

A wide-angle photograph of a snowy mountain range at night. The sky is dark blue with visible stars. In the foreground, there's a snow-covered town with numerous buildings whose lights are on, creating a warm glow against the white snow. The town is nestled in a valley between the mountains. The mountains themselves are rugged with patches of snow and ice. The overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.

MARVEL Pub Quiz

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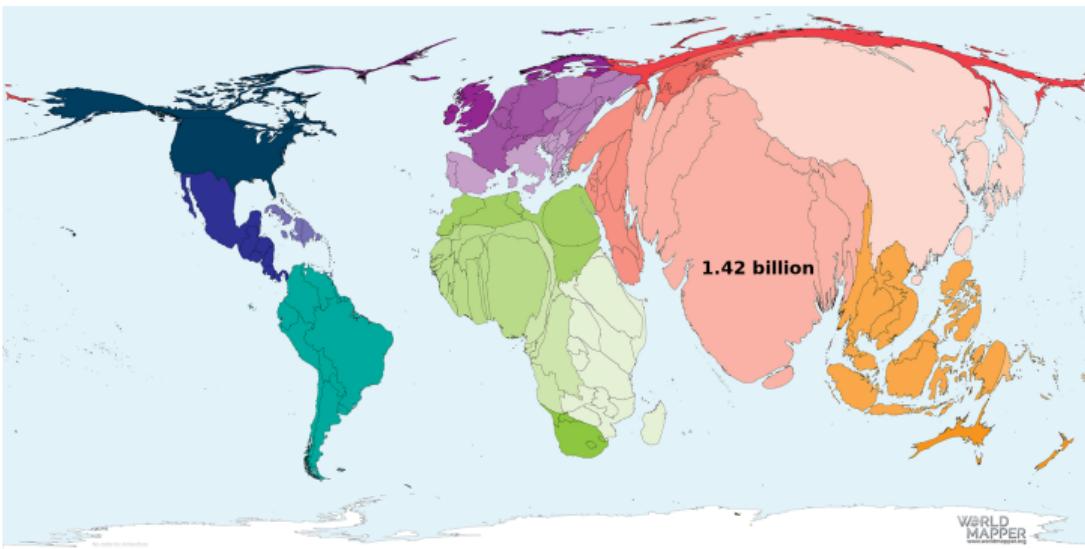
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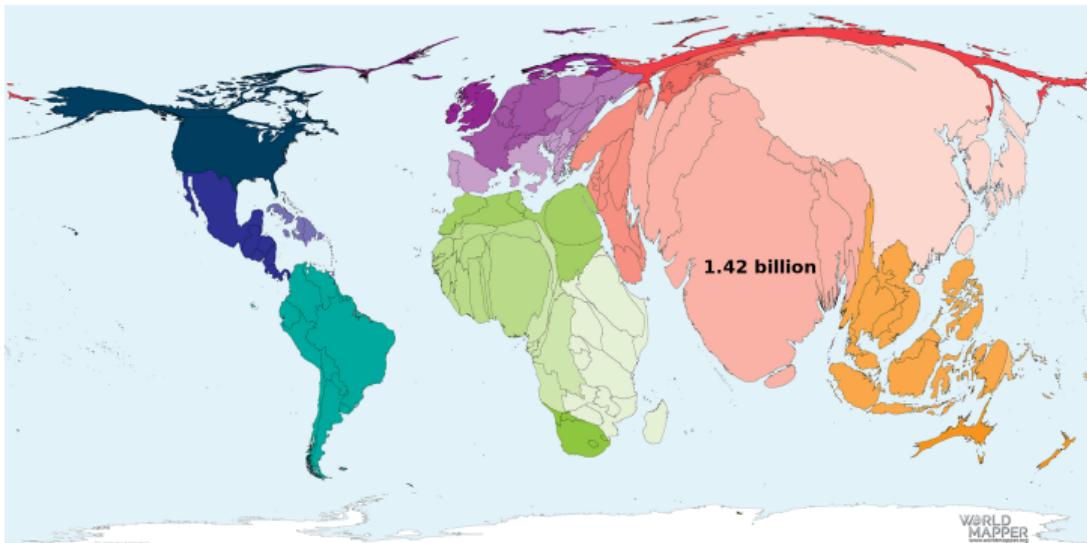
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- the quizmaster is *always* right

Example picture



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population

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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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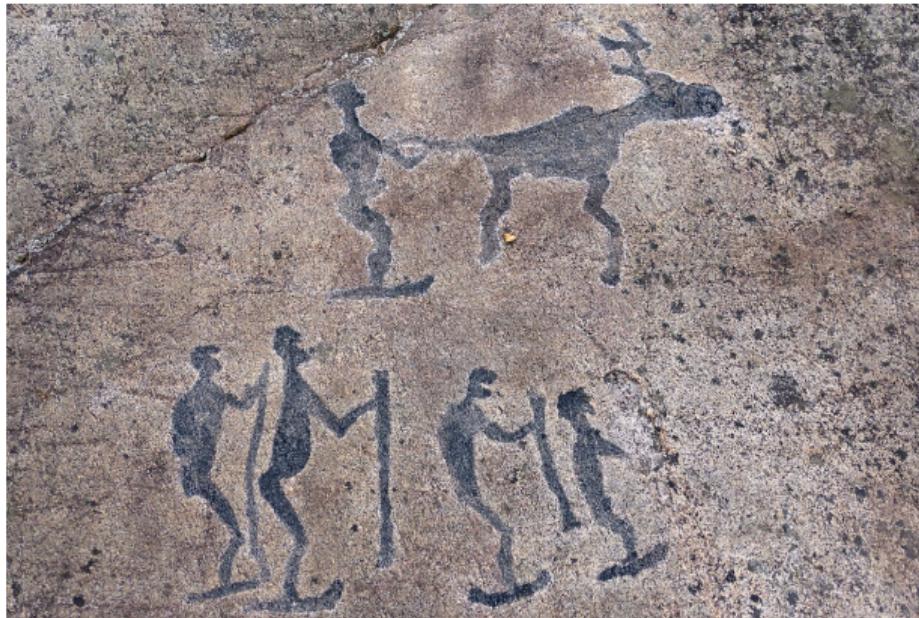
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Round 1: Switzerland

