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Listen to a podcast about the origin of the donut.

While listening, tick the correct answer (a, b, c, or d). There is only one correct answer to each question. There is an example at the beginning (0).

You will hear the recording twice. You will have one minute at the end of the second recording to complete the task.

You now have two minutes to read the statements below.

Good luck!

Please turn over for
the statements below.

Maximale Punktzahl: 10 Punkte

Quelle der Tonaufnahme:

New England Legends (April 4, 2024): *Podcast 343 – The Birth of the Legendary Donut*. Produziert von J. Belanger, J. und R. Auger. Online: <https://ournewenglandlegends.com/podcast-343-the-birth-of-the-legendary-donut/>. Download: 06.02.2025.

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0. According to the speakers, the origin of the donut is ...

a	somewhat vague.	✓
b	related to other pastries.	
c	connected to several regions.	
d	claimed by a well-known company.	

1. In 1847, Goose River, Maine, was a town that ...

a	attracted investors.	
b	exported goods overseas.	✓
c	was popular with hunters.	
d	was known for its stone architecture.	

2. Sailors typically ...

a	only eat once a day.	
b	have little time for eating.	✓
c	eat fish as their main food.	
d	eat together aboard their ship.	

3. Hanson Gregory is said to be ...

a	the ship cook's son.	
b	well-liked by the crew.	
c	enjoying rough conditions at sea.	
d	involved in preparing the crew's food.	✓

4. Making oily cakes is problematic because ...

a	you need lots of expensive sugar.	
b	the center frequently stays too soft.	✓
c	you need to eat them while they are still hot.	
d	reaching high cooking temperatures is difficult.	

5. When Gregory is making the cakes, something strange happens which ...

a	utterly confuses him.	
b	makes him start praying.	
c	gives him an inspirational idea.	✓
d	deeply shocks the rest of the crew.	

6. When things get back to normal, ...

a	the quality of the oil has changed.	
b	Gregory uses a different dough shape.	✓
c	there is something different about the ship.	
d	Gregory accidentally drops his ring into the oil.	

7. When the crew tries the new kind of cake, they ...

a	celebrate Gregory with loud cheers.	
b	wonder what happened to the center part.	
c	like it more than the one he used to make.	✓
d	decide to tell people back home right away.	

8. After returning home to Goose River, ...

a	Gregory quits his job on the ship.	
b	his mom wants to open a cake shop.	
c	his mom further improves the recipe.	
d	Gregory develops a better way to make the cakes.	✓

9. Another version of the donut's origin differs as to ...

a	who invented the new shape.	
b	how the new shape was made.	✓
c	why the new shape was necessary.	
d	where the new shape was invented.	

10. The speakers say that the story might ...

a	be partly made up.	✓
b	have changed over time.	
c	be seen critically by Christians.	
d	have originated in a religious context.	

Transkription

Okay, Jeff, the donut was born in Rockport, Maine?

It was. Sort of.

Sort of?

Sort of. I mean, the donut had its precursors.

Well, I get that. And, of course, Dunkin' Donuts was born in New England, so maybe this all makes sense.

That's right. But before there was Dunkin', there needed to be a donut.

Yes, well, that makes total sense. So let's head back to 1847 and witness the birth of a legend.

It's the spring of 1847 here in Goose River, Maine. Goose River is a seafaring town to be sure. Fishing, shipping, and shipbuilding are big industries here, but also ice harvesting in the winter.

Sure.

The ice is shipped by boat south, where they sell it to warmer climates. The other big business here is the extraction of lime for construction, cleaning, and even fertilization. Lime is shipped all over the world from this harbor.

And sailors are busy people. I mean, they need to have their ships and cargo ready because time and tide wait for no one. And sometimes that means skipping meals or grabbing food and eating while you work.

Oh, yeah, sure, I can relate. There's plenty of times that I need to eat on the job or on my way to work.

And a favorite treat around these parts is something called an oily cake. It's deep fried. It's a round cake coated with sugar. It's delicious, but it's messy.

Well, some of the best treats are messy.

That's true.

Enter 16-year-old Hanson Crockett Gregory. He's a local kid who finds work as a cabin boy and cook on a lime trading schooner. With the schooner at sea and the ocean and weather relatively calm, there's a little more time for cooking and eating. Young Hanson Gregory has quite the appetite, especially for these oily cakes, or as he sometimes calls them, fried cakes. He can't get enough of them. So he makes a bunch for himself and his crew. Still, Gregory does see one big problem with the oily cakes.

What's that?

Well, they're messy for one.

Yeah, sure.

