

IQ Game

(40 minutes)

Goal

For each round, the team with the “best” link (and accompanying supporting argument) wins the point. The goal of the game is to explore how we search and evaluate information in the world.

Number of players

2+ teams (preferably of 2-3 students)

Game Components

- Cards for each round (10+)
Note: For a 25 minute game, use 2 rounds, and to extend the game, simply add more rounds.
- Copies of the starting “link” for each round – 1 per team
- Cards for sample round (3-4)
- Timer

Setup

- Before each round, distribute the cards around the room so that the side with the search engine result is face up (the content should be on the back).
- Set the timer. For the first round, teams should have 7 minutes, for the second round, 6 minutes, etc. *Time limits can be changed.*

Rules for Each Round

Note: The facilitator can demonstrate the game with the **sample round**.

- At the start of each round a new question and context will be presented.
- The Google Search will be read by the facilitator.
- Each team will receive the first card, which is the first search result. *Youths often click on the first search result in a Google search.*
- There are 9+ other cards placed around the room. The top side looks like the information on the Google Search result page, and the down side is the page content when a search result is clicked on.
- Each team decides if they like the search result (the one they are given), and if they want to click on it (flip it over), and if they want to use the information (keep the card) or not (turn the card back over and continue searching). As teams move around the room in a physical Google “search,” **they must never be holding more than one search result card at a time.**
- When time runs out, teams have 1-2 minutes to discuss and prepare their argument.
- At the end of the round, each team needs one card they use to
 - answer the original search query
 - explain why they chose the source
 - why their source should be trusted
- The facilitator will judge the “winner” of each round.

Post-Round Discussion Questions

- Why did you choose this card? Why do you think it's the best result?
- Which factors did you think influenced your decision?
- When you search for things online, do you look for some of these same factors?
- What else do you look for?
- Why is your card better than Team X's?

Post-Game Discussion Questions

- As you played this game, did you change your strategies? How so?
- Which factors do you think are more important than others when you search for information?
- Are there any things which aren't on the cards which you think about when you decide if information is good?
- What would you include in your own media in order to attract other people and look legit to them?

Say: As each team played the game, their strategies changed. [*Link back to the Marshmallow Challenge.*] Also, we decided that certain things about websites can make us more likely to use or trust a site, such as... [*recap what participants said*]. So, keeping all of that in mind, now, *you* are going to pitch an idea for creating interesting, relevant, and reliable information online.



How many countries are there in the world?



Google Search

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The Number of Countries in the World - Geography – About.com

geography.about.com/cs/countries/a/numbercountries.htm

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The Number of Countries in the World

By Most Accounts, There Are 196 Countries in the World

By [Matt Rosenberg](#), About.com Guide

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Updated March 23, 2012

A very frequent geographical question is "How many countries are in the world?" Different numbers pop up when one inquires or reads about the number of countries in the world. Each source you use often yields a different answer. Ultimately, the best answer is that there are [196 countries in the world](#).

United Nations

There are [193 members](#) of the [United Nations](#). Unfortunately, the number 193 is too often used to represent the number of countries in the world. Although this number represents almost all of the countries in the world, there are still independent countries such as the [Vatican City](#) and [Kosovo](#), that are independent and are not members of the U.N. so 193 is not the number of countries in the world.

U.S. Department of State

The United States' State Department recognizes [195 independent countries](#) around the world. Their list of 195 countries reflects the [political agenda](#) of the United States of America and its allies. Missing from the State Department's list is one entity that may or may not be considered a



The flags of the countries that are members of the United Nations fly outside U.N. headquarters in New York City.

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World Countries List, a list of Countries and Regions in the World – One World Nations Online

www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/countries_of_the_world.htm

How many countries are there in the world? Since South Sudan became an independent state on 9 July 2011, there are now 195 independent sovereign states...

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A World Countries List

keywords: countries in the world, official names, English country names, French country names, pays du monde, local country name

How many countries are there in the world?

