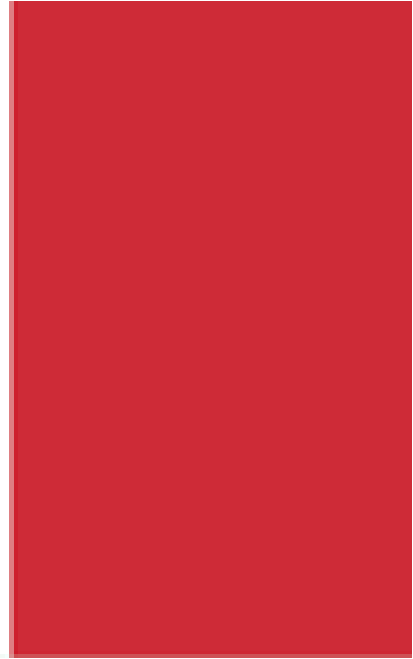
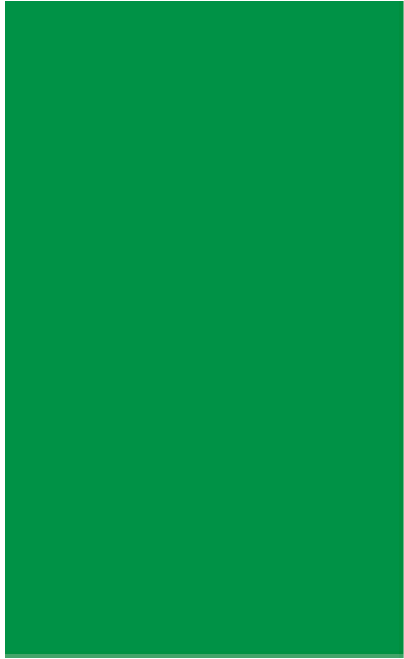




- Italy is the only country in mainland Europe with active volcanoes: Mount Etna, Stromboli, and Vesuvius.
- The piano was invented in Italy by Bartolomeo Cristofori in 1700.
- Italy leads the world with over 60 UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- In Italy, politics can often be exciting and noisy. Crowds gather in the streets to protest government policies or to show support for their party.
- Houses the world largest amphitheatres the Coliseum

Question

What Italian landmark was built between 72–80 A.D by Emperors Vespasian and Titus and is the world largest amphitheatre?



- The country is renowned for its complex network of canals, dykes, and pumping stations to manage water.
- About 50% of the land is just one metre above sea level, and 60% of the population lives five metres below sea level.
- The Netherlands has the highest English proficiency in the world for non-native speakers.
- Holland is where Anne Frank, her family, and four others hid from the Nazis from 1942 to 1944
- Despite its small size, it is the world's second-largest exporter of food and agricultural products by value.
- The Dutch invented the first stock market, as well as the telescope, microscope, and Bluetooth technology.

Question

What is the name of the house in Holland that a woman used to hide in from the Nazis?



- Of the 6,000+ islands, only about 227 are inhabited.
- Greek is one of the oldest recorded languages in Europe, with a documented history spanning over 3,400 years.
- The Parthenon was originally quite colorful.
- Athens developed the first democratic system in the 5th century BC, laying the foundations for modern governance.
- The official name of Greece is the Hellenic Republic
- 6.80% of Greece is made up of mountains.
- Greece houses the parthenon, an ancient Greek temple on the Athenian Acropolis, dedicated to the goddess Athena and built between 447–432 BC

