

Basic comprehension questions for use with the animated short: "A Brief History of Rubber"

1. Who invented the ancient ball game referenced in this video?
2. List 2 other uses these people found for rubber.
3. When Europeans were first introduced to rubber, they were shocked. What did they accuse the demonstrator of being?
4. Why was Charles Goodyear one of the most famous individuals in the American rubber industry?
5. What would be some of the problems we would have without Charles Goodyear's idea?
6. Why did King Leopold's desires result in the deaths of millions of people?
7. John Dunlop invented one of the first pneumatic tires. Why did he create it? How did the growing popularity of cars affect rubber?
8. Synthetic rubber makes up approximately what percentage of the world's rubber production totals?
9. In addition to the automobile industry, list 3 other areas where rubber is used, as mentioned by the video.