But the bigger problem is that the middle part is often undercooked. The cooking oil pools in the middle and soaks the cake underneath.

Sure.

Gregory figures there has to be a better way.

So there's Gregory shaping the dough into round cakes and getting them ready to fry up in oil. He's working the dough. He's forming the shapes. And that's when... That's when... Ray, what's happening?

I'm not sure, Jeff. I'm hearing the voices of angels.

Yeah. I see a light shining down from heaven. It's shining on that round lid on that tin box in Gregory's galley.

Time slows. For Gregory, it's like the ship has stopped moving at sea. Every sailor on board seems frozen in time except for the young cook. He hears the voice of God. He sees the round lid on the tin box. He sees the round dough cakes. He sees the round tin. He sees the dough cakes. The round tin. The cakes. The tin.

Look! Gregory just pushed the uncooked dough over the round lid and knocked a hole in the middle of the cake. So now it's a ring.

And just like that, the time-space continuum returns to normal. The ship is sailing again. The crew is going about their business. And that's when Gregory tosses his ring of dough into the hot oil. A few minutes later, out pops an oily cake cooked to perfection with no undercooked dough in the middle. No pool of oil. Just a perfect round cake.

The crew agrees. This version of the oily cake is better. It's a huge improvement. When the ship returns to the port at Goose River, Hanson Gregory races home to show his mom, Mary, his new invention. His mother is impressed.

Gregory finds some tin to form the perfect shape for making these holes in the oily cakes. And pretty soon, Mary begins making these new treats in bulk and selling them along Maine's mid-coast. And suddenly, the donut is born.

You know there's a second version to the birth story of the legend of the donut?

Oh yeah, what's that?

It still gives credit to Captain Hanson Gregory Crockett. Anyway, the story goes he was tired of the oily undercooked middle of the oily cake, so he jammed it on the end of a spoke in the ship's wheel to knock it out. And that's how the donut was born.

Ah, got it.

And we must admit to taking some liberties, Ray. We can't be sure that time stopped, angels sang, and God spoke.

No, but that's probably what happened.

That has to be how it happened. I can't think of another way.

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Tick the correct answer (a, b, c, or d). Only one answer to each question is correct.

Richtzeit für diese Aufgabe: 10 Minuten

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Good luck!

1. In terms of land area, the smallest New England state is ...

a	Maine.	
b	Vermont.	
c	Rhode Island.	✓
d	Massachusetts.	

2. One of the most prestigious universities in the world can be found in New England, namely ...

a	Harvard.	✓
b	Stanford.	
c	Berkeley.	
d	Columbia.	

3. The New England Patriots are a professional sports team of ...

a	Major League Soccer.	
b	the National Hockey League.	
c	the National Football League.	✓
d	the National Basketball Association.	

4. Historically, New England is famous as the place where ...

a	the “First Thanksgiving” took place.	✓
b	most battles of the American Civil War were fought.	
c	Columbus first landed on the North American mainland.	
d	George Washington took his oath as the first U.S. President.	

5. The Pilgrim Fathers reached North America in 1620 on board the ...

a	<i>Beaver.</i>	
b	<i>Mayflower.</i>	✓
c	<i>Hornblower.</i>	
d	<i>Golden Hind.</i>	

6. The main reason for the Boston Tea Party was ...

a	a conflict with local Native American tribes.	
b	the commemoration of founding the first tea plantations.	
c	a protest against British taxes and lack of political power.	✓
d	the celebration of economic development in British colonies.	

7. New England is home to one of the best-loved U.S. coastal tourist destinations, namely ...

a	Key West.	
b	Cape Cod.	✓
c	the Hamptons.	
d	Huntington Beach.	

