in Eighty Days*, are still popular today.

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ANSWERS

1. Paris
2. Marseilles (795,000); Lyon (472,000); Toulouse (433,000); Nice (339,000); Nantes (277,000)
3. The Mediterranean Sea (east) and the Atlantic Ocean (west). (*The English Channel (west) would also be an acceptable answer.*)
4. Andorra, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, Spain, Switzerland
5. The Loire (630 miles); the Rhone (504 miles); the Seine (482 miles); the Garonne (357 miles)
6. Guadeloupe, Martinique, Saint Barthélemy (St. Barts), and St. Martin
7. Georges Pompidou (1969-1974); Valéry Giscard d'Estaing (1974-1981); François Mitterrand (1981-1995); Jacques Chirac (1995-2007); Nicolas Sarkozy (2007-2012); François Hollande (2012- 2017); Emmanuel Macron (2017 -)
8. Gaul
9. The Black Death (or Bubonic Plague)
10. The Louvre, which is the most visited art museum in the world today
11. Thomas Jefferson
12. *Liberté, égalité, fraternité* (Liberty, Equality, Fraternity)
13. Disneyland Paris (formerly called Euro Disney)
14. Citroën, Peugeot, Renault
15. The Eiffel Tower
16. The Cannes International Film Festival
17. Ready-to-wear
18. Claude Monet
19. Victor Hugo
20. Auguste Rodin
21. Jules Verne