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Use the link on Mme Prentice's website (<https://prentice.commonshwdsb.on.ca>) to read and learn about the famous Mardi Gras Celebration. As this is a cultural learning activity, you will write your answers **in English**. You may work alone or with a partner; however, you must submit your own answer page at the end of class.

1. What does "Mardi Gras" mean in English?

2. In what country did Mardi Gras traditions begin?

3. Which city in the United States is most famously associated with Mardi Gras?

4. What is the religious connection to Mardi Gras?

5. What are the three official colors of Mardi Gras?

6. What do the colors of Mardi Gras symbolize?

7. What is one popular food eaten during Mardi Gras?

8. What are "krewes" and what role do they play in Mardi Gras?

9. What are some common items thrown from Mardi Gras floats?

10. What is a "parade float"?

11. What is one example of a superstition related to Mardi Gras?

12. What is the day before Mardi Gras called?

13. How does Mardi Gras mark the beginning of Lent?

14. What are some of the activities people participate in during Mardi Gras?

15. Who was the French-Canadian explorer that established Mardi Gras in the United States?

16. What is Mobile Louisiana?

17. What is one type of music often associated with Mardi Gras?

18. What is one fact about the history of Mardi Gras that you found interesting?

19. If you could design a Mardi Gras float, what theme would you choose and why?

20. Using the Venn Diagram, compare and contrast the **Mardi Gras Parade** to a similar parade of your choice in Ontario (ex: Toronto Caribbean Carnival, Toronto Santa Claus Parade, etc.)

What are the similarities and differences of the parades? Use the following categories:

costumes, music, crowd numbers, origin of parade, location, food, date, cultural significance.