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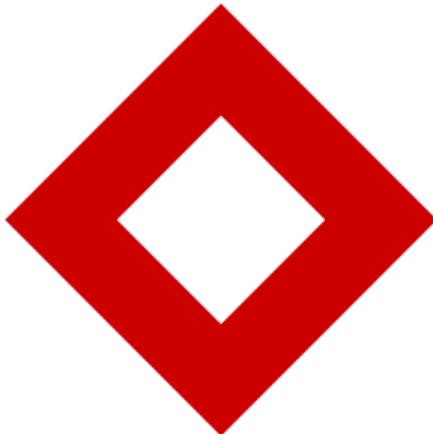


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3. banana
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5. strawberries

5. This is an emblem of which organisation?



6. In “A Grand Day Out”, why do Wallace and Gromit go to the moon?

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(order not important; half a point for three correct answers)

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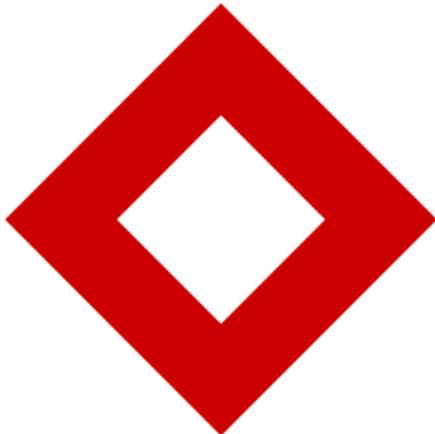
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The Red Cross – the “Red Crystal” is an alternative emblem used in contexts when both the cross and crescent would be religiously insensitive

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Round 2: “Marvel”

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Fantastic Four (a measly 9%)

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The Colossus of Rhodes, the Great Pyramid of Giza, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Statue of Zeus at Olympia, the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus, the Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, and the Lighthouse of Alexandria

Round 3: Design and Discovery of Novel Materials

1. What is matter?



matter

2. “Prophet Song”, “The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida”, and “The Promise” are all prize-winning whats?

3. What car is this?



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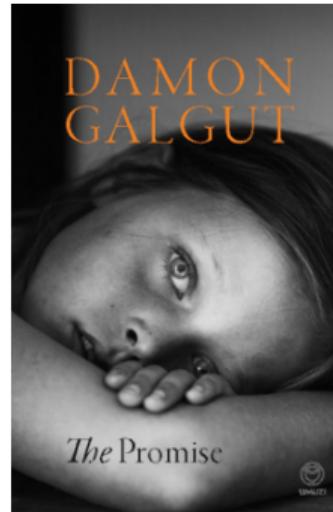
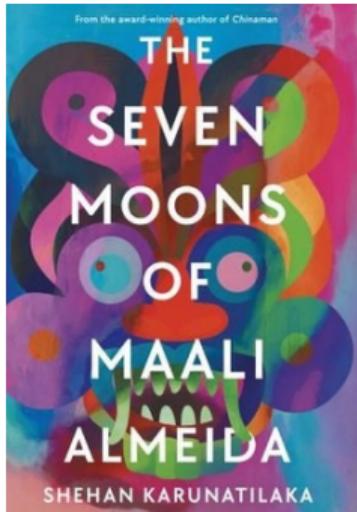
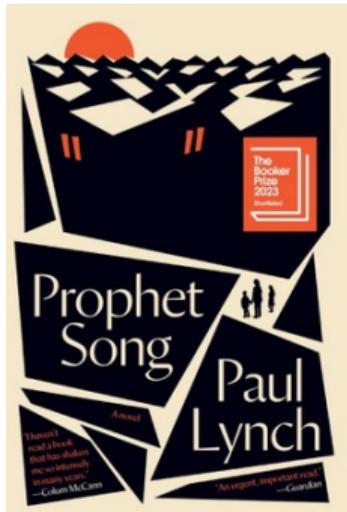


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a connectivity standard for smart home and IoT devices

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

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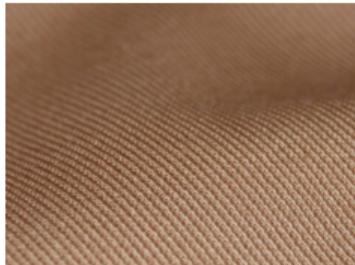


