

A wide-angle photograph of a snowy mountain range at night. The sky is dark blue with some stars visible. In the foreground, there's a snow-covered slope with a few buildings and trees. Below the mountains, a town is nestled in a valley, its streets and houses illuminated by warm yellow lights, creating a cozy atmosphere against the cold white snow.

# MARVEL Pub Quiz

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*They all combine with a word from the NATO alphabet: Magic Mike, Victor Hugo, Alfa Romeo, and Hotel California*

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*They are all occupations of characters in Friends (Monica, Rachel, Phoebe, and Ross respectively)*

# Round 1: Switzerland

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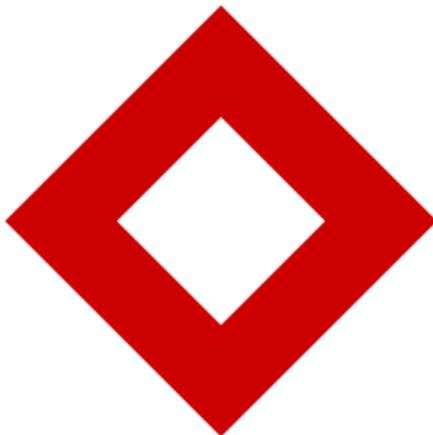
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*to get some cheese*

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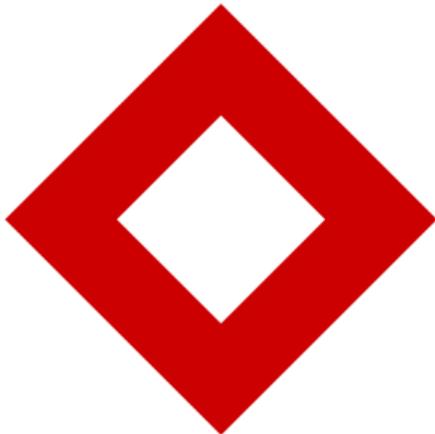
*A watch*

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*FIFA*

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*Wonderwall (Oasis)*

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*Fantastic Four (a measly 9%)*

# Round 3: Design and Discovery of Novel Materials

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*Novels – in fact, they are the three most recent Booker Prize winners*

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*The theory in which physical matter is the only reality and that all being, processes, and phenomena can be explained as manifestations or results of matter*

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*Material Girl (Madonna)*

# Round 4: Changing things up

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*Million Dollar Baby – not a great question*

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*Centurion*

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*a Shiba Inu*

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*currencies*

# Round 5: Numbers

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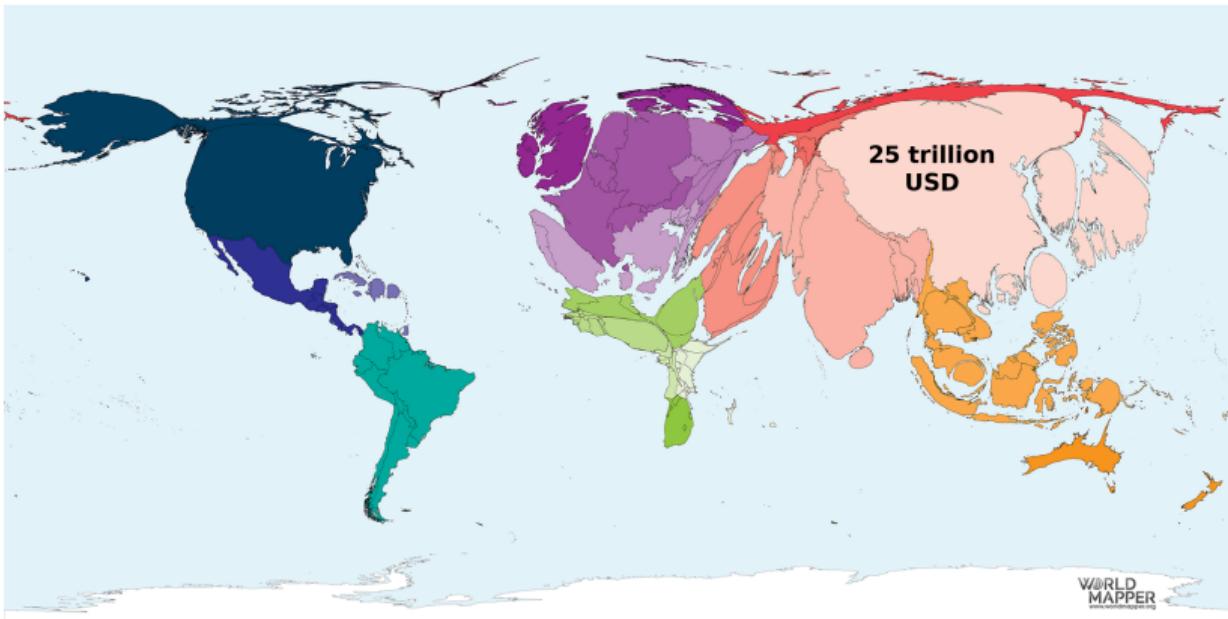
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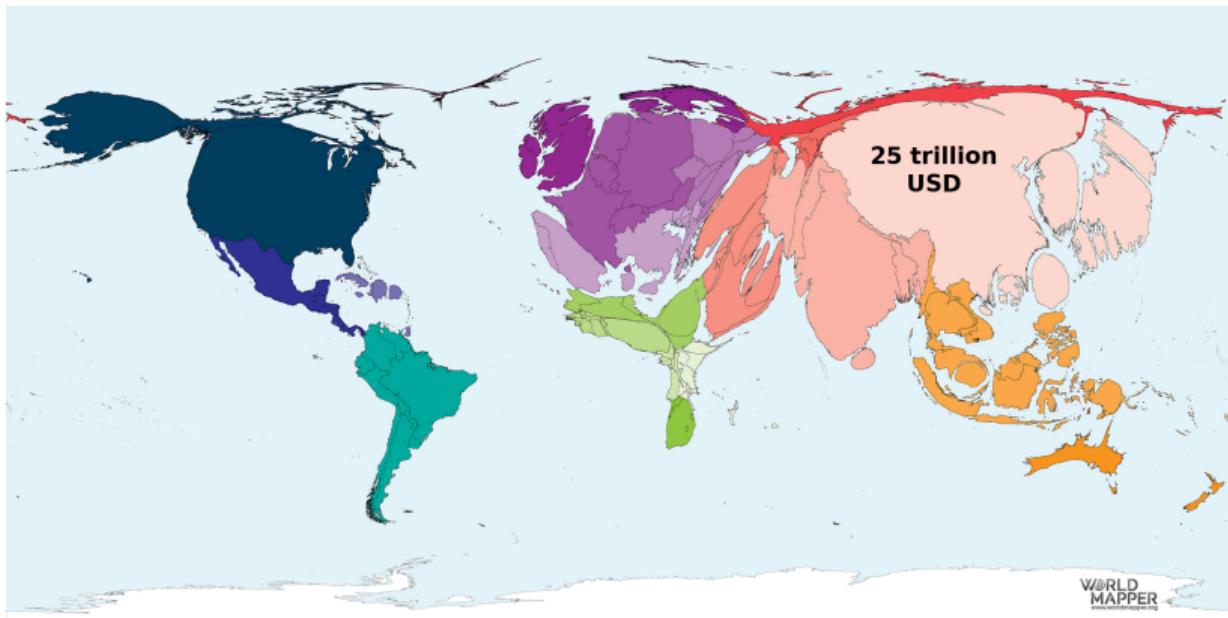
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# Pictures: Sizing up the world