Since South Sudan became an independent state on 9 July 2011, there are now 195 independent sovereign states in the world (including disputed but defacto independent Taiwan), plus about 60 [dependent areas](#), and [five disputed territories](#), like Kosovo.

This is a list of countries and areas in the world in alphabetical order, with the official names and alternative names.

English and French country names as well as local names of the countries.

Links will lead you to the respective One World - Nations Online country information and internet resources page.

Each country profile provides links to official web sites of a nation/territory, information on geography, maps, the national flag, history, culture, tourist destinations, its population and languages, the capital and the largest cities, education, economy and much more.

How many countries are there in the world – WikiAnswers.com

http://wiki.answers.com/Q/How_many_countries_are_there_in_the_world

How many countries are there in the world? In: Countries States and Cities. Answer: There are 196 countries in the world, although some controversy still exists.

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How many countries are there in the world?

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Answer:

There are 196 countries in the world, although some controversy still exists.

The U.S. government does not recognize Taiwan as an official independent country and believes there are only 195 countries in the world. There are [Answers.com home](#) the United Nations and that number often gets mistaken for the number of countries in the world.

Here are some statistics for each country (listed below in alphabetical order):

1) Afghanistan

- Official name: Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- Capital: Kābul
- Total Area: 652,225 km²
- Approximate population: 27,145,000
- Location: Central Asia
- Languages: Dari, Pushtu, Uzbek, Turkmen
- Religions: Sunni Muslim, Shi'a Muslim
- Currency: Afghani
- Organizations: United Nations
- World's 41st largest country/territory (area)



Are zombies possible?



