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Get to Know: Philippines

The Philippines is an island country rich in history and culture. How much do you know about this country? Set off on a webquest to explore the Philippines and find out!

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Find It!

Find the answers to the questions below using the "Search" tool to search key words. Since this activity is about the Philippines, you can start by searching the key word "Philippines." Write the answers below each question or in the space provided.

1. The Philippines is made up of more than _____ islands.
2. The capital of the Philippines is _____.
3. The Philippines is hottest during which months?
4. The ancestors of Filipinos came from _____ and _____.
5. Which smaller groups of people do NOT live in the Philippines?
 - a. Chinese
 - b. Indian
 - c. Japanese
 - d. Brazilian
6. Which European power settled in the Philippines in the 1500's?
7. The Philippines has more _____ than any other Asian nation.
8. About one-third of Philippine workers earn their living from which industry?

9. Filipino farmers grow which products?
 - a. Coconuts
 - b. Rice
 - c. Sugar cane
 - d. All of the above
10. The Philippines gained their independence on _____.
11. Click on the “Facts in brief about the Philippines” table. What do blue, red, and white represent on the flag?
12. When was the flag adopted?
13. In the “Philippines” article, click the “More Information” icon at the top of the article. Go to the “Manila” article.
 - a. Manila is located on which island? _____
 - b. Manila is the center of which industries? _____
 - c. When did Manila become the official capital of the Philippines? _____

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True or False

Write “True” if the statement about the Philippines is correct. If the statement is not correct, write “False” and correct the statement in the space below.

_____ 14. The Battle of the Philippine Sea took place during World War I (1914-1918).

_____ 15. The Battle of the Philippine Sea was fought between German and United States forces.

_____ 16. The Philippine Sea is part of Pacific Ocean east of the Philippines.

_____ 17. The Battle of the Philippine Sea was a decisive Japanese victory.

Just the Facts!

*On the top of the web page, you will see the article title, along with three tabs.
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*Look at the section marked "Articles." Then, click on the links to the articles listed there.
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18. Name of article: Philippines, Government of the
One new fact:

19. Name of article: Spanish-American War
One new fact:

20. Name of article: Philippines, History of the
One new fact:



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Answers

1. The Philippines is made up of more than 7,000 islands.
2. The capital of the Philippines is Manila.
3. The Philippines is hottest from March to May.
4. The ancestors of Filipinos came from Indonesia and Malaysia.
5. There are not smaller groups of (d.) Brazilian people living in the Philippines.
6. The Spaniards settled in the Philippines in the 1500's.
7. The Philippines has more Christians than any other Asian nation.
8. About one-third of Philippine workers earn their living by farming.
9. Filipino farmers grow (d.) All of the above.
10. The Philippines gained their independence on July 4, 1946.
11. Blue represents noble ideas. Red represents courage.
12. The flag was adopted in 1898.
13.
 - a. Manila is located on the island of Luzon.
 - b. Manila is the center of the country's banking and business industries.
 - c. Manila became the capital of the Philippines in 1976.
14. False. The Battle of the Philippine Sea took place during World War II (1939-1945).
15. False. The Battle of the Philippine Sea was fought between Japanese and United States forces.
16. True.
17. False. The Battle of the Philippine Sea was a decisive U.S. victory.
18. Answers will vary.
19. Answers will vary.
20. Answers will vary.