

Cultural Fragments (UY)

- 1 - Sculptor José _____ (7) was one of the most notable contributors to the Legislative Palace, creating numerous reliefs for the building. The Palace is the location of the General Assembly of Uruguay. The building has been declared a National Historic Monument.
- 2 - Mate is a drink prepared by steeping leaves of the mate plant in hot water. The drink is then consumed out of a hollow gourd through a metal straw or _____ (8). The flavor of mate is similar to that of a green tea and can become bitter if steeped too long.
- 3 - A popular Uruguayan _____ (7) genre is candombe. It has African roots and was developed on the banks of the Rio de la Plata due to the influx of slaves in the colonial period through the nineteenth century.
- 4 - Parque Prado, the largest of six main public parks, contains several jogging paths around the _____ (9) Creek, which flows through the park. Other areas of the park that are frequently visited are the Rose Garden, the Botanical Garden, and the Rural del Prado, a seasonal farm animal and cattle fairground.
- 5 - Designed by Mario Palanti, the Palacio Salvo has a similar design to the Palacio Barolo in Buenos Aires, Argentina, which was also designed by Palanti. The Palacio Salvo was originally intended to be a _____ (5) but now houses offices and private residences.
- 6 - Uruguay's oldest theater is the Solís Theater built in 1856. The first national _____ (5) was premiered in 1878. The theater is owned by the government of Montevideo and has recently undergone reconstruction.
- 7 - Joaquín Torres García was an artist and art theorist who founded _____ (12) Universalism. The fire in the Rio de Janeiro Museum of Modern Art destroyed most of his works as it occurred while a large amount of his art was being exhibited. In 1944 he was granted the National Prize of Painting and published his own art theory.
- 8 - Eladio Dieste is an engineer and architect who is best known for his innovative Gaussian _____ (5). It is a thin shelled structure for single thickness brick roofs which is designed from a double curvature catenary arch which is what gives it its stiffness, strength and resistance to buckling.
- 9 - Ruido is a movie from 2005 which chronicles the story of _____ (7) on his journey to determine the meaning of life. This movie takes a comedic and intelligent look at this age old existential question.
- 10 - Casa Pueblo is a museum near the resort town Punta del Este on the Atlantic Coast. The museum has Mediterranean _____ (12) architecture and is made to look like a giant sculpture.
- 11 - José Belloni was a noted sculptor who also taught painting at the University of Montevideo's School of Architecture. One of his first works, The _____ (8), was an ode to ox-cart drivers of the nineteenth century.
- 12 - The main engineering work on the Montevideo Bay was performed between 1870 and 1930 with the construction of the port's first wooden pier. Much work was done to the pier during that time period but the area has degraded in the second half of the twentieth century. _____ (10) sediment and air and water contamination are the main environmental concerns of the port.
- 13 - Grappamiel is an alcoholic beverage which is a mixture of grappa and _____ (5). It is a very strong beverage and is often drunk in the summer over ice. Grappamiel can now be ordered with flavors such as chocolate, mint, coffee, vanilla, strawberry and lemon.
- 14 - Portuñol is a hybrid language formed by a mix of Portuguese and Spanish, mixed with native influences. This language is spoken on the border between Uruguay and Brazil on the frontier called the "Boarder of _____ (5)" because there is no legal obstacle preventing one from crossing the border between the two countries.
- 15 - Mario Benedetti was a writer and _____ (4) who wrote more than 80 books translated into over 20 languages. He was not well known in the English speaking world, but was known as one of Latin America's most important writers of the twentieth century.
- 16 - _____ (7) de Sacramento is a city by the Rio de la Plata and is the oldest town in Uruguay. It is known for its historic quarter and has a free trade zone, poly technic center and various government buildings.
- 17 - Uruguay has a national health care _____ (6) which is readily available to all residents of the country. This structure includes a network of free clinic to ensure that no one is without quality health care. Higher-end private hospital associations are also available.
- 18 - Once dubbed as "The Switzerland of America" due to its stability, Uruguay has history of _____ (7) as one of the strongest service exports. Uruguay's capital is the economic and political center of the country.