

Famous Landmarks



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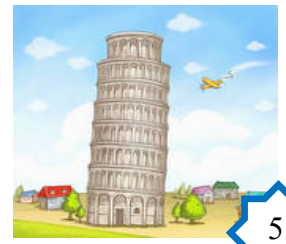
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1-Can you name the famous landmarks and say the country where they are located?

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Aproveitando o assunto de landmarks, vamos ler uma notícia sobre a derrubada de uma estátua de um rei belga, durante os protestos antirracistas que aconteceram em diversas partes do mundo nas últimas semanas. Leia o texto e marque as alternativas Verdadeiras ou Falsas.

Statue of Belgian King taken down after protests

12th June, 2020



A statue of a former Belgian king was covered in paint and then pulled down by anti-racism protestors. The statue was of King Leopold II, who was King of the Belgians from 1865 to 1909. He was also ruler of the Congo Free State in Africa from 1885 to 1908. A statue of him in the Belgian city of Antwerp was attacked by protestors over the weekend. It was removed from its pedestal on Tuesday. Hundreds of protestors cheered as the statue came down. City officials say they will probably put the statue in a city museum. A city official said: "The square where the statue stood will be redesigned in 2023. There will be no room for it there afterwards. It will remain part of the museum's collection."

Over 64,000 people signed an online petition against the memory of Leopold on Tuesday. They want more people to know about what he did in the Congo. Historians say he was responsible for the deaths of more than 10 million Congolese people during his 23-year reign. A newspaper said these deaths led to the first use of the term, "crime against humanity". The petition said: "In the space of 23 years, this man killed more than 10 million Congolese without ever having set foot in the Congo." He made a huge personal fortune from the rubber plantations he owned. Another petition was signed by 8,000 people. They believe he was not a "slave king" and that the people who ran the Congo led to the millions of deaths.

Sources: dw.com / aljazeera.com / okayafrica.com

True / False

- a) Someone put paint over a statue of a former king of Belgium. T / F
- b) King Leopold II ruled Belgium in the 19th and 20th centuries. T / F
- c) Many people booed when the statue of King Leopold II came down. T / F
- d) The statue will probably be put in a museum. T / F
- e) Over half a million people signed an online petition. T / F
- f) Historians say King Leopold II was responsible for 10 million deaths. T / F
- g) King Leopold II only visited the Congo once. T / F
- h) King Leopold II made a lot of money from rubber plantations. T / F

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Atividade 1

- 1 Big Ben - England
- 2 The Golden gate bridge – The United States
- 3 Taj Mahal - India
- 4 Christ the redeemer - Brazil
- 5 The leaning tower of Pisa - Italy
- 6 The Arc de Triomphe - France
- 7 The blue mosque - Turkey
- 8 The Sphinx - Egypt
- 9 The Pyramids - Egypt
- 10 The Opera House - Australia
- 11 The Statue of Liberty – The United States
- 12 Tower Bridge - England
- 13 The Eiffel tower - France
- 14 The Great Wall – China

Atividade 2

a)T b)T c)F d)T e)F f)T g)F h)T