

Quiz 2018

1. Established in 1987 and superseding Maison de la France in 2009, Atout France aids the development of what industry, in which France has long been a world leader?
2. In which classic 1955 Hollywood movie set in Cannes did young French actress Brigitte Auber play Danielle Foussard, the teenage cat burglar referred to in the film's title?
3. Known as 'LG' for short what traditionally enormous book compiled by Prosper Montagné and first published in 1938, is widely regarded as the reference bible of French cuisine?
4. What town on the north coast of Brittany is famous for its twin towered cathedral named, like the town itself, after a 6th century Welsh bishop and Saint known as Paul Aurelian?
5. What is the name of the highly successful Brittany-based computer software company whose Assassin's Creed series of games has sold over 100 million copies worldwide?
6. The Grands Causses are harsh uplands with spectacular deep river gorges in the southern Massif Central, that owe their appearance to what type of rock?
7. What is the British equivalent of what in France are called Jeanettes? Typically they are female and between 8 and 12 years of age?
8. How are Philaminte, Armande and Belise, three ladies dedicated to the pursuit of learning, collectively characterised in the French title of a 1672 satirical play by Molière?
9. Which company long associated with Art Nouveau glassware - including perfume bottles for many different brands – started producing its own fragrances in 1994?
10. What name, from the portrait on the obverse side, originally applied to French 20-franc gold coins first minted in 1803, which remained in circulation throughout the 19th century?
11. After Louis, what is the second most common name of the kings of France? There were ten of them between the 8th century and 1830.
12. Which thoroughfare named for a certain category of 19th century visitor, stretches seven kilometres from Nice Côte d'Azur airport to the Quai des Etats-Unis within the city of Nice itself?
13. What kind of insect, a traditional symbol of resurrection and immortality, appeared on French flags and emblems of the First (1851-71) Empires?
14. What small Wisconsin city on the shore of Lake Michigan, actually takes its literary-sounding French name from the fact that it stands near the mouth of the Root River?
15. Cauchois, Cotentinais and Guernésiais are three of the more thriving varieties of what French Language dialect, which dates back over 1,000 years?
16. Which Englishman born 315 years earlier was, in 1957, the only Briton (so far!) to be commemorated on a French postage stamp?
17. A garish shade of which primary colour is most associated with – and named after French jukoda and exponent of minimalist art Yves Klein, who died in 1962 at the early age of 34
18. Commonly known in France by the acronym 'le SMIC', what stands, as of August 2017, at a rate of 9.76 euros per hour?
19. What word for 'flying fish' was given to the type of French-built anti-shiping missile used by the Argentinians to sink HMS Sheffield in May 1982, during the Falklands conflict?
20. A statue representing which city, one of eight in the Place de la Concorde, was traditionally kept covered by a black cloth on French state occasions between 1870 and 1918?