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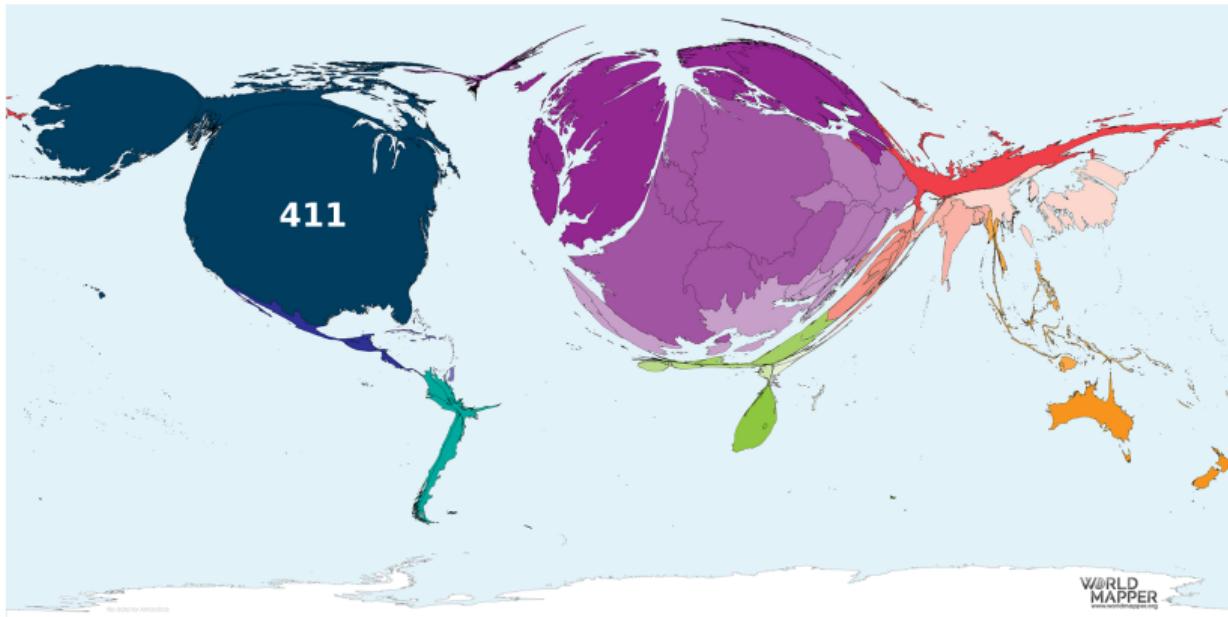


