



A Really "Sweet" Webquest!

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1. Marshmallows date back to 2000 BC and were first enjoyed by which ancient people?_____Which groups were able to eat marshmallows in this cultures?_____The candy treat was made from which plant and what was added to it? _____More than 90 million pounds of marshmallows are eaten each year by people in the USA, the largest consumer of marshmallows. Some people are afraid of marshmallows.

Fear of marshmallows is called althaiophobia! The Girl Scouts, in the early 1920s, placed a roasted marshmallow with chocolate between graham crackers. What did they call this treat?

_____. Find the answers at this link: <https://www.headstuff.org/culture/food-drink/brief-history-of-marshmallows/>

2. Chocolate comes from the cacao bean. Back in the 600s AD(CE), chocolate was first used by these people who lived in the area of Guatemala. _____ The Aztecs called the drink made from the beans, "xocolatl" or "chocolatl". The Aztecs believed the cacao beans were a gift from their God of Wisdom, _____. The cacao beans were so valued, people actually used them as _____. Who first brought the beans back to Europe and specifically the country of Spain?

_____ Find the answers at this link: <https://www.udemy.com/blog/history-of-chocolate-for-kids/>

3. The English word "candy" comes from an _____ word "qandi," which means _____. It is also thought that the first candies were used as a medical treatment for _____. Ancient people coated these four things with honey to be used as a treat: _____

_____ and _____ Find the answers at this link: <http://www.foodtimeline.org/foodcandy.html> (Look under the What is Candy? section)

4. Ancient people have been chewing "gum" for thousands of years. Tree resin was chewed by prehistoric people and the Greek and Middle Eastern people chewed sap from the mastic trees. Colonists in North America chewed beeswax. What did Native Americans

chew? _____ Thomas Adams, in the 1800s, came up with chewing gum while trying to make a better type of _____ .What was the problem with early chewing gum? _____ What did Walter Diemer successfully develop in 1928? _____ Find the answers at this link: <http://www.chewinggumfacts.com/chewing-gum-history/history-of-chewing-gum/>

5. Look at the timeline at this link: <http://www.candyfavorites.co/shop/history-american-candy.php> Which candy came first?(Sweet Tarts or Marshmallow Chicks) _____ (LifeSavers or Hershey Kisses) _____ (Tootsie Roll or Candy Corn) _____ In which year was the first Gummy Bear introduced? _____ The creator of Luden's Cough Drops also invented this candy bar in 1936. _____

6. The very first recorded shipment of chocolate arrived in North America, at St. Augustine, Florida, in _____ Why did chocolate make a good "ration" to give to soldiers? _____ Who sold chocolate in his printing shop in Philadelphia? _____ Thomas Jefferson wrote a letter, in 1775, to John Adams, stating chocolate's superiority over tea or coffee for both health and nourishment. Find the answers at this link(start at "Chocolate in the American Colonies"): <http://www.history.org/history/teaching/newsletter/volume9/jan11/featurearticle.cfm>

7. The Aztec King _____ is said to have consumed fifty glasses of bitter chocolatl each day, from a golden goblet. What does the word, "chocolatl" mean? _____ The Aztec liked the red colored drink which was flavored with lots of hot chili peppers! In the early 1500s, Hernando Cortes, the Spanish explorer,

experimented with chocolate. He adding _____ to make it more tasty to the Spanish. What other two spices were added by the Spanish to make it more drinkable? _____ and _____. How was it served differently? _____ The people of Spain kept chocolate a secret for almost one hundred years. How was the secret of cocoa probably given to other European countries?

_____ Find the answers at this link: <http://www.pitara.com/non-fiction-for-kids/features-for-kids/the-bittersweet-story-of-chocolate/>

8. Guinness World Records says the world's largest gingerbread house opened to the public in December/2013. Located in the state of _____, the gingerbread house stands 20 ft. tall! _____ eggs, _____ butter and _____ pieces of candy were used to make it! All money raised was used for which purpose? _____ What is one problem that occurred because of all the sugary ingredients?

_____ See a picture and find the answers at this link: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-christmas-gingerbread/with-nearly-a-ton-of-butter-texas-gingerbread-house-sets-record-idUSBRE9B50YQ20131206>

9. The earliest type of lollypop was probably created by prehistoric people. It is believed prehistoric people licked the stick they used to get _____ from beehives! The famous writer, Charles Dickens, mentioned the sweet treat in some of his books! Some people suggest the term, "lollypop" comes from England and means "_____". In the United States, lollypops became popular around the Civil War. The earliest "lollypops" were attached to this writing instrument: _____ George Smith, of Connecticut, came up with the idea of placing candies on sticks. Where did he get the

name "lollypop"?_____Find the answers at this link: <http://www.candyfavorites.com/shop/catalog-lollipop-history.php>

10. Jelly beans are very popular especially at Easter. Their oval shapes look like tiny eggs which are also associated with Easter. During which war, were jelly beans first mentioned as being given to the soldiers?_____ Which rock group had jelly beans thrown at them because people thought the rock group liked the candy treat?_____ Which President of the United States liked jelly beans so much that he kept them on his desk in the Oval Office?_____ Find the answers at this link: <http://www.candyfavorites.com/shop/jelly-bean-history.php>

Did You Know?

- Great supplies of licorice were found in King Tut's tomb.
- Winter is the season when the most chocolate is eaten.
- The only state that grows cacao beans to produce chocolate is Hawaii
- The biggest candy holiday is Halloween!
- The largest lollypop(2012) weighed 7,003 pounds. It was made by See's Candies in California and was chocolate-flavored. The stick(not part of the weight) was 11 ft. 10 inches long.
- Candy is eaten by more ADULTS(over 18) than kids!
- Next to chocolate, Marshmallow Peeps are the most popular candy treat at Easter time.
- After Candy Corn, Snickers is the most popular chocolate treat at Halloween.
- Over 35 million pounds of candy corn are made each year!
- The candy cane originated in the country of Germany. They were straight white sticks and not curved with white and red coloring.

Comprehension Questions:

1. Which is your favorite candy? Why do you like it so much?
2. Which writer was the first to mention lollypops in his books? What were the "first" lollypops that prehistoric people enjoyed?
3. List TWO facts about the history of chocolate.
4. Which President loved jellybeans so much, he kept a jar of them on his desk in the Oval Office? During which war were jellybeans first given to soldiers?
5. Where did marshmallows originate? What is althaiophobia?