Land Rover Discovery

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Material Girl

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Round 5: Numbers

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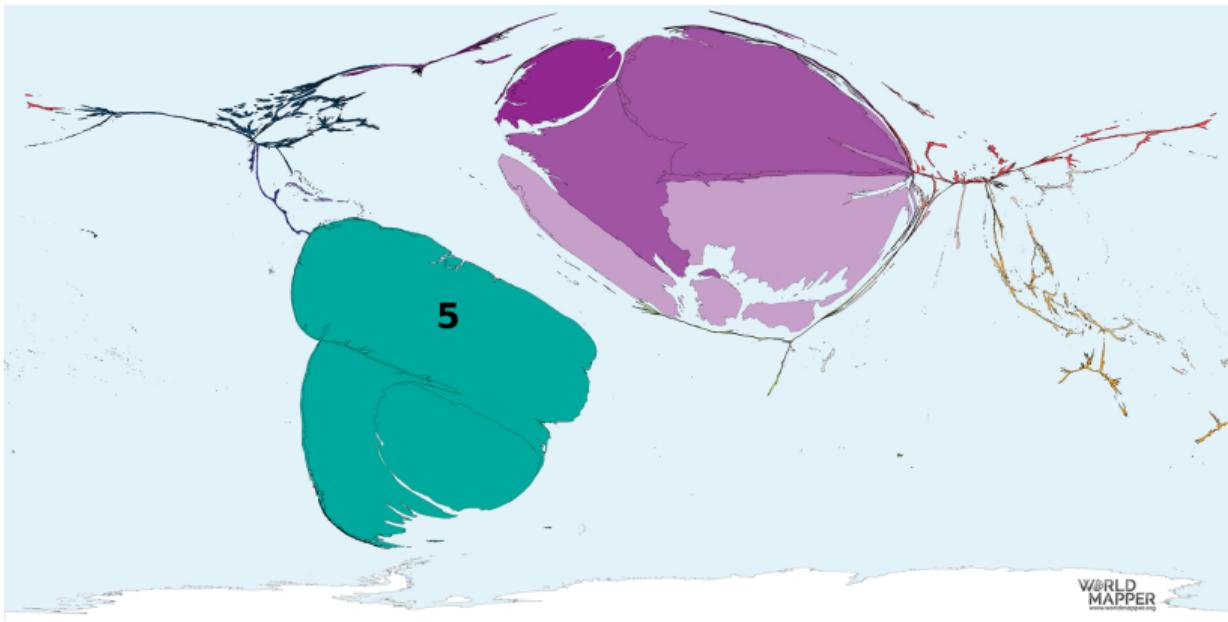
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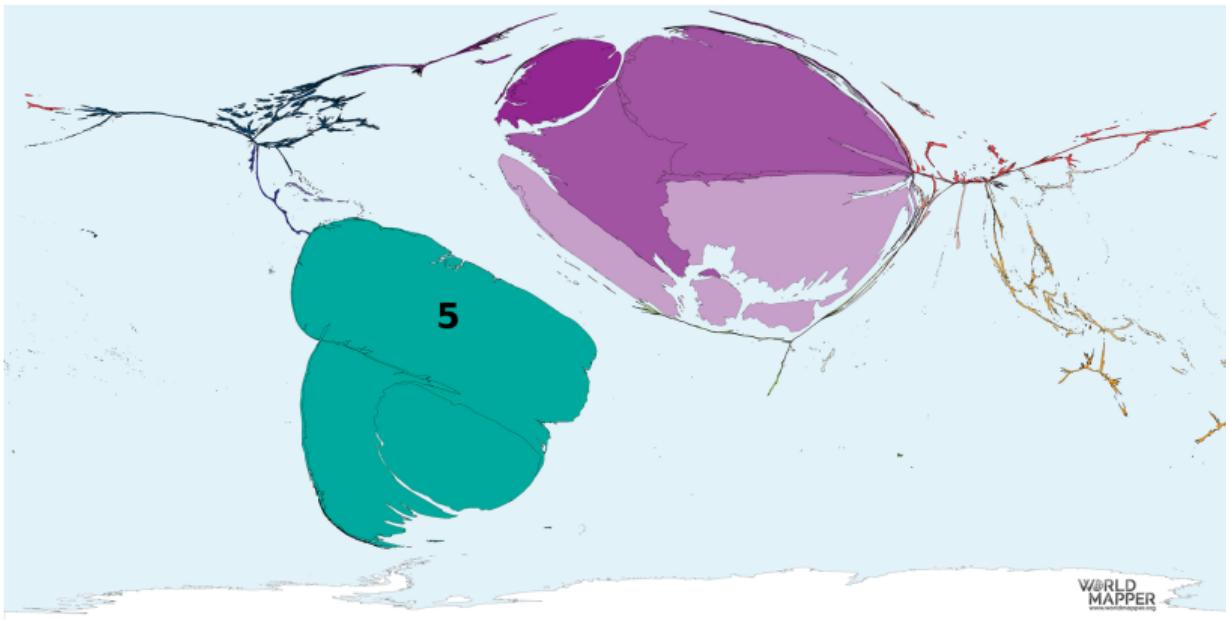
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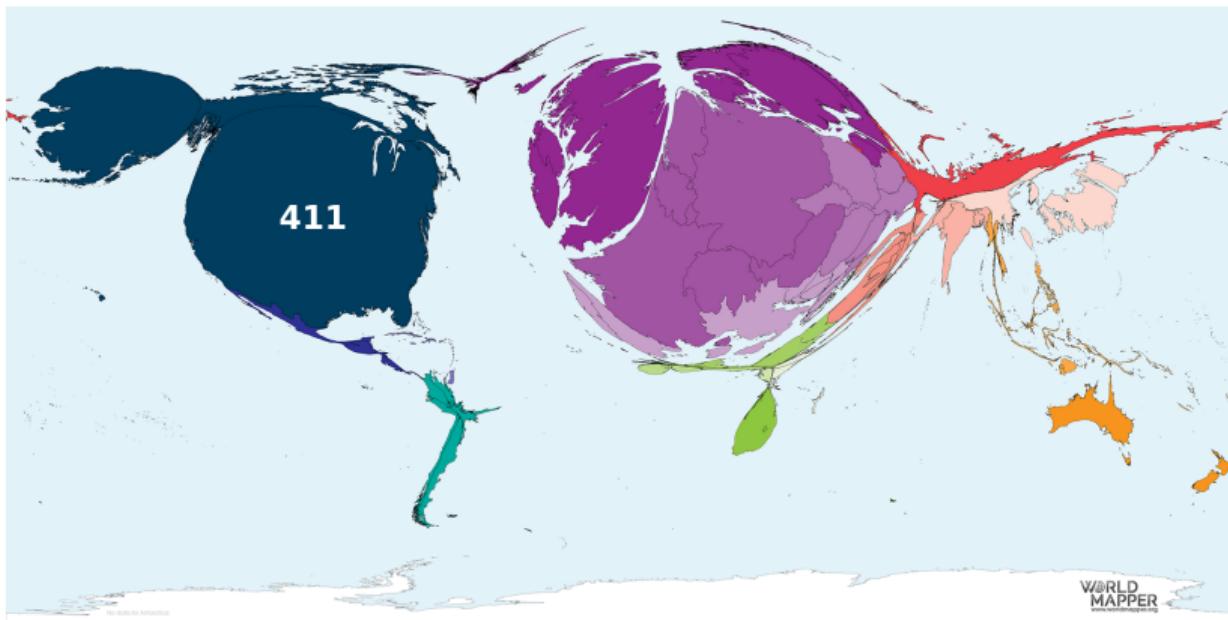