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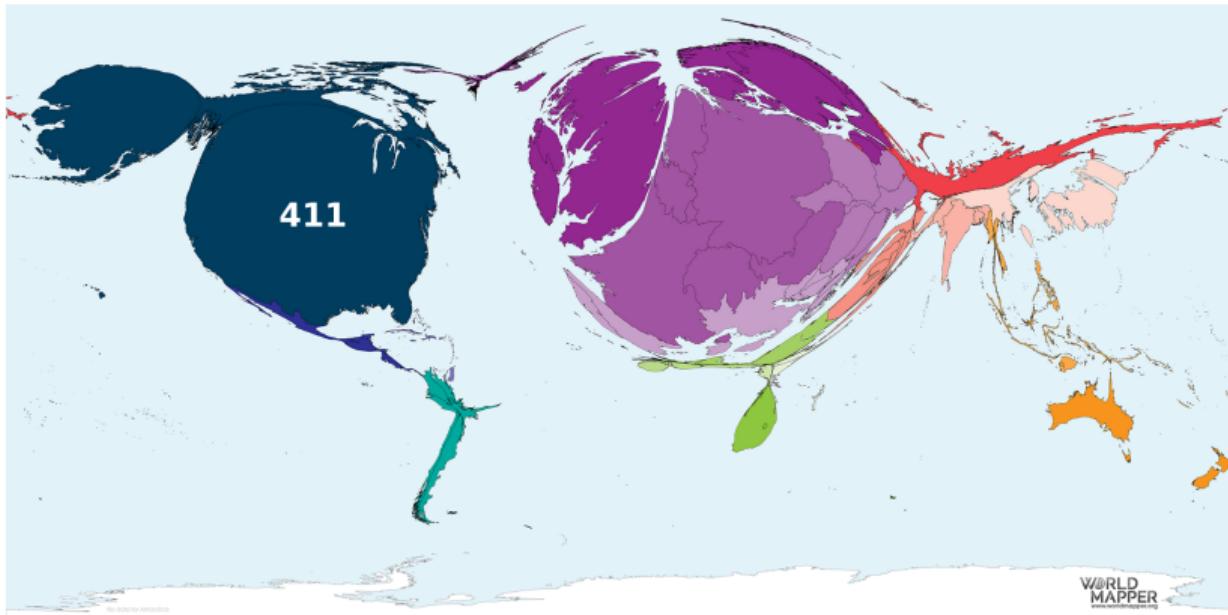


*GDP (purchasing-parity-power-adjusted)*

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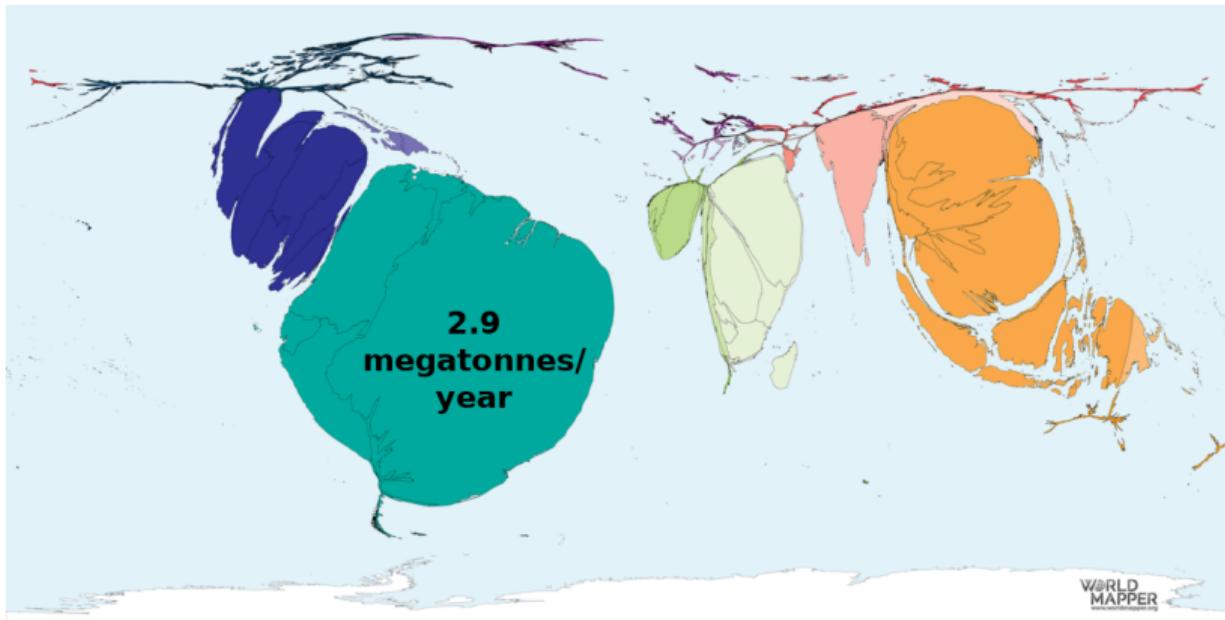


