## Chapter- 0

## **Vous Connaissez La France?**

#### **STUDYNOTES**

## In this chapter we will learn about ..

- 1. France and its history and Culture
- 2. For what France is Famous.

#### FRANCE ITS HISTORY AND CULTURE

The Republic of France is a European state with a population of about 66 million. It is a multicultural and multi-ethnic country. French is the official language of France and is spoken by 88% of the population. It is the dominant language in the country. Many French citizens, especially in cities such as Paris, can speak English. When visiting France, it is advised to learn a few French words especially greetings and words of gratitude. Apart from French, other languages spoken in France include English, German, Portuguese, Italian, Arabic, Polish, and Turkish.

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#### FOR WHAT FRANCE IS FAMOUS

The country is one of the most popular destinations on Earth, thanks to a city of love and lights like Paris. Some interesting insights into the most famous things that can only be found and enjoyed in France!

#### 1. EIFFEL TOUR

The Eiffel Tower tops the list because this monument is super duper famous. No one visits France without making a stop to admire The Eiffel Tower. Indeed, many tourists come to the capital city Paris only to take pictures with the monument. It is an icon, it is a landmark, it is a symbol of France. Built in 1887, The Eiffel Tower is 324 meters (1,063 feet) tall

and is the tallest building in Paris. Head to its observation deck for the most fantastic views of Paris.

#### 2. FROMAGE

Cheese is one of the most popular things in France. Throughout the country, you can find almost 1,000 types of French cheese. These cheeses generally belong to three main categories: blue cheese, soft cheese and pressed cheese. For blue cheese, you should look for Bleu des Causses and Bleu d'Auvergne.

#### 3. TOUR DE FRANCE

a bicycle race where riders with their bikes competed with one another while cycling through scenic routes? That bicycle race is a sports event called Tour de France which is held annually and is one of the things associated with France. Primarily held in France the race is 21-days long and covers approximately 3,500 kilometers (2,200 miles) of routes.

# 4. LOUVRE MUSEUM

Lies on the right bank of Seine is the biggest art museum in the world and one of the most popular historic monuments called The Louvre. Also known as the Louvre Museum, the museum displays some finest collection of artworks from around the globe, which are divided into eight areas. Most notable masterpieces of this museum include the Vinos de Milo and the Mona Lisa.

#### 5. NAPOLEON BONAPARTE

One of the most prominent military leaders is a French and his name is Napoleon Bonaparte. The statesman played a significant role during the French Revolution.

❖ We will learn in details as the chapter goes

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