



ANSWERS

parades	A traditional way of celebrating Mardi Gras
throws	Inspired by Renaissance festivals that took place before Lent, where people would throw things into the air to celebrate the coming fast
beads	Traditionally in the colors of purple, green, and gold, they represent justice, faith, and power.
purple, green, and gold	The colors of Mardi Gras. Purple means justice, green means faith and gold means power.
masks	Because masks hide a person's identity, wearing masks let people of all social classes mingle freely together.
fleur de lis	French for "lily flower." Symbolizes the Virgin Mary, the Holy Trinity, and other saints
king cake	A circular cake with a hole in the middle. There is a baby baked into the cake that represents the baby Jesus.