

PROPUESTA A

THE HISTORY OF PIZZA

The modern pizza was originally invented in Naples, Italy, but the word pizza is Greek in origin, derived from the Greek word *pēktos* meaning solid or clotted. The ancient Greeks covered their bread with oils, herbs and cheese. The first major innovation that led to flat bread pizza was the use of tomato as a topping. It was common for the poor of the area around Naples to add tomato to their yeast-based flat bread, and so the pizza began.

While it is difficult to say for sure who invented the pizza, it is however believed that modern pizza was first made by baker Raffaele Esposito of Naples. In fact, a popular urban legend holds that the archetypal pizza, Pizza Margherita, was invented in 1889, when the Royal Palace of Capodimonte commissioned the Neapolitan pizzaiolo Raffaele Esposito to create a pizza in honor of the visiting Queen Margherita. Of the three different pizzas he created, the Queen strongly preferred a pie swathed in the colours of the Italian flag: red (tomato), green (basil), and white (mozzarella). Supposedly, this kind of pizza was then named after the Queen as Pizza Margherita.

Later, the dish has become popular in many parts of the world: The first pizzeria, Antica Pizzeria Port'Alba, was opened in 1830 in Naples. In North America, The first pizzeria was opened in 1905 by Gennaro Lombardi at 53 1/3 Spring Street in New York City. And, the first Pizza Hut, the chain of pizza restaurants, appeared in the United States during the 1930s.

Nowadays, many varieties of pizza exist worldwide, along with several dish variants based upon pizza.

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Answer the following questions using the information given in the text.

1. Where was modern pizza invented?
2. What is the origin of the word pizza?
3. Who spread cheese, herbs and oils on bread?
4. Who used to add tomato to their yeast-based flat bread?
5. Who invented the pizza?
6. When was pizza Margherita invented?
7. What ingredients represent the colours of the Italian flag?
8. Was the pizza well-received in different parts of the world?
9. In which city of the United States was the first pizzeria opened?
10. What is Pizza Hut?

PROPUESTA B

ELMER'S BOTTLE TREE RANCH

The Bottle Tree Ranch created by Elmer Long is one of the most impressive attractions along Route 66, with hundreds of trees made with bottles. When his father died, Elmer decided to build a forest with a lot of bottles trees in the desert. Each tree has a large metal tube with various bottles, often of different colours, hanging off the tube's "arms".

Elmer Long is the extravagant artist behind the now famous Bottle Tree Ranch. He has a really long white beard and he's a really fascinating man who loves talking and getting to know the people who visit his roadside work. When he was a child, Elmer travelled through the desert with his dad, who collected all the objects they found, and wrote long notes about their location.

After his father's death, Elmer had a big collection of colorful bottles, but he had no idea what to do with it. One day, inspiration hit him – he decided to build his first bottle tree. He learned to work with metal, and after he completed his work, he knew that he had to continue. Elmer Long started the Bottle Tree Ranch in 2000, and since then has created over 200 trees with metal and glass.

Visiting the Bottle Tree Ranch in California's Mojave County isn't just about admiring the beautiful art installations, or hearing the sweet melody created by the wind going through the bottles, it's also about meeting the artist. Elmer Long is just as fascinating as his bottle ranch, always welcoming guests. The entrance is free, but Elmer has a donation box so that you can help him with his art and if you donate, you can take a small piece of glass as a souvenir.

The majority of the "trees" have something on top of them, like a star on a Christmas tree. You can find from a rifle to bones and bells, and other things top the trees. Other objects are on the ground surrounding the bottle trees, including an abandoned jeep, a boat and other things most people might describe as rubbish. But, this "rubbish" is now one of the best attractions you can see in California.

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Answer the following questions using the information given in the text.

1. When did Elmer start building his forest?
2. What parts are there in a bottle tree?
3. Is Elmer a normal artist?
4. Who travelled with Elmer when he was a child?
5. What did Elmer's dad do?
6. What materials has Elmer used to build his trees?
7. Where can you visit the Bottle Tree Ranch?
8. Do you have to pay to visit the Bottle Tree Ranch?
9. What can you do if you donate?
10. What can you see surrounding the trees?