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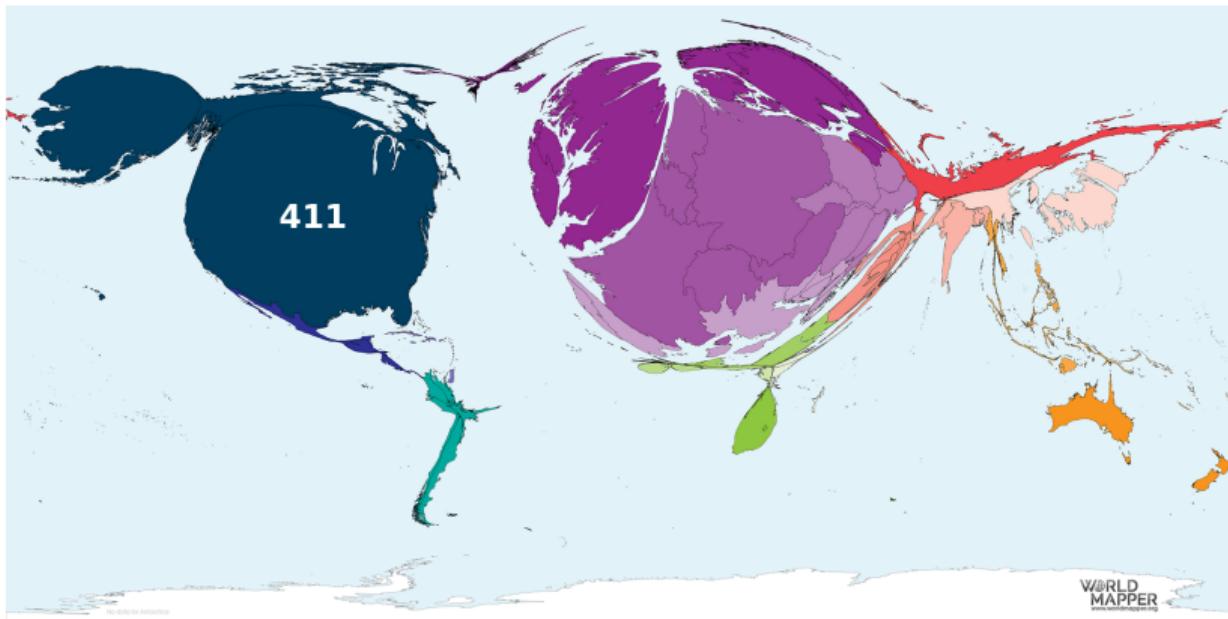


FIFA World Cup wins

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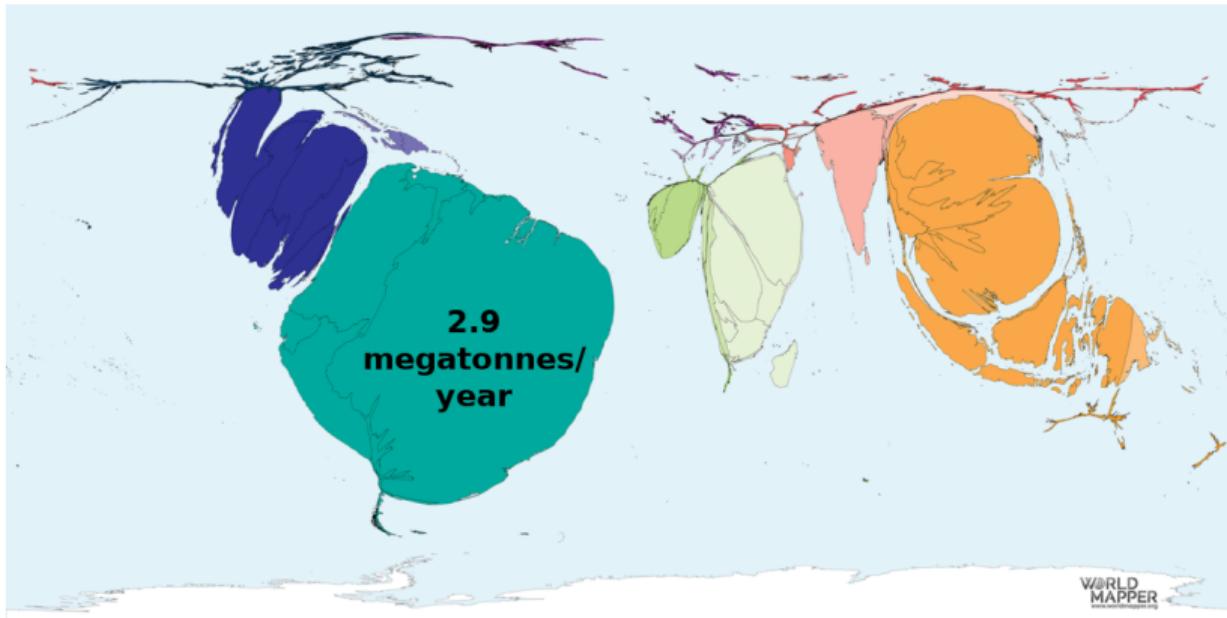


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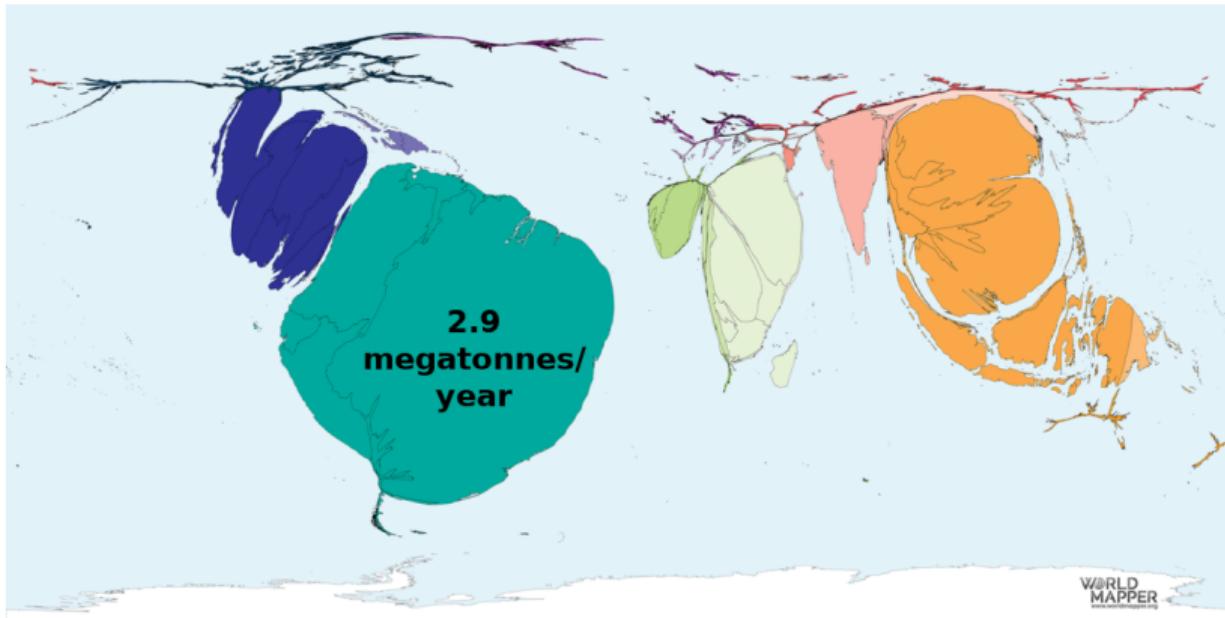


