

Tea Trivia

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TEA HISTORY



TEA HISTORY

QUESTION 1

TRUE OR FALSE

Lu Yu is credited with discovering tea more than 3,000 years ago.

TEA HISTORY

ANSWER 1

False.

Lu Yu lived during the Tang Dynasty.

He wrote the Cha Jing in 760 BC.



TEA HISTORY

QUESTION 2

TRUE OR FALSE

Shennong is credited for the discovery of tea according to Japanese legend stories.

TEA HISTORY

ANSWER 2



False

Shennong is the Chinese mythological discoverer of tea. In Japan, the honor goes to Daruma aka Bodhidharma

TEA HISTORY

QUESTION 3

TRUE OR FALSE

The Earl Grey blend is named after Charles Grey, the British Prime Minister in the 1830s.

TEA HISTORY

ANSWER 3



True

The tale of Earl Grey tea's beginning has been altered over time and now there are multiple versions.

- ◇ *A tea merchant from China made the blend for Charles Grey. The merchant had received the tea as a gift from the Chinese as a thank-you for saving a life.*
- ◇ *It was custom blend created by a Chinese tea master to compliment the 2nd Earl of Grey's well water on his estate, Howick. The tea master used bergamot in the recipe to soften the taste of lime that was in the water*

TEA HISTORY

QUESTION 4

TRUE OR FALSE

The Chinese Character for tea is made up of the radicals for grass, man, and tree

TEA HISTORY

ANSWER 4

A calligraphic representation of the Chinese character for tea, 茶. The character is written in a bold, expressive style with thick black strokes. It consists of a top horizontal stroke, a middle section with two diagonal strokes, and a bottom section with two diagonal strokes and a central vertical stroke.

True

茶 = CHA = TEA

艹 = cǎo = grass

人 = rén = man

木 = mù = tree

TEA HISTORY

QUESTION 5

TRUE OR FALSE

Tea was introduced to Japan during the Tang dynasty

TEA HISTORY

ANSWER 5



False

Japanese Monk, Eisai Yosai, returned to Japan after studying Chan Buddhism in Tiantai Shan, Zhejiang, in 1193, during the Song Dynasty, with a tea plant, beginning tea cultivation and tea culture in Japan

TEA HISTORY

QUESTION 6

TRUE OR FALSE

Tea spread to Africa via the Silk Road

TEA HISTORY

ANSWER 6



True

The Silk Road routes stretched thru China, India, Asia Minor, Mesopotamia, Africa, Greece, Rome, and Britain.

TEA HISTORY

QUESTION 7

TRUE OR FALSE

◆ **During the Yuan Dynasty, Mongols preferred to drink tea pure without milk or additives.**

TEA HISTORY

ANSWER 7

False

The Mongols, enjoyed their tea with milk, salt, and butter or fat.



TEA HISTORY

QUESTION 8

TRUE OR FALSE

During the Yuan Dynasty, tea became a common man's beverage rather than an aristocratic beverage.

TEA HISTORY

ANSWER 8

True



TEA HISTORY

QUESTION 9

TRUE OR FALSE

Sen Rykyu is known as the “father of tea’ in Japan.

TEA HISTORY

ANSWER 9

True

Sen Rykyu codified the Japanese tea ceremony



TEA HISTORY

QUESTION 10

TRUE OR FALSE

Tea is introduced to Russia, when the Chinese embassy visits Moscow, bringing a chest of tea as a gift for the Czar Alexis in 1618

TEA HISTORY

ANSWER 10

True



TEA HISTORY

QUESTION 11

TRUE OR FALSE

- ◆ **In 1662, King Charles II married the French Princess Catherine of Braganza, who introduces tea at court.**

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ANSWER 11

◇ False. Catherine of Braganza was a Portuguese Princess, not French



TEA HISTORY

QUESTION 12

TRUE OR FALSE

England was the 1st country to trade for tea with China.

TEA HISTORY

ANSWER 12



False.

Tea was introduced to England by Dutch traders in 1652. Direct trade between England and China did not begin until 1685

TEA HISTORY

QUESTION 13

TRUE OR FALSE

The British traded gold for tea prior to the Opium War.

TEA HISTORY

ANSWER 13



False.