Question

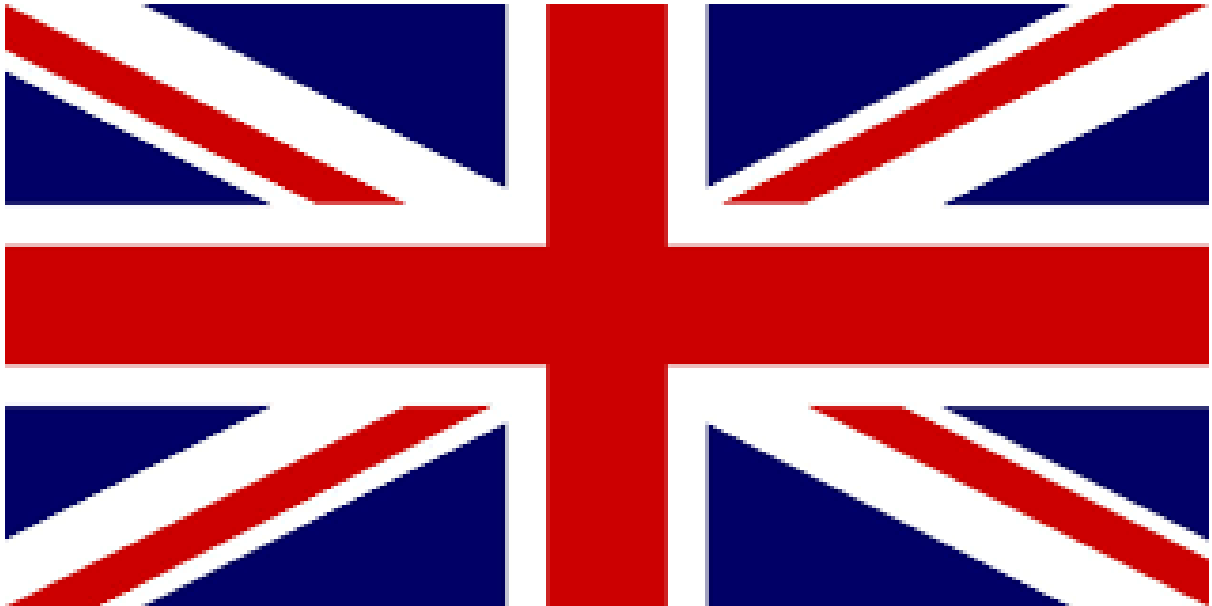
What structure dedicated to the goddess athena was originally colourful?



- Traditionally, Albanians nod for no and shake their head
- The smallest Balkan city
- Contains a fortress overlooking the town of Berat
- Albania was famously reclusive from the outside world until 1991
- A famous landmark in Albania is Berat Castle The name "Berat" is derived from the Slavic "Beligrad" or "White City"
- Albania is known for remarkable religious tolerance between Muslims and Christians
- 70 percent of the country is covered in mountains
- Mother Teresa is considered a national heroine

Question

What castle in Albanie means white city?



- The UK consists of England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.
- Residents drink approximately 100 million cups of tea every day.
- The London Underground is the world's oldest underground railway, opening in 1863.
- The UK is credited with the invention of the World Wide Web, the jet engine, and the television
- Wales has the most castles per square mile in Europe
- Stonehenge is a prehistoric monument on Salisbury Plain in England, built in several stages between 3000 BC and 1500 BC.

Question

What structure in The UK was built on Salisbury plain between 300 and 1500bc?



- Buda castles original construction was in the 13th century
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- Budapest it is known as the land of the spas it has 1000 springs
- Buda castle was occupied by the Ottoman Turks for over 150 years, starting in 1541, who left the building in ruins.
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- The state was founded in 1000 AD but was significantly reduced in size by the 1920 treaty of Trianon
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- Budapest is known for its rich history, unique language and thermal spas
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- They were a central power in WW1

Question

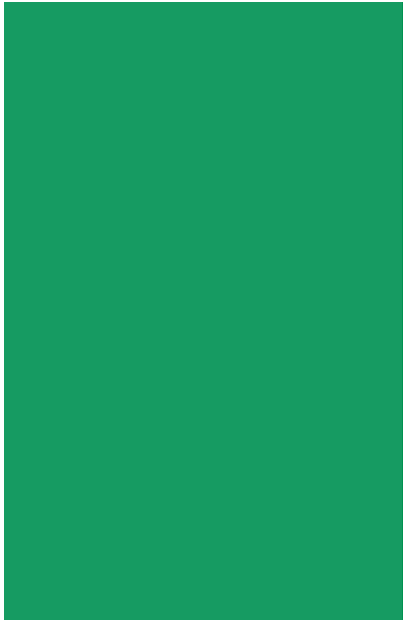
What castle in Budapest was occupied by the Ottoman Turks for over 150 years and then left in ruins?