8. As one can see in the photo, New England’s cuisine is well known for its ...

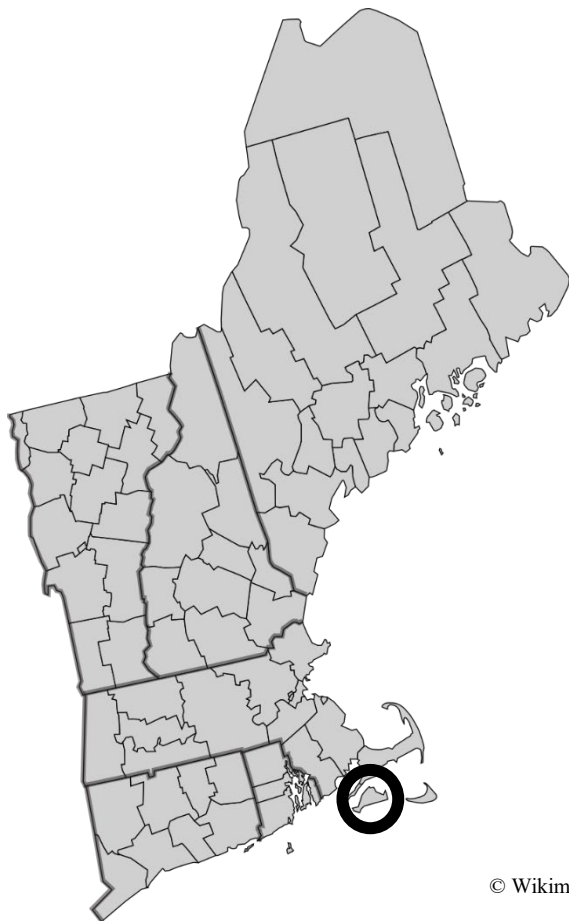


a	lobster roll.	✓
b	Pastrami on rye.	
c	Philly cheesesteak.	
d	cornbread with tater tots.	

9. The mountain ranges found in New England are part of the ...

a	Rockies.	
b	Cascades.	
c	Appalachians.	✓
d	Sierra Nevada.	

10. The circled island off the New England coast is called ...



a	Nantucket.	
b	Long Island.	
c	Martha's Vineyard.	✓
d	Mount Desert Island.	

Rural New England Counts on Foliage Tourism, but the Future of Fall Colors Is Uncertain

Ultimately, climate change may bring relief from overtourism at a high price: the loss of vibrant autumn leaves.

By Julia Tilton

Leaves are already turning in northern New England, signaling that the region's famed foliage season – estimated by the U.S. Forest Service to bring in \$8 billion in tourism revenue annually – is underway. [...]

This year, visitors to Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island [...] can expect to see the return of vibrant reds that have been dull in recent years. Foliage **(1)** to arrive on a “normal” timeline in many parts of the region, with peak colors forecast for early October into Indigenous People's Day weekend.

Looking toward the future, however, scientists warn that dull colors and delays to the season could become increasingly common. Dr. Alexandra Kosiba [...] studies how trees in New England are adapting to a changing climate.

“There is the concern that with continued climate change, we not only have an increasingly later fall foliage season, but that it might **(2)** less vibrant,” Kosiba told the Daily Yonder. [...]

By looking at historical data and old photographs of fall foliage in New England, researchers like Kosiba have found that color changes are **(3)** later than they have in the past. [...]

¹ precipitation - water that falls from the sky, like rain, snow, or hail

Dr. Stephanie Spera is a professor [...] at the University of Richmond. She published research in 2023 showing how peak fall foliage in Maine's Acadia National Park now occurs two weeks later than it did in the 1950s. By 2060, Spera projects that peak foliage could happen as late as October 30 to November 2.

Spera said predictions can be tricky because of how climate change is making New England weather more unpredictable. In **(4)** to rising temperatures, precipitation¹ patterns are changing in the region. Like temperature, precipitation has an impact on how bright fall foliage will be, and how long trees will hang on to their leaves before dropping them for winter. Intense rainfall events [...] can put stress on trees. Drought² conditions, meanwhile, will scorch leaves, affecting their ability to turn. [...]

This year, scientists agree that the region is in for a show. A healthy growing season combined with what Salge calls “New England sweater weather” means the foliage **(5)** on time with plenty of color.

In Vermont, the Director of the University of Vermont's Tourism Research Center, Dr. Lisa Chase, says the state is gearing up for one of its most **(6)** seasons. Tourists flock to Vermont from what Chase calls “the drive market,” which includes the New York City, Boston, and Montreal metropolitan areas. [...]

Last year, despite the duller-than-usual colors, a rural Vermont community found itself face-to-face with a new kind of tourist: social media influencers. With social media granting users the ability to

² drought - a long time with little or no rain

geolocate their photos, seemingly random spots can become ultra-hot destinations overnight. This can create a burden for residents (7) in places that are not set up for an influx of tourists. [...]

Chase said her takeaway from the situation is that part of the joy of foliage season is exploring beautiful spots that nobody else has found yet.

“Rather than going to this specific spot where there’s going to be a whole bunch of other tourists waiting for their turn to take a photo, explore the incredible back roads of Vermont and make discoveries for yourself,” Chase said. [...]