Nobel laureates

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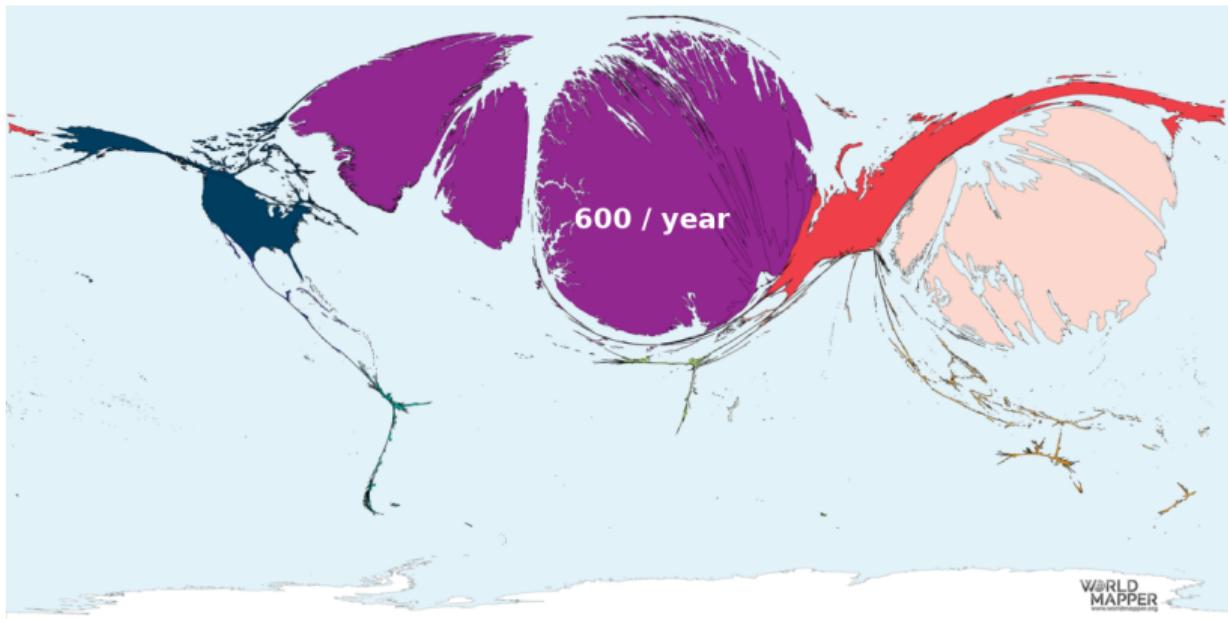


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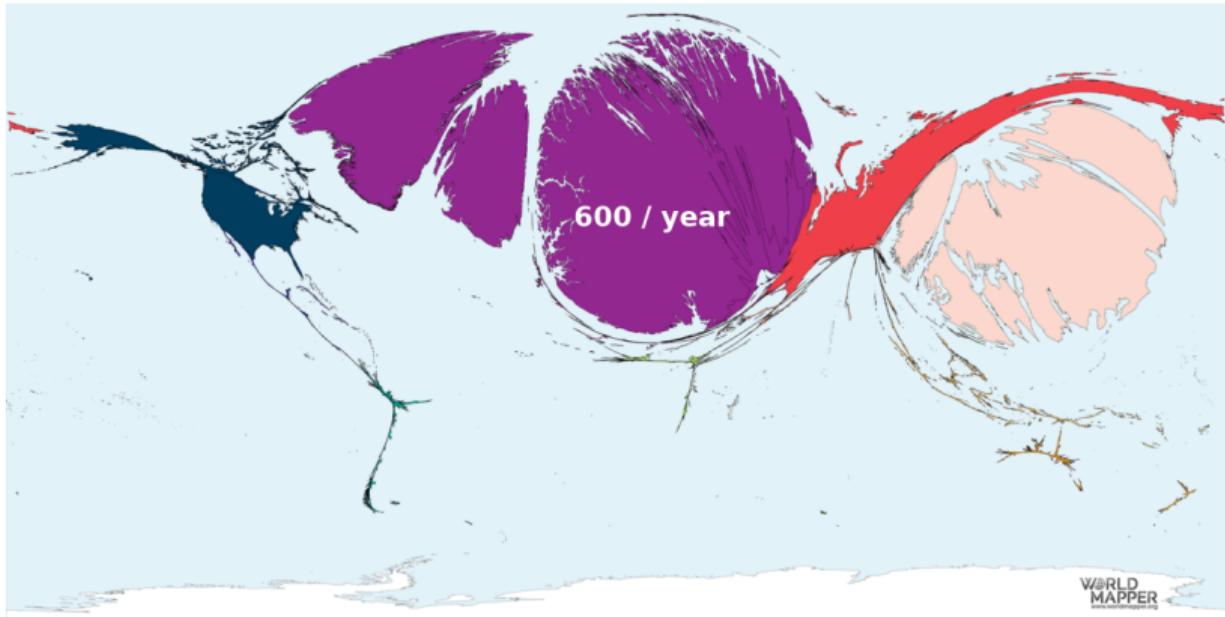


