

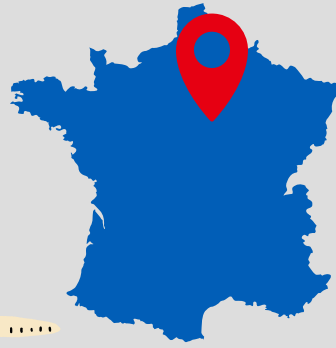


Tour Eiffel was created as an entry to a competition only to be kept for 20 years. It still stands as the most visited ticketed attraction in the world. At the time of its construction, it was the tallest structure in the world!
Locals call the monument **'la Dame de Fer' (The Iron Lady)**.

Its official name, **Arc de Triomphe de l'Étoile** translates to **Triumphal Arch of the Star**. It honours those who fought during the French Revolution and Napoleonic Wars. In 1919 Charles Godefroy flew a plane through the arch to honour those who fought in WW1.



PARIS



Paris is nicknamed **La Ville Lumière (the city of light)** for its early use of street lighting. Oil lanterns in streets were introduced in 1667 to help improve safety in the city following the Fronde Civil War and Franco-Spanish War. The city walls were also removed as further proof that the city was safe.



The Seine runs through Paris, this section of the river is called the **'Traversée de Paris'** (the Paris waterway).

The 1900 Paris Summer Olympics held the rowing, swimming and water-polo events in its waters. The 1924 Paris Summer Olympics held the rowing, swimming and water polo events in its waters.



Musée du Louvre is located within the Palais du Louvre. The museum opened in 1793 as part of the revolutionary effort to share the possessions of the king, who stored artefacts here.

FUN FACTS

The Eiffel Tower has 1,665 stairs to the top - at 330 metres, that's a lot of walking!

Parisians love their dogs - for every 1 dog in Paris, there are 7 People.

During Napoleon's rule, the Louvre was renamed **'Musée Napoleon'**.

Fashion is a huge part of Parisian culture as it is a Fashion Capital of the World, particularly for **haute couture** (high dressmaking). Paris has many Fashion Weeks, held throughout the year.



The **Sacré-Cœur Basilica** is a Roman Catholic church dedicated to the sacred heart of Jesus, a key Catholic dedication. It is built with a stone that glows white particularly in rain!



Bastille Day, known in France, as **Fête Nationale Française**, commemorates French independence and the anniversary of the day the Bastille was besieged by revolutionaries.

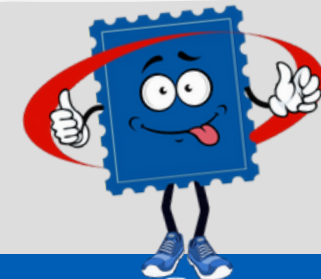


The military parade that takes place on this day has happened every year since 1880.

The **Notre-Dame de Paris** translates to 'Our Lady of Paris' and is dedicated to the Virgin Mary. It was partially destroyed in a catastrophic fire in 2019. Victor Hugo's novel **Notre-Dame de Paris** (The Hunchback of Notre Dame) helped to save the building when it was close to demolition in the 1830s.



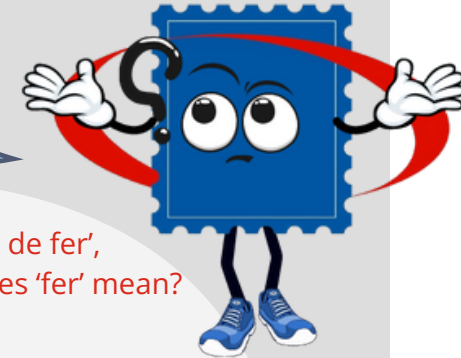
The French Revolution concerns the years of unrest over the mistreatment of the poor that led to the independence of France from being ruled by Kings and Queens. Monarchs and many nobles were executed using the guillotine at the **Place de la Concorde**. The site was chosen because it was the place where the previous King's statue stood.



QUESTIONS

PARIS

Test your knowledge
and answer these
questions!



1. What is the most visited ticketed attraction in the world (found in Paris)?

2. Why was the Musée du Louvre originally opened?

3. Translate 'sacré-cœur'

4. Name 2 reasons why French revolution may have occurred.

5. What day is Bastille day celebrated in France?

6. To locals, the Eiffel Tower is called, 'la dame de fer', which translates as 'the Iron Lady'. What does 'fer' mean?

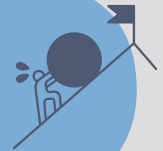
7. What do french locals mean when they say, 'traversée de paris'?

8. Which 2 things happened in 1667 in Paris to demonstrate its safety?

9. Why did revolutionaries choose the Place de Concorde to execute the King and Queen during the Revolution?

CHALLENGE TASK:

Write a short letter to your friend describing why they should visit Paris.



ANSWERS

PARIS



1. What is the most visited ticketed attraction in the world (found in Paris)?

Eiffel Tower (1 Mark)

2. Why was the Musée du Louvre originally opened?

To share the possessions of the King (1 Mark)

3. Translate 'sacré-cœur'

Sacred Heart (1 Mark)

4. Name 2 reasons why French revolution may have occurred.

Mistreatment of the poor, they didn't want to be ruled by Kings and Queens OR any other appropriate answers. (1 Mark each - 2 total)

5. What day is Bastille day celebrated in France?

14 July (1 mark)

6. To locals, the Eiffel Tower is called, 'la dame de fer', which translates as 'the Iron Lady'. What does 'fer' mean?

Iron (1 mark)

7. What do french locals mean when they say, 'traversée de paris'?

The Paris Waterway (1 mark)

8. What 2 things happened in 1667 in Paris to demonstrate its safety?

The city walls were destroyed (1 mark)

9. Why did revolutionaries choose the Place de Concorde to execute the King and Queen during the Revolution?

It was the place where King Louis XV's statue stood. (1 mark)