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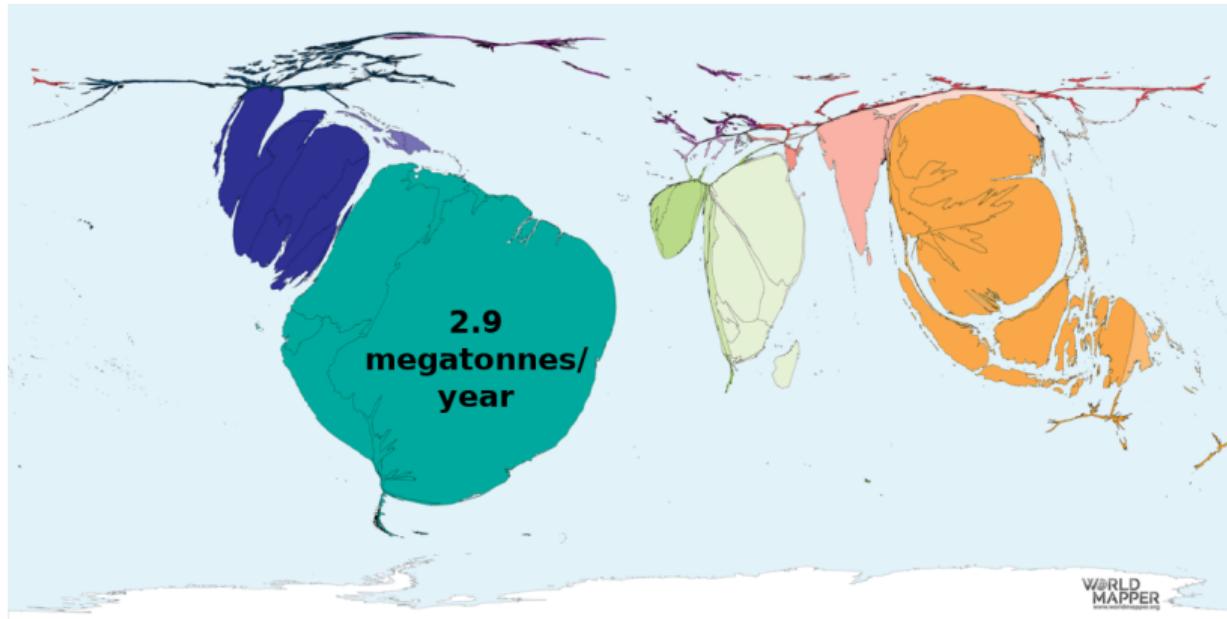


*Nobel laureates*

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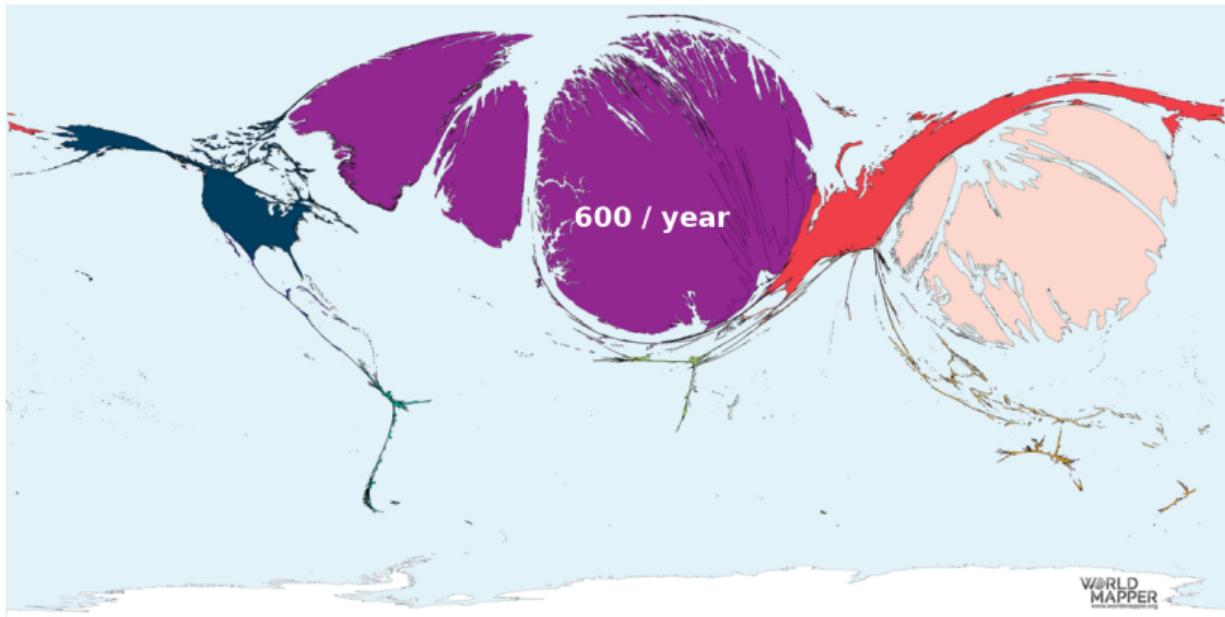