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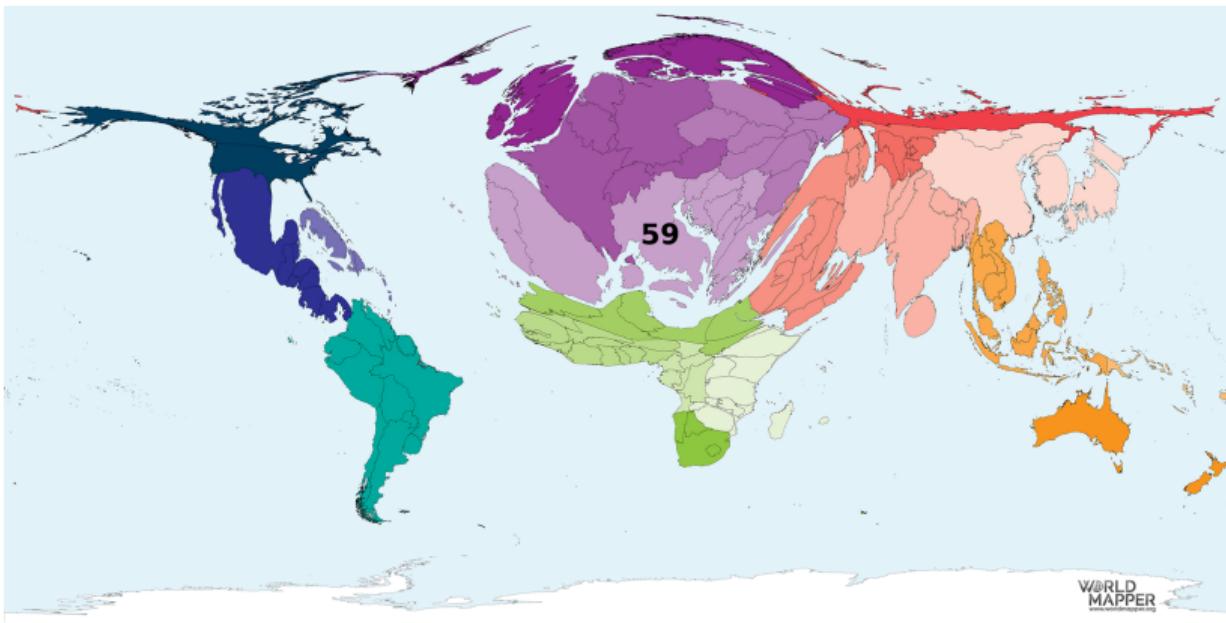


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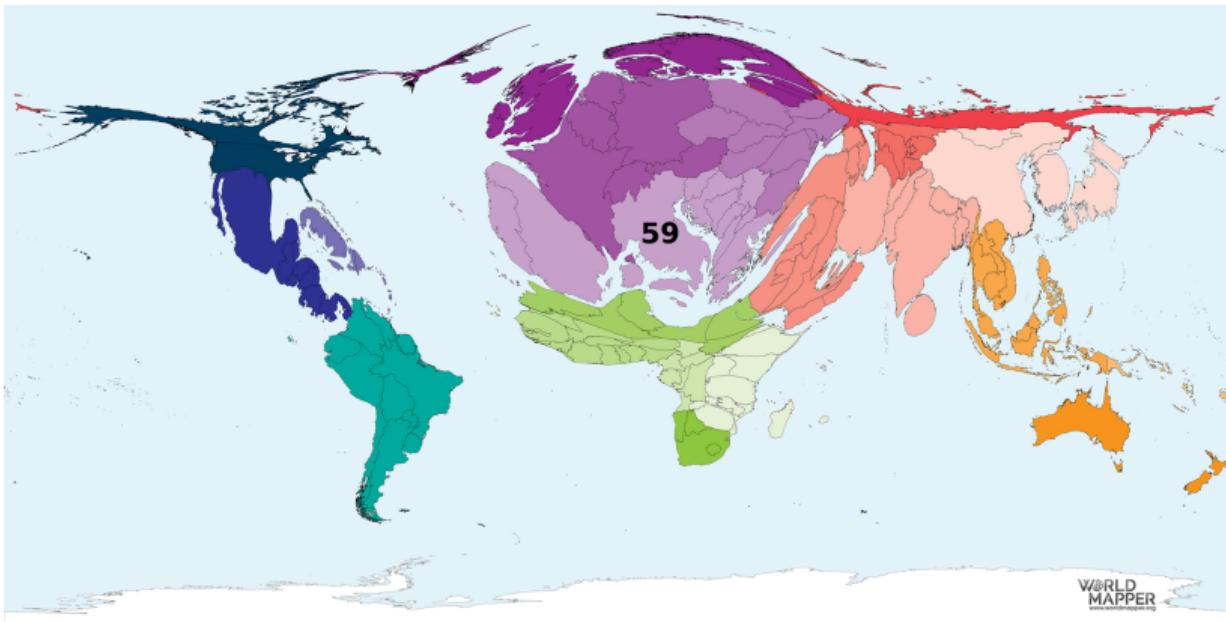


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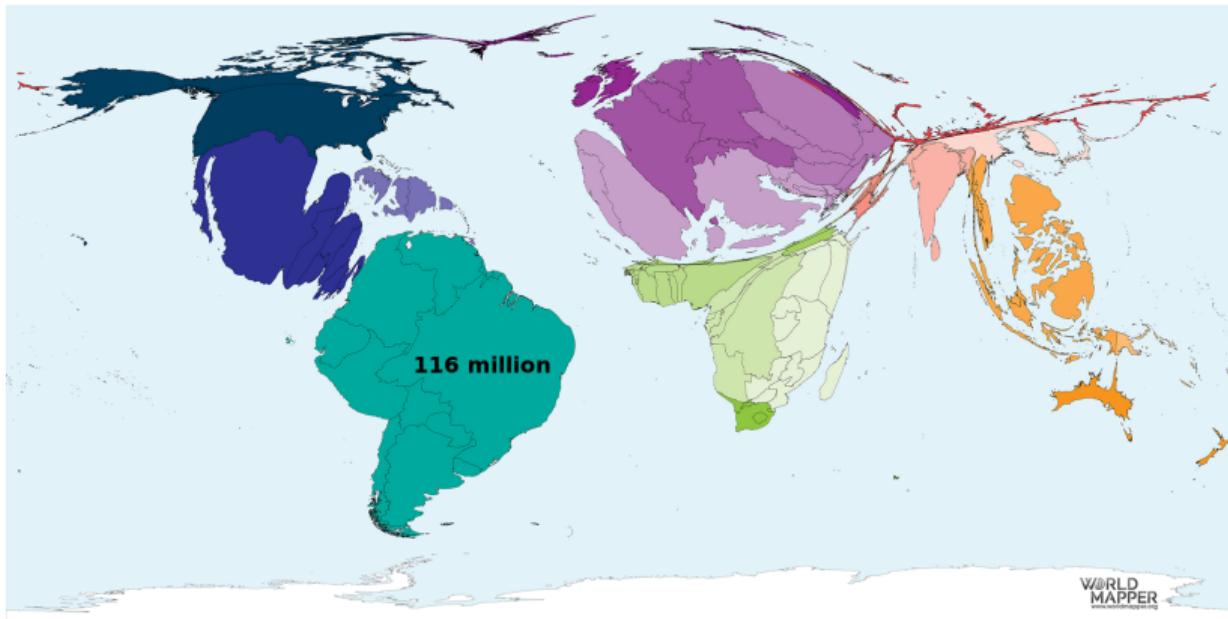


