

### 1. Moulin Rouge

The Moulin Rouge opened its doors on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1889, in Paris. This week we take a closer look at the flamboyant club in a short history.

#### Level

Good Elementary and above

#### How to use the lesson

1. Tell the class you are going to give them each part of a text about the Moulin Rouge, but that the text is in three parts. Each student in the class will have one third of the story to read.
2. Divide the class into groups of three and give each group a copy of Worksheet A cut into three parts, A, B and C.
3. Tell the students they have four minutes to read their part of the text, after which time they are going to answer some questions about it.
4. After four minutes, give each group one copy of Worksheet B. Tell them they have to work together to answer the questions. Encourage students to try to answer them without looking back at the texts all the time.
5. Check answers in open class.

#### Answers

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| 1. 1889  | 8. The can-can   |
| 2. The Eiffel Tower and the giant model of an elephant               | 9. Absinth   |
| 3. Around 25 years (from 1890-ish to the beginning of the WW1, 1914) | 10. Jane Avril, La Goulue, Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley |
| 4. October 6 <sup>th</sup> , 1889                                    | 11. Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec                              |
| 5. The giant elephant  | 12. 1901   |
| 6. 1 franc   | 13. Alcoholism   |
| 7. A belly dancer  | 14. Six  |
|  | 15. Foreign tourists                                       |

### 2. Related Websites

Take a closer look at some of the characters mentioned in the text

[http://www.clubmoulinrouge.com/html/member/background\\_sin.htm](http://www.clubmoulinrouge.com/html/member/background_sin.htm)

Read all about the belle époque

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=4569913>

Listen to a report about Toulouse-Lautrec and the Montmartre bohemians

<http://www.moulinrouge.fr/home-flash-gb.html>

<http://www.clubmoulinrouge.com/mr1.htm>

A couple of official websites