

Tea Time Trivia



Select the best answer for each of the following questions.

1. According to legend, tea was first discovered by whom?
a. by Tutankhamun, Pharaoh of Egypt c. by Charles Grey, Earl of Bergamot
b. by Shennong, Emperor of China d. by Fiacre, patron saint of medicinal herbs
2. Herbal, spice, and floral "teas" are more accurately known as tisanes, infusions, and decoctions. All *true* teas come from the plant *Camellia sinensis*. They include black, green, white, and all but which of the following?
a. yellow b. Chamomile c. Oolong d. Pu-erh
3. In 1773, a group of American patriots dressed as Native Americans threw 342 chests of tea into the Boston Harbor. Why?
a. to protest the poor quality of tea c. to protest the British tea tax
b. to celebrate God's bountiful blessings d. to counteract an algae bloom in the bay
4. American Thomas Sullivan invented the tea bag in 1908. Of what were those original tea bags made?
a. rice paper b. cotton muslin c. waxed parchment d. hand-sewn silk
5. In 1930, William McKerchor introduced the CTC manufacturing method, which made tea more affordable by speeding up the production process. What does CTC refer to?
a. Crush, Tear, Curl c. Cold Tea Compress
b. Controlled Toasting Conveyer d. Cut, Trim, Crate
6. Tea is the second most consumed beverage on earth. What's the first?
a. milk b. beer c. Coca Cola d. water
7. China is the top tea growing country by weight. What is the top tea exporting country by value?
a. United Kingdom b. India c. Kenya d. Sri Lanka
8. On average, US citizens use ½ lb. of tea annually as opposed to the 7 lbs. of tea a year consumed by natives of the country with the highest per capita consumption rate:
a. Turkey b. United Kingdom c. Morocco d. Russia
9. In Morocco, it is customary to offer guests at least three cups of tea per visit. What do these three cups symbolize?
a. life, love, and death c. eating, drinking, and merrymaking
b. laughter, luxury, and longevity d. sun, moon, and stars
10. In Tibet, black tea is traditionally served with what mixed into it?
a. cinnamon and sugar c. turmeric and lemon
b. yak butter and salt d. sweetened condensed milk
11. Pu-erh tea is grown in the Yunnan province of China and sold in brick-like cakes. Ounce for ounce, some pu-erh is even more expensive than gold. Why?
a. it's wrapped in 14-ct gold foil c. aging/fermenting process takes so long
b. its scarcity drives the price up d. all of the above

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Answer Key: Read on to see the solutions to this little quiz:



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