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Paris is a major railway, highway, and air-transport hub served by two international

Paris hosts several United Nations organisations: the UNESCO, the Young Engineers

The football club Paris Saint-Germain and the rugby union club Stade Français are

The ancient oppidum that corresponds to the modern city of Paris was first mentioned

The name Paris is derived from its early inhabitants, the Parisii (Gaulish: Parisioi), a

Paris is often referred to as the 'City of Light' (La Ville Lumière),

Inhabitants are known in English as "Parisians" and in French as Parisiens ([paʁizj

Roman Republic 52–27 BC Roman Empire 27 BC–AD 395 Western Roman Empire 395–476

The Parisii, a sub-tribe of the Celtic Senones, inhabited the Paris area from around the

The Romans conquered the Paris Basin in 52 BC and began their settlement on Paris

By the end of the Western Roman Empire, the town was known as Parisius, a Latin

Clovis the Frank, the first king of the Merovingian dynasty, made the city his capital

By the end of the 12th century, Paris had become the political, economic, religious

After the marshland between the river Seine and its slower 'dead arm' to its north

In the late 12th century, Philip Augustus extended the Louvre fortress to defend the

With 200,000 inhabitants in 1328, Paris, then already the capital of France, was the

By the early fourteenth century so much filth had collected inside urban Europe that

During the Hundred Years' War, Paris was occupied by England-friendly Burgundians

In the late 16th-century French Wars of Religion, Paris was a stronghold of the Catholics

During the 17th century, Cardinal Richelieu, chief minister of Louis XIII, was determined

Due to the Parisian uprisings during the Fronde civil war, Louis XIV moved his court

Paris grew in population from about 400,000 in 1640 to 650,000 in 1780.

Paris was the centre of an explosion of philosophic and scientific activity known as

In the summer of 1789, Paris became the centre stage for the French Revolution. On

Louis XVI and the royal family were brought to Paris and made prisoners within the

The population of Paris had dropped by 100,000 during the Revolution, but between

During the Restoration, the bridges and squares of Paris were returned to their pre-