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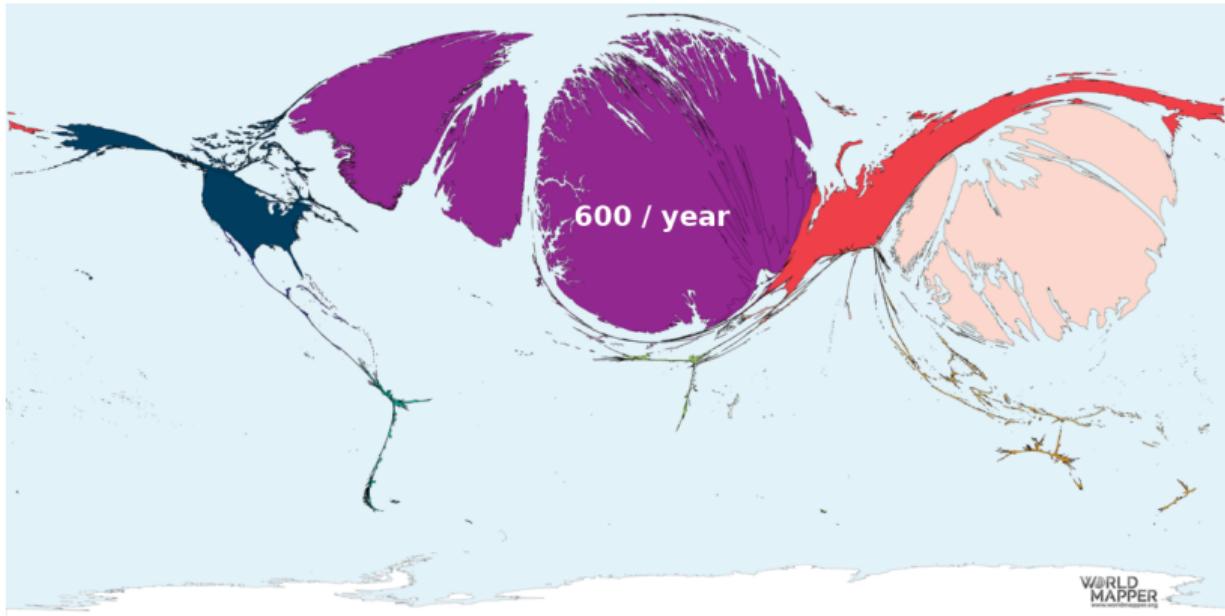


*coffee production*

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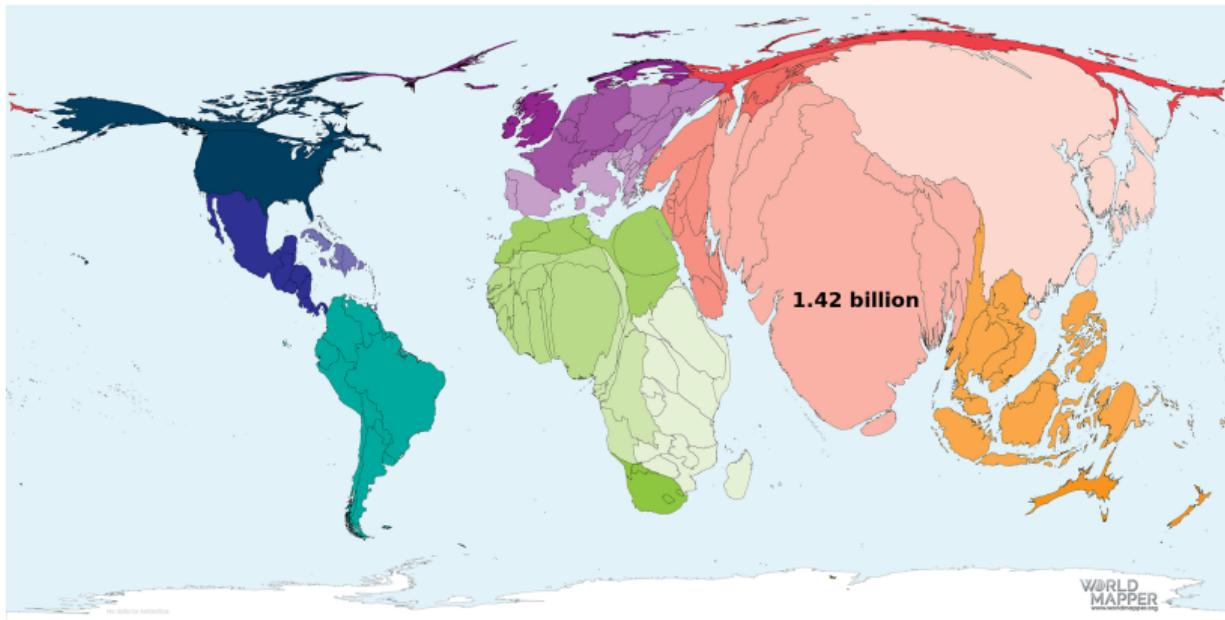