Source: <https://dailyyonder.com/rural-new-england-counts-on-foliage-tourism-but-the-future-of-fall-colors-is-uncertain/2024/09/17/>, last accessed on July 11, 2025

	very
2	become
7	living
6	popular
4	addition
3	occurring
	a lot earlier
	environment
5	should arrive
1	is also expected

2. AUFGABE:

Lies die folgenden kurzen Zusammenfassungen von drei Romanen durch, die in New England spielen. Ordne dann die Überschriften A–E den Texten 1 bis 3 zu. Es gibt zwei Überschriften, die nicht benötigt werden.

Text 1:

Two girls from very different families spend the endless summer holidays together on an island off the coast of Massachusetts, starting when they are ten years old and continuing into adulthood. Vix is a shy girl from a relatively poor family, while Caitlin is confident and popular. Every summer, Caitlin chooses one friend to join her — and to Vix's surprise, she is the chosen one. This marks the beginning of a deep friendship filled with first loves, secrets, and the mysteries of life. Nearly twenty years later, Caitlin invites Vix to her wedding. But time has changed them, and old secrets resurface, forcing both women to face their past.

Text 2:

In a small town in Maine, Carrie White is a lonely girl raised by her extremely religious mother. She doesn't understand the changes in her body, believing she is dying from an incurable disease rather than realizing she is becoming a young woman. Because of this, her classmates bully and humiliate her. Her fear and shame turn into anger — and something awakens inside her: the power to move things with her mind. One girl regrets mocking her and convinces her boyfriend to take Carrie to the prom. But other students once again plan a terrible joke. Just as Carrie is surprisingly crowned prom queen, she is unexpectedly covered in pig's blood. Her rage explodes, and with her powers she destroys the town and kills most of the townspeople.

Text 3:

"Good night, you Princes of Maine, you Kings of New England!" This is what Dr. Wilbur Larch says each night to the orphans of St. Cloud's, a children's home Homer Wells, one of the orphans, grows up there and is trained by Dr. Larch as a medical assistant. Larch helps young women with unwanted pregnancies — something Homer struggles to accept. When Homer leaves the orphanage with a couple named Wally and Candy, he starts a new life in their apple orchard. After Wally goes to war and is reported missing, Homer and Candy become lovers and have a child, Angel. When Wally unexpectedly returns, paralyzed, they hide the truth from him, saying that Angel has been adopted. Homer returns to the life of an apple picker, and as years pass, he is confronted with his son's carelessness and a need to continue Dr Larch's work.

Texte 1 – 3: © Philip Town, Eckernförde

Headlines

- A Pushed too far
- B Finding happiness
- C An evolving friendship
- D From enemies to friends
- E Complicated family bonds

Text	1	2	3
Headline	C	A	E

The Freedom Trail

A good introduction to the history of Boston is to take the Freedom Trail. Developed in the 1950s, the trail **starts** in **central** Boston **and** then **takes** tourists **north** past **sixteen** historical **sites**. Guides **wearing** the **typical** 17th century dress **lead** Boston visitors along the **two-and-a-half** mile **trail** and **provide** information **about** the **locations** they **pass**: old houses, meeting halls, churches, graveyards and battle sites. Of special interest is the home of Paul Revere, the patriot known for his midnight ride to warn about the approaching British.

Stephen King's home county

The author Stephen King was born in Portland, Maine, lived for a long time in Bangor and has stayed **true** to **this/that** state **for** all **his** life. **His** first **short** stories **showed** a **deep** awareness **of** the **countryside** around **him**, and **he** cleverly **used** many **landscapes** in **rural** Maine. **Yet** many **of** his **stories** are **set** in **fictional** towns that replace the real ones King was familiar with. This detailed description of small-town life has attracted many fans to Bangor so that they can see for themselves the inspiration for his fictional Derry.

Witch Hunt in Salem

In early 1692, three young girls set off a massive witch hunt in Salem. They **came** to **the** local **doctor** with **strange**, unnatural **symptoms** like **losing** control **of** their **bodies**, making **weird** noises **and** feeling **sharp** pain as if **being** stuck with pins. **These/Those** were **seen** as **signs** of **witchcraft** and **attributed** to **the** influence of three women in the community, all outsiders. One of these women confessed to being a worshipper of the devil and named other 'witches' to save herself from severe punishment.

New England food

New England food is based on a combination of older English cooking methods and standard native American ingredients. In the **rocky** soil **only** potatoes, **corn** and **berries** grew well, and **syrup** was **won** from **the** maple trees. The **shore** offered **seafood** of **all** kinds. **So** early **settlers** creatively **combined** the **natural** resources **they** encountered. **Puritans** were **introduced** to **new** varieties of beans by native Americans, and they made their first speciality by mixing the beans with salted pork and maple syrup.