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GEOGRAPHY CONNECTIONS

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This NIE page is based on information included in the seven cities that were profiled between February and June of 2009. How much do you remember?

Answers First, Please!

Choose the correct word from the following list below to complete each question.

Singapore, Jazz, Cajuns, El Malecon, Han River, Mexico City, Bosphorous Strait, Robben Island.

- Originally built by the Aztecs, this city is in the middle of five interconnected lakes. What is _____?
- Istanbul's main street is actually this waterway. What is _____?
- A French based language was brought to New Orleans by these people. Who are _____?
- Nelson Mandela was imprisoned here for 27 years. What is _____?
- Surrounded by eight mountains, Seoul is divided by this river. What is _____?
- Ride the world's largest Ferris Wheel when visiting this country. What is _____?
- A walk along this promenade is a fun way to see parts of Havana. What is _____?
- The largest number of Americans living outside the US reside here. What is _____?
- This American music form was born in New Orleans. What is _____?

Words to the Wise

Each word below had something to do with one of the last seven cities you recently visited. Do you recall their meaning and significance?

1. Merbaba	5. Kimchi
2. Chinampas	6. Megacity
3. Apartheid	7. Embargo
4. Merlion	

Epidemic vs. Pandemic

You probably know that an epidemic is an outbreak of a disease that spreads quickly and widely among a group of people. But before news of the Swine Flu (H1N1 virus) appeared in April 2009, had you ever heard the word pandemic? A good definition can be found at the World Health Organization's (WHO): www.who.int/csr/disease/influenza/pandemic/en/.

How do epidemics and pandemics differ? How are they similar? As a class can you think of some diseases that fall into these categories? Does cancer qualify as a pandemic? Why or why not? WHO warns that you can limit the spread of disease by

- frequently washing hands with soap and water,
- covering coughs and sneezes with tissues (or at least a hand),
- staying home from work and school when sick.

For additional information about swine, avian and pandemic flu information, go to www.pandemicflu.gov



Potpourri

How much do you remember?

- _____ and _____ are two nicknames for New Orleans?
- You can try a _____ (Turkish bagel) from one of Istanbul's many _____ (snack stands)?
- President _____ is affectionately known among his people as Madiba?
- Singapore is a city-state located at the southern end of the Strait of _____.
- Cape Town was an important port and trade route until the _____ Canal was built?
- Cuba's economy was supported by the _____ until its collapse in 1991.
- _____ is one of Istanbul's busiest ports and is located on the European side.
- The Lion City is another name for _____?
- Hangul Day in _____ honors this country's national alphabet?
- Mexico city is recognized as an international center of _____ and _____.

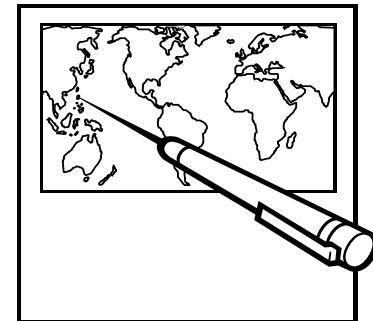
Telling Time

Do you remember in what year.....

- The United States and Mexico fought a war?
- The Soccer World Cup semifinals will be hosted in Cape Town?
- Seoul was the site of the Summer Olympics?
- Fidel Castro came to power?
- Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans?
- The first Summer Youth Olympics will take place in Singapore?
- Istanbul suffered its most recent deadly earthquake?

On The Road

Select one of the cities you recently studied and "plan" a trip there. In your planning, be sure to include an itinerary, travel schedules, necessary documents, medication you might need, and a detailed packing list. When would you visit this location? Why did you choose this city and this time of year? Look in today's newspaper for information on the city you chose. Don't forget to check the weather map!



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