Silver payment was demanded by the Chinese. Opium was introduced to the Chinese population by the British and then began trading opium, instead of silver, for tea, leading to the Opium Wars (1839-1842)

TEA HISTORY

QUESTION 14

TRUE OR FALSE

- ◆ **Princess Catherine of Braganza is credited with starting, “Afternoon Tea”**

TEA HISTORY

ANSWER 14



◇ False. Anna, the 7th Duchess of Bedford, invents “Afternoon Tea” in 1840, to abolish the “sinking feeling” she experiences during the long gap between breakfast and dinner.

TEA HISTORY

QUESTION 15

TRUE OR FALSE

The tea bag was invented by an Australian merchant.

TEA HISTORY

ANSWER 15



False.

In 1908, New York tea merchant, Thomas Sullivan, packages his samples of tea in silk sachets, to cut down on his costs. His customers like the convenience of putting the sachet into hot water and begin ordering tea in this fashion.

TEA CLASSIFICATIONS



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QUESTION 1

Name the basic tea classifications?

TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

ANSWER 1

- ◇ *White*
- ◇ *Green*
- ◇ *Yellow*
- ◇ *Oolong*
- ◇ *Red / Black*
- ◇ *Dark*



TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

QUESTION 2

*What are the two prevalent varieties of *Camellia sinensis*?*

TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

ANSWER 2

- ◇ *Camelia Sinensis Sinensis*
- ◇ *Camelia Sinensis Assamica*



TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

QUESTION 3

TRUE OR FALSE

'Kill Green' is one of steps in green tea production?

TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

ANSWER 3



True.

Kill Green is the term used in green tea production referring to the application of heat to the fresh picked leaves to halt oxidation.

- ◇ *Chinese teas use pan frying or baking*
- ◇ *Japanese teas use steam.*

TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

QUESTION 4

TRUE OR FALSE

- ◆ **Oxidation begins as soon as the tea leaf is picked off the tea tree/plant?**

TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

ANSWER 4

◇ *True*



TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

QUESTION 5

TRUE OR FALSE

◆ **Oolong Tea are fully oxidized?**

TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

ANSWER 5



False.

*Oolong teas are partially oxidized.
Red teas are fully oxidized.*

TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

QUESTION 6

TRUE OR FALSE

**All teas are made from the same plant;
Camellia Sinensis**

TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

ANSWER 6

True



TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

QUESTION 7

TRUE OR FALSE

Pu'er raw leaf material must be harvested from Pu'er, Yunnan to be called Pu'er Tea?

TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

ANSWER 7



False.

Pu'er must be harvested and produced in Yunnan Province, which includes Pu'er, Yunnan.

TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

QUESTION 8

TRUE OR FALSE

White tea is often compressed into cakes?

TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

ANSWER 8

True



TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

QUESTION 9

TRUE OR FALSE

Jin Jun Mei is a red tea which has popular since the Song Dynasty?

TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

ANSWER 9



False.

Jin Jun Mei was created in 2005 as a way to increase the decreasing red tea exportation

TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

QUESTION 10

TRUE OR FALSE

Oriental Beauty is purposely allowed to be bitten by insects to produce its unique flavor?

TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

ANSWER 10



True

When the jassid bug bites the leaves, the plant creates defensive enzymes which are released into the leaves, responsible for the signature taste of oriental beauty.

TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

QUESTION 11

TRUE OR FALSE

Maocha is the term used for rough pu'er tea before it is compressed.

TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

ANSWER 11

True



TEA CLASSIFICATIONS

QUESTION 11

TRUE OR FALSE

Black /Red teas were originally more popular than green teas.

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ANSWER 10



False.

Written records trace the cultivation of green tea as far back as the Han Dynasty (206-220), when its primary use was medicinal, it wasn't until China's early Tang Dynasty (600-900) that we hear of green tea being consumed for pleasure.

Red Tea can be traced back to the late Ming Dynasty, around the year 1590, when the first black tea – Lapsang Souchong was produced in Wuyi Shan, Fujian province.

An aerial photograph of a vast tea plantation in a mountainous region. The hills are covered in meticulously terraced tea bushes, creating a rhythmic pattern of green and brown. The background shows more forested hills under a clear sky. The text "TEA REGIONS" is centered over the middle of the image.

TEA REGIONS

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QUESTION 1

**Name of the region where red tea
(black tea) was first made.**

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ANSWER 1

*Xincun Village, Tongmuquan, Wuyishan,
Fujian Province, China*



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QUESTION 2

Name the region where the Dragon Well green tea is famously made.

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ANSWER 2

◇ *Westlake , Hangzhou, Zhejiang
Province, China*



TEA REGIONS

QUESTION 3

Name the current largest green tea producing region in Japan.

