

chocolate trivia (test your knowledge!)

Who first discovered the value of the cocoa plant?

- a) Aztecs
- b) Mayans
- c) Incas
- d) a&b
- e) b&c
- f) a&c
- g) a,b&c

Where, when, and by whom were the earliest cocoa plantations established?

- a) 1200 a.d., Yucatan, Mayans
- b) 1200 a.d., Yucatan, Aztecs
- c) 600 a.d., Yucatan, Mayans
- d) 600 a.d., Yucatan, Aztecs

What is the name of the drink made by the Mayans from cocoa beans?

- a) xocoatl
- b) chocoatl
- c) xaptxa

Chocolate has not only historically been enjoyed for its flavor, but also for what purpose?

- a) medicinally
- b) as currency
- c) as an offering to the gods
- d) a&b
- e) b&c
- f) a,b&c

When was chocolate introduced into the United States?

- a) 1645
- b) 1765
- c) 1771

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By 1810, which country was producing half of the world's requirements for cocoa?

- a) Venezuela
- b) Brazil
- c) Colombia

By 1810, which country was consuming one-third of the cocoa being produced in the world?

- a) United States
- b) France
- c) Spain

In 1875, Thomas Jefferson wrote to whom, making a declaration about chocolate's superiority over tea or coffee for both health and nourishment?

- a) Ben Franklin
- b) George Washington
- c) James Madison
- d) John Adams

Why is lecithin used in making chocolates?

- a) reduce the viscosity of chocolate
- b) lessen the amount of cocoa butter required in the manufacturing process
- c) all of the above

true or false?

- ___ One plain milk chocolate candy bar has more protein than a banana.
- ___ Chocolate contains a limited quantity of salt.
- ___ American and Russian space flights have always included chocolate.
- ___ Venezuela was the site of the first cocoa plantations.
- ___ The first chocolate box was introduced by Cadbury.
- ___ Great chocolate makers choose their beans in the same way as a wine-maker chooses his or her grape varieties.
- ___ Africa is now the world's leading producer of cacao.
- ___ Ghana is a leading producer country.
- ___ The Aztecs used to prepare a drink for the gods made up of ground cocoa bean paste mixed with spices and corn.
- ___ The fruits of the cacao tree, which take the form of pods, are very colorful - from bright red to lemon yellow.