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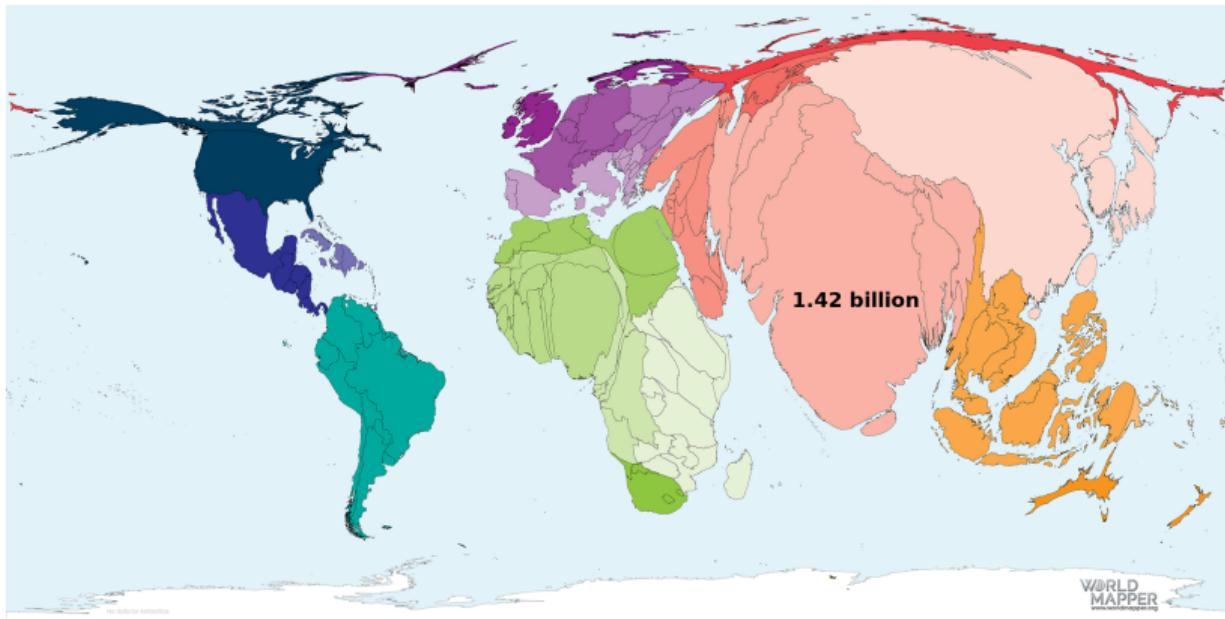


*whales killed*

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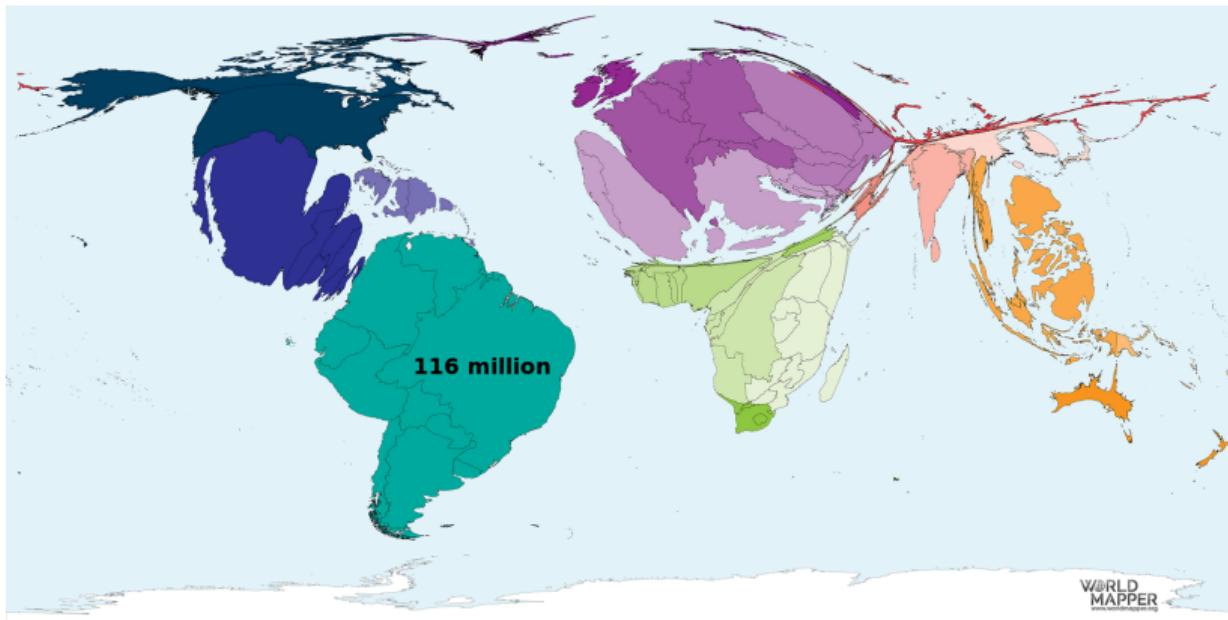