- The Eiffel Tower that stands to 130 metres high and is now used as a giant radio antenna
- The Eiffel Tower was built in a record time of 2 years, 2 months and 5 days. (1887-1889)
- Forest covers over 25% of the country
- Its longest river is 1006 km long
- The average person consumes 40 litres of wine

Question

What tourist attraction, in the heart of Paris, is made of iron and is 130 metres high?



- The island is split into the Republic of Ireland (independent, Euro currency) and Northern Ireland (part of the UK).
- One of the oldest lighthouses in the world is located in Wexford
- Halloween originated from the ancient Celtic festival of *Samhain*, celebrated on October 31st.
- Home of the stunning 14 km long cliffs of moher that rise to 214 metres
- Scientists found that all modern polar bears share a maternal ancestor with ancient Irish brown bears.
- Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way is the longest coastal driving route in the world

Question

What cliffs in Ireland are 14 km long and 214 metres high and are situated on the west coast of Ireland?



- **Austria is known for skiing culture, coffee houses, and it is the birthplace of the Red Bull energy drink.**
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- **Vienna is the capital and largest city of Austria, known for its high quality of life.**
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- **The official language in Austria is German. The population is predominantly Christian, with 55.2% Catholic.**
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- **The Austrian flag is one of the oldest national symbols in the world, in use since 1230.**
- **Austria is the home of the largest waterfall and the second largest river in Europe.**
- **Schonbrunn palace is a 1441 room masterpiece. The name schonbrunn means beautiful spring**

Question

What palace in Austria has 1441 rooms and means beautiful spring?



- Germany has over 6,500 museums, 8,800 libraries, and 130 professional orchestras.
- Fanta was created in Germany during WWII due to restrictions on importing Coca-Cola syrup.
- The country is home to brands like Volkswagen, BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Adidas, and Lidl.
- It is the largest economy in Europe and a founding member of the European Union.
- Home to the Brandenburg Gate, which was inspired by the Propylaea; the monumental gateway to the Acropolis. The gate stands at 6.5 metres wide
- Germany borders nine countries, including Denmark, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, Switzerland, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, and the Netherlands.

Question

What gate in Germany was inspired by Greek design and is 6.5 metres wide?



- Portugal is the westernmost point of mainland Europe. It has over 300 days of sunshine a year and includes the Atlantic islands of the Azores and Madeira.
- Portugal produces roughly 50% of the world's cork.
- Established in 1139, Portugal has had the same defined borders for nearly 900 years.
- Nazaré is home to the largest surfed waves, sometimes reaching 100 feet.



Located on the Baltic Sea, bordering Latvia, Belarus, Poland, and Russia (Kaliningrad). It is characterized by forests, covering over 33% of the land

In the 14th century, it was the largest country in Europe. It was the first Soviet republic to declare independence in 1990.

Lithuanian is considered the oldest surviving Indo-European language in the world.

Lithuania is the only country in the world with its own official, national scent.



- Known for having the world's first known temple from 9600 BC.
- One city spans two continents.
- Allegedly, Santa Claus was born here.
- World's largest hazelnut producer- makes up about 75% .
- Birthplace of the first coins.



- The flag is one of the oldest in the world.
- They invented jeans.
- You can voluntarily spend the night in prison.
- More than half of the country is covered in forest.
- It boasts the finest Art Nouveau architecture in the world.



- The country is a world leader in digital services, offering i-voting, digital signatures, and e-residency for foreigners.
- Over 50% of the country is covered in forest, with a significant amount of marshy wetlands.
- There are over 1,500 islands and 1,400 lakes.
- Estonians invented *kiiking*, a sport involving a swing that allows for a 360-degree revolution.
- Estonia regained independence from the Soviet Union in 1991 and is now a member of the EU and NATO.



- Romania is home to the largest population of brown bears in Europe
- Romania was formed in 1862 and was under communist rule from 1948 until 1989
- The national animal of Romania is the Eurasian lynx



The most significant work in Finnish literature inspired J. R. R. Tolkien

Finland has been part of both Russia and Sweden

Finland invented the SMS

Sanna Marin became prime minister in 2019, and the Finnish cabinet features a majority of women, most of whom are under 35!

Finland has the highest coffee consumption per capita in the world.