Investigation: Famous Places in France

Go to www.euroclub-schools.org. Enter the French Zone. Click on Famous Places in France. By clicking on the headings and reading through the various web pages, can you find the answers to the following questions?

1. Write the name of the Eiffel Tower in French.
   Who is the man after which the tower is named?
   Why was the tower constructed?

2. What kind of structure is le Pont du Gard?
   What is le castellum?

3. Name the boy who organised the building of the bridge of Avignon.
   How many arches of the bridge still stand?
   The bridge was constructed to span which river?

4. Which saint is associated with Lourdes?
   Name the town’s famous grotto.
   Why is the grotto so famous?

5. What does the name ‘Moulin Rouge’ actually mean?
   Which artist portrayed scenes at le Moulin Rouge?
   Le Moulin Rouge is situated in which area of Paris?

6. Le Musée du Louvre is a famous art gallery and museum in Paris. At which métro train station should you stop if visiting the museum?
   Name the famous painting by Leonardo da Vinci that is kept there.
   Which construction was added to the museum in 1989?

7. Corsica is a large French island. Where is it situated?
   Write ‘Corsica’ in French.
   Write Corsica’s nickname in English and in French.

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8. The royal palace *le Château de Versailles* began as which kind of building?
   - What is the French name for the *Hall of Mirrors*?
   - What is the name of the separate royal villa within the palace grounds?
   - Which queen spent a lot of time in the villa?

9. *L’Arc de Triomphe* is a monument that stands in which place in Paris?
   - What will you find beneath the monument?
   - Who designed the arch?

10. In which area of France is *le Mont-Saint-Michel* situated?
    - Which bishop was commanded by St. Michael to build a church on the mount's summit?
    - According to a legend, what happened to the bishop’s skull?

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**Le Grand Défi – The Big Challenge**

a. Which two buildings in Paris were opened in the year 1889?

b. Which place in France has a smaller replica in England?

c. The nickname *la Dame de Fer* refers to which building?

d. When a place is labelled with the words *le Patrimoine Mondial*, what does this mean?

e. What is *le Gave de Pau*?

f. Which flag portrays a person wearing a white bandana?

g. What is *la Fontaine d'Eure*?

h. Which building stands in an area called *le Champ-de-Mars*?

i. Which place was originally called *le Mont Tombe*?

j. Which construction also has a little chapel dedicated to St. Nicholas?

k. The French King, Louis XIV, created which building?

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