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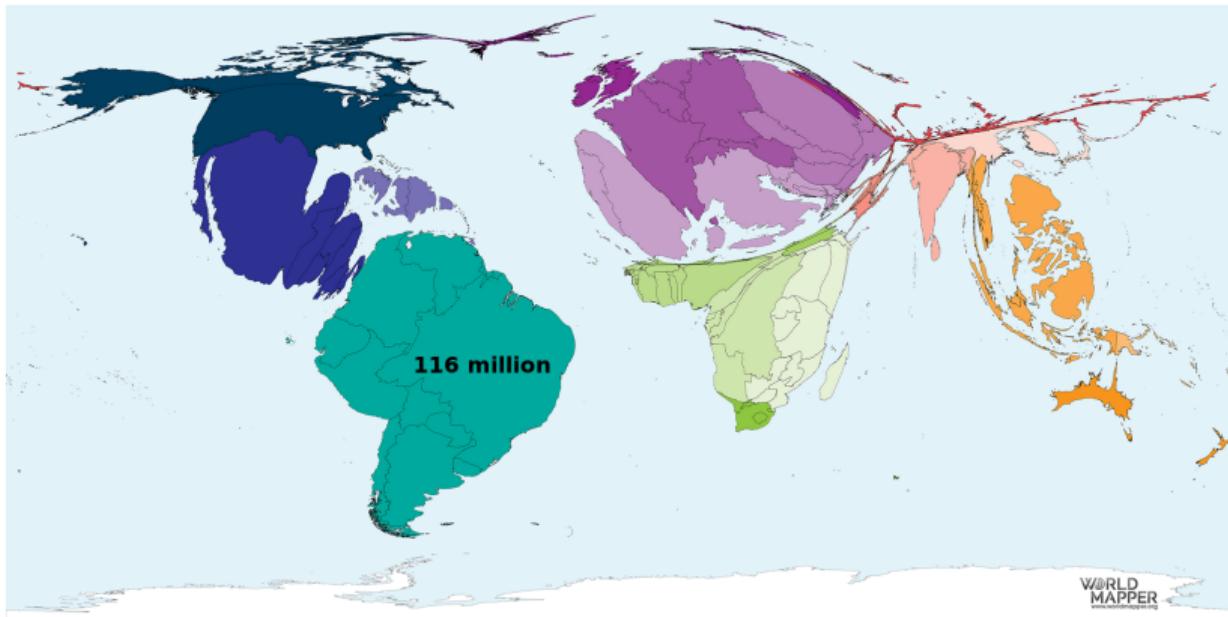


UNESCO world heritage sites

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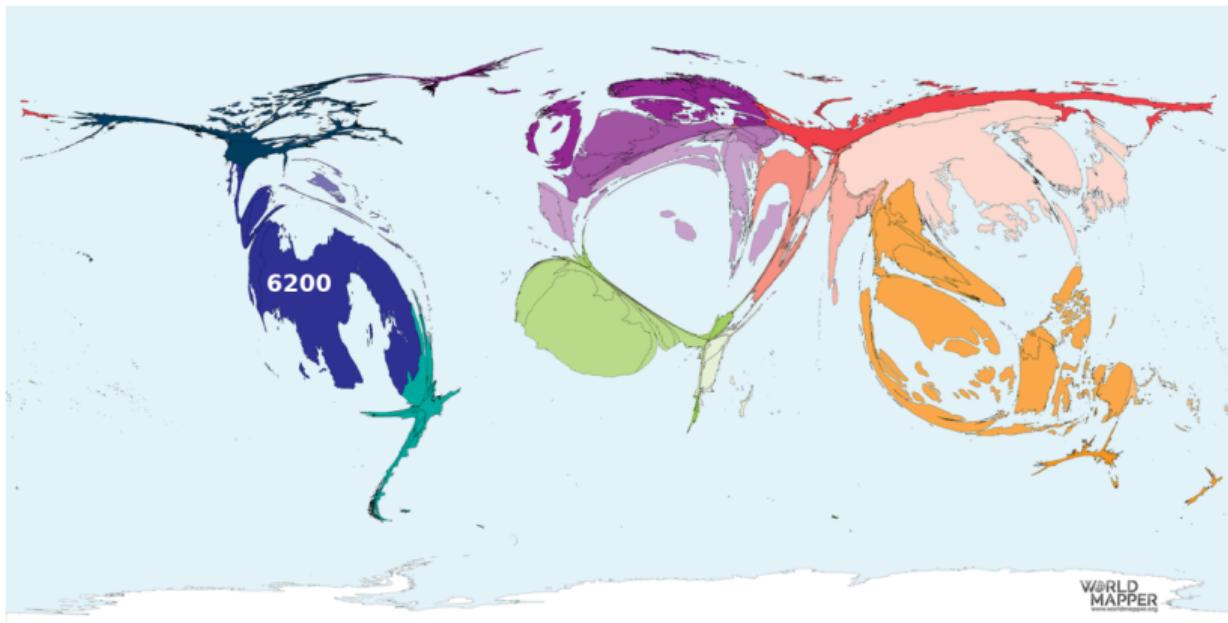