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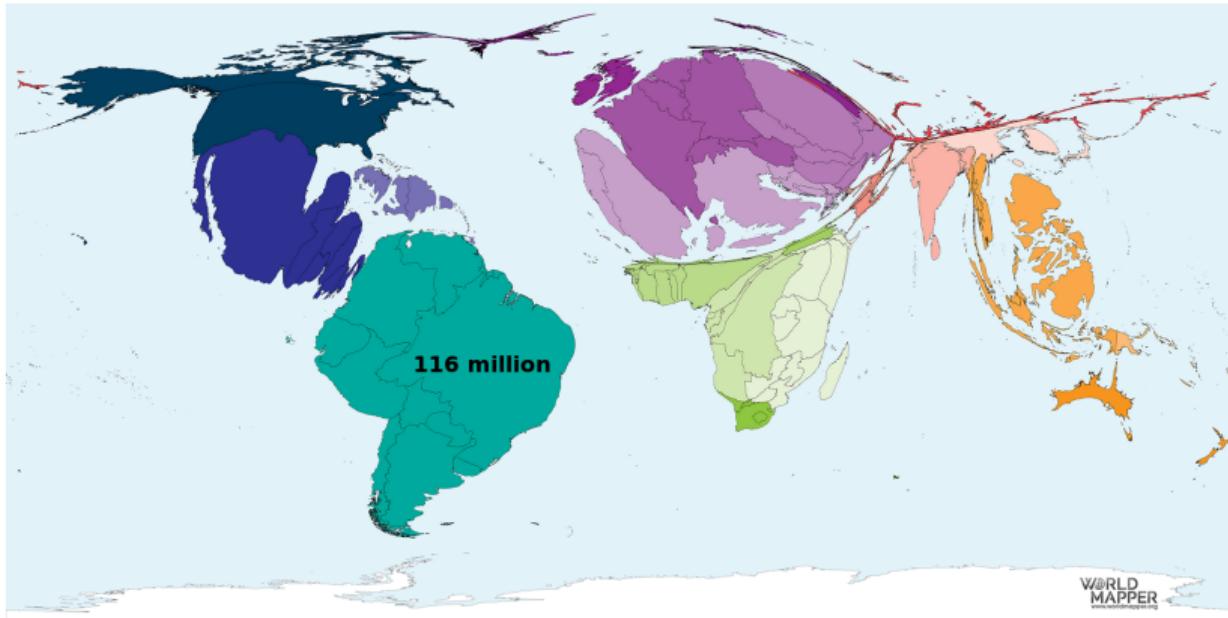


*population*

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*number of Catholics*

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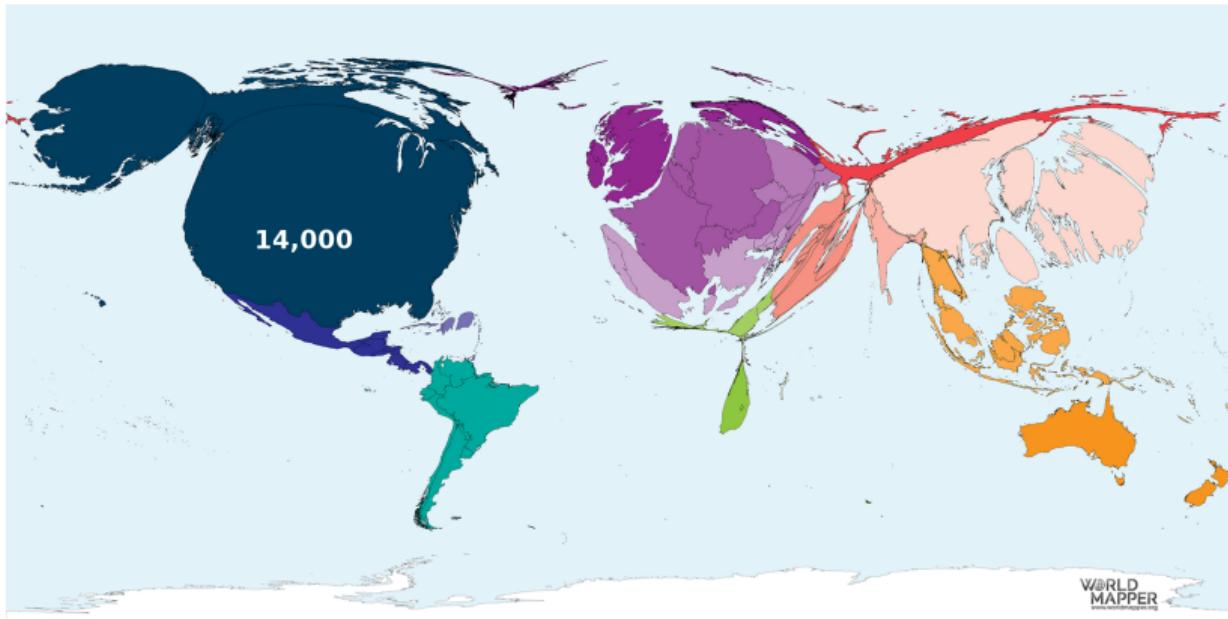


