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What is Mardi Gras?

Reading Comprehension Questions Answers

1. Mardi Gras is celebrated on the day before Ash Wednesday, usually in late February or early March.
2. It's called "Fat Tuesday" because it was traditionally a day when people would eat lots of rich, fatty foods before the start of Lent, a period of fasting and prayer.
3. The official colors of Mardi Gras represent justice (purple), faith (green), and power (gold).
4. "Krewes" are groups that organize the parades during Mardi Gras.
5. The King Cake is a special cake enjoyed during Mardi Gras. Inside every King Cake is a tiny baby figure, and whoever finds the baby in their piece of cake is said to have good luck and is responsible for buying the King Cake the next year.



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