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Catholics

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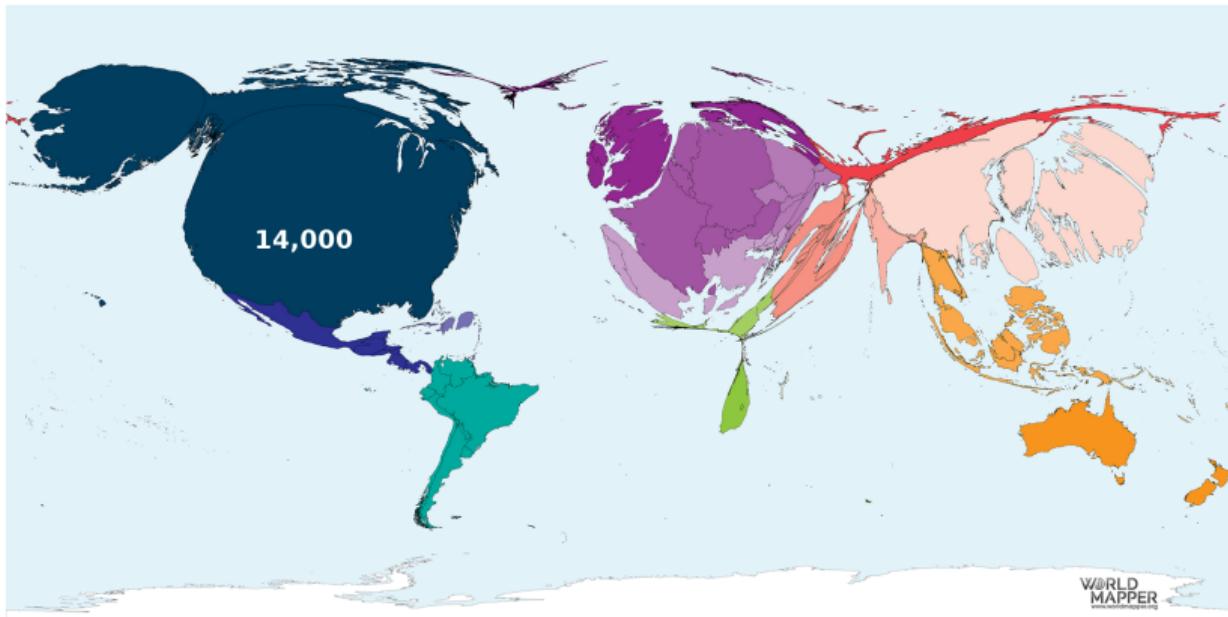


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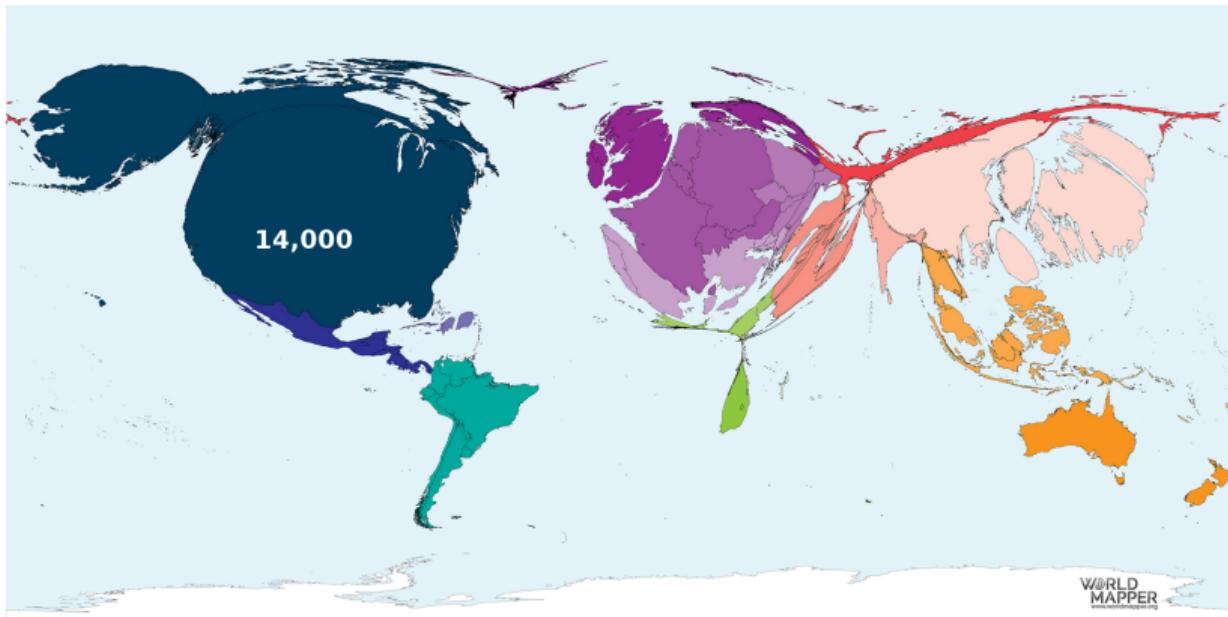


registered ships

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McDonalds

Puzzles: Connect Four

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sharp taste

words set to music

Solo character

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

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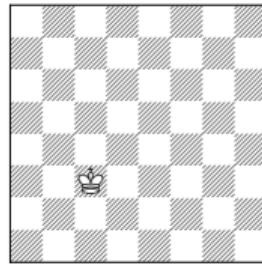
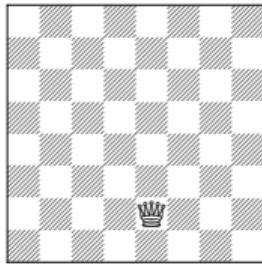
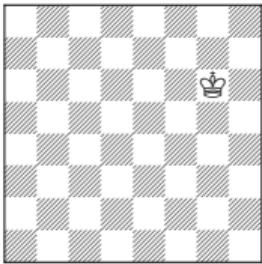
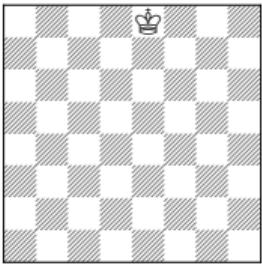
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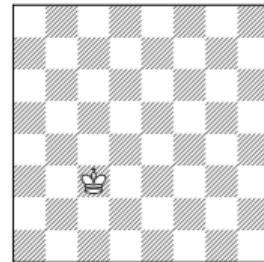
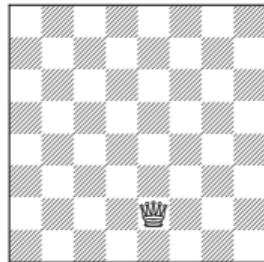
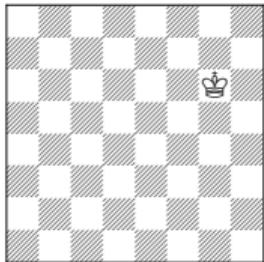
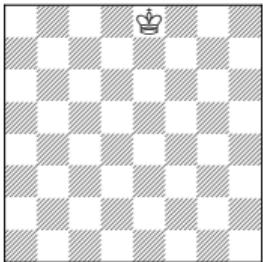
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It's a pros and cons list!

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

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