TEA REGIONS

ANSWER 3



Shizuoka is the largest tea producing region in Japan.

The three largest producing regions for Japanese tea are;

- ◇ *Shizuoka*
- ◇ *Kagoshima*
- ◇ *Mie*

TEA REGIONS

QUESTION 4

Name the type of tea that hails from Wuyishan.

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ANSWER 4



*Chinese Oolong
aka Cliff Tea, Rock Tea, Yancha*

*Black/Red Tea also originates from
Tongmuguan, Wuyishan.*

TEA REGIONS

QUESTION 5

Name the two largest green tea producing countries.

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ANSWER 5

- ◆ China-75%
- ◆ Japan-13%
- ◆ Indonesia-6%
- ◆ Vietnam-5%
- ◆ India-1%



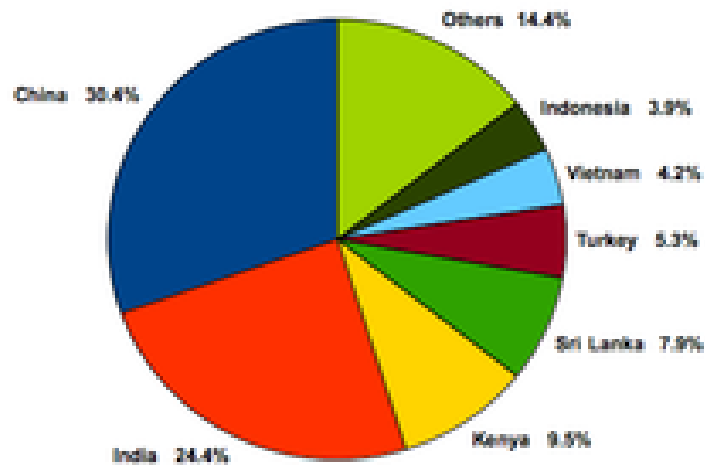
TEA REGIONS

QUESTION 6

Name the largest tea producing countries

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ANSWER 6



- ◇ China-35%
- ◇ India
- ◇ Kenya
- ◇ Sri Lanka
- ◇ Vietnam
- ◇ Turkey
- ◇ Indonesia
- ◇ Myanmar
- ◇ Iran
- ◇ Bangladesh

TEA REGIONS

QUESTION 7

What is the name of the Chinese province where pu'er tea originates?

TEA REGIONS

ANSWER 7

Yunnan



TEA REGIONS

QUESTION 8

Which country(ies) does not produce(s) tea?

- ◇ **Portugal**
- ◇ **Philippines**
- ◇ **Iran**
- ◇ **All of the above**

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ANSWER 8



- ◆ *Philippines does not produce tea*
- ◆ *Portugal is the 47th largest producer of tea in the world*
- ◆ *Iran is the 9th largest producer of tea in the world*

TEA REGIONS

QUESTION 9

Which Chinese province did white tea originate from?

TEA REGIONS

ANSWER 9

Fuding, Fujian Province, China



TEA REGIONS

QUESTION 10

◆ **Which area in Taiwan did Oriental Beauty originate from?**

TEA REGIONS

ANSWER 10

◇ *Dong Feng Mei Ren (Oriental Beauty)* is a famous oolong, which originated in the Hsinchu province of Taiwan.



TEA REGIONS

QUESTION 10

Name a few of the largest black tea producers in the world.

TEA REGIONS

ANSWER 10

The three largest black tea producing countries are;

- ◇ *India*
- ◇ *Kenya*
- ◇ *Sri Lanka are the*

TEA REGIONS

QUESTION 11

TRUE OR FALSE

◆ **Assam, Darjeeling, and Nilgiri are all produced India?**

TEA REGIONS

ANSWER 11

True



TEA REGIONS

QUESTION 12

TRUE OR FALSE

Oolong teas are produced in China and Taiwan.

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ANSWER 12

True



TEA REGIONS

QUESTION 13

TRUE OR FALSE

Ceylon tea originated in India.

TEA REGIONS

ANSWER 13



False

Ceylon tea originated in Ceylon.

◇ *Ceilão, the name given to Sri Lanka by the Portuguese Empire when it arrived in 1505, was transliterated into English as Ceylon. As a British crown colony, the island was known as Ceylon; it achieved independence as Ceylon in 1948.*

◇ *In 1972, the country became a republic within the Commonwealth, and its name was changed to Sri Lanka.*