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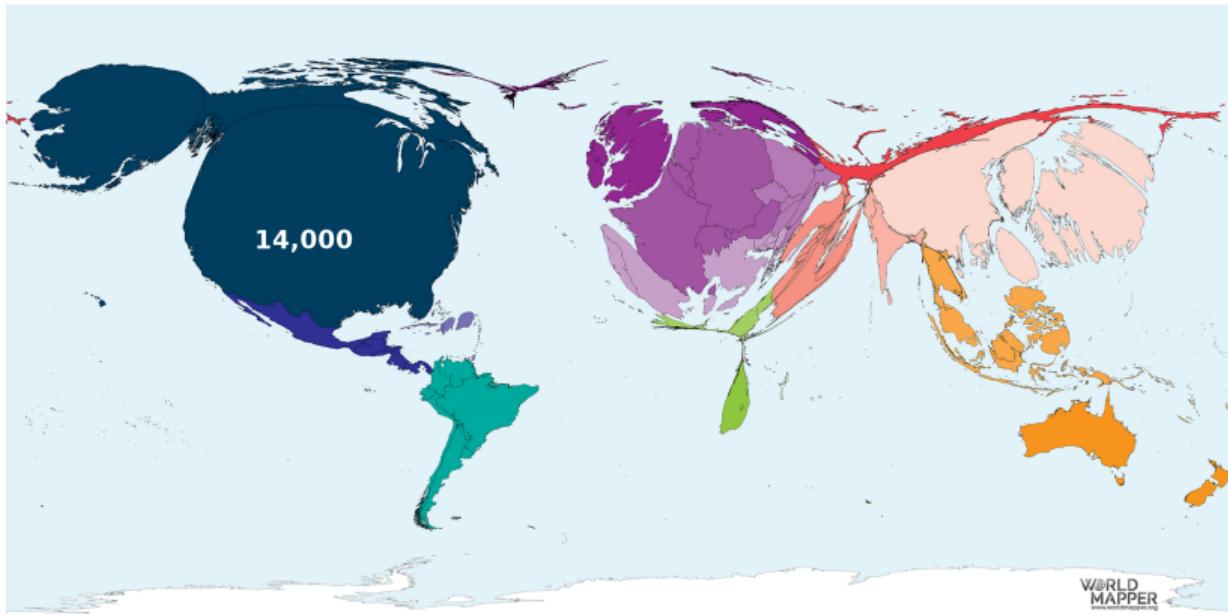


*number of registered ships*

8.



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*number of McDonalds*

# Puzzles: Connect Four

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*sharp taste*

*words set to music*

*Solo character*

*archenemy of Flash Gordon*

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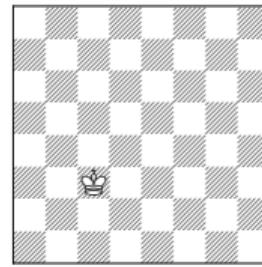
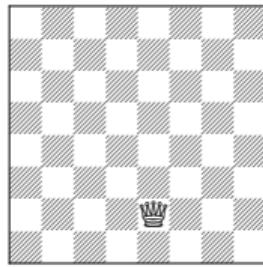
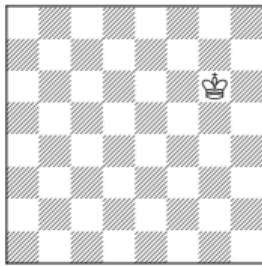
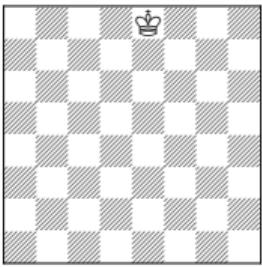
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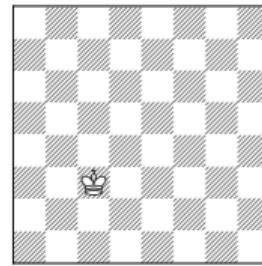
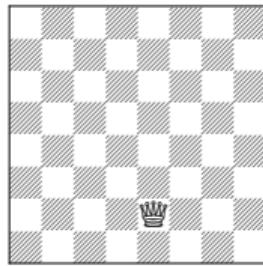
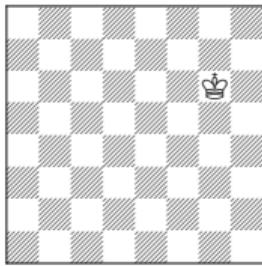
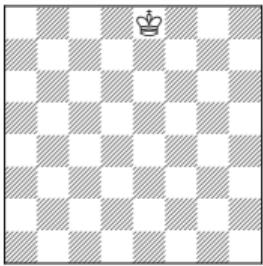
*archenemy of Flash Gordon*

*Tang, Song, Han, and Ming: all Chinese dynasties*

2.



2.



*Ke8, Kg6, Qe2, and Kc3: British monarchs (Edward VIII, George VI, Elizabeth II, and Charles III)*

3.

- a pew, Mr. Cuban, is a standard*
- an entrance room, Mr. Cavendish, is a*
- cheesy movie*
- a profession, Mr. Twain, is a type of intel-*
- lectual property*
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*benchmark, hallmark, trademark, and landmark*

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*Test: objection and competition*

*Found: deep and confuse*

*Tract: extend and agreement*

*Duct: goods and behaviour*

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