Google Search

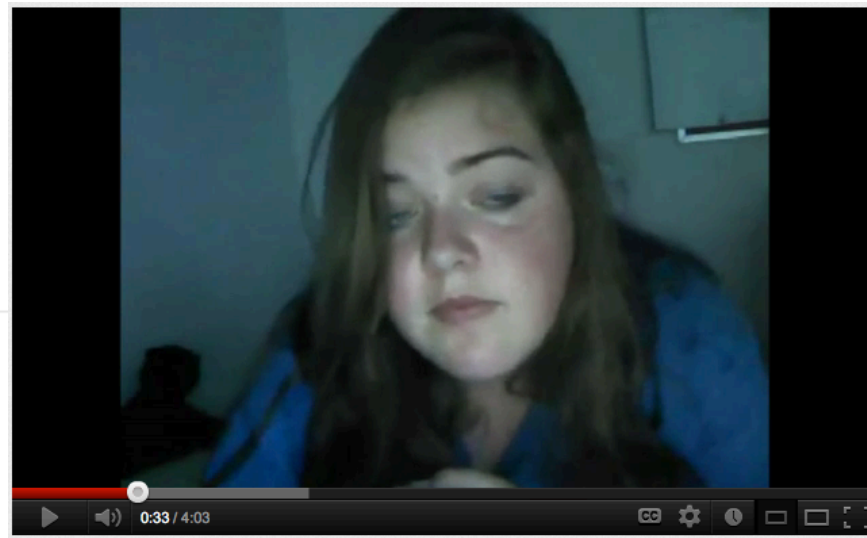
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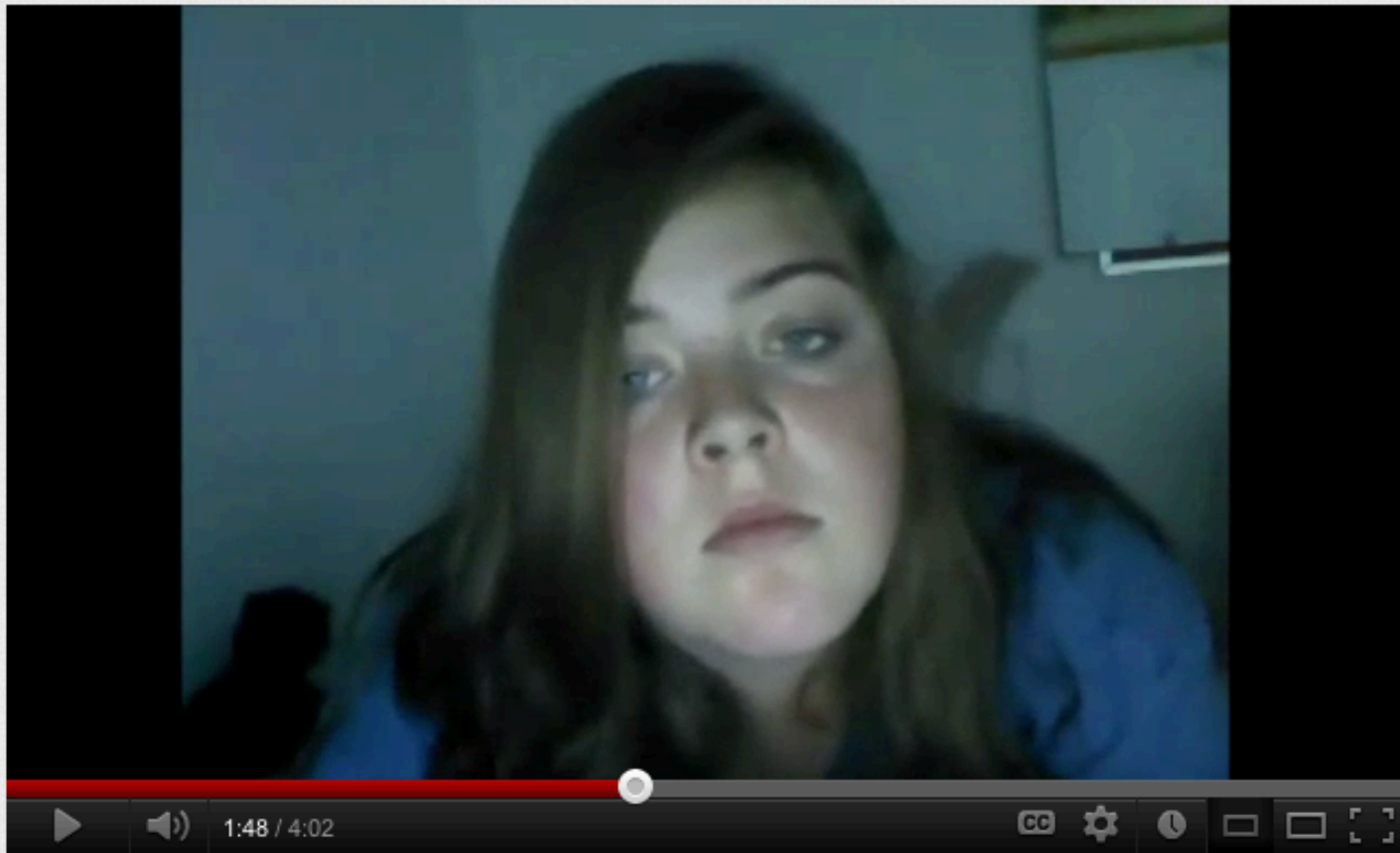
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I found out this morning that a mans face was eaten by another man. Not a good thing to wake up too. Especially since i have the flu and wouldn't be able to kill some. i can barely stand, let alone run away from a dozen or more zombies!!!

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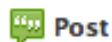
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Chris McLennan

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Adam Achahbar

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4 Mar 09

Once outside I find the whole complex abandoned. Not knowing what to do I run to an empty car.

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5 Feb 09

There are a couple of dead bodies in the room. I hurry outside and try to clean myself off. Scared and confused I start to run.

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26 Jan 09

The light hits me eyes hard and I stumble back. As the light hits all parts of the room, I start to look around.

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"Zombie Virus" Possible via Rabies-Flue Hybrid? – Natgeo.com

news.nationalgeographic.com/art/786329

Oct. 27, 2010



"Zombie Virus" Possible via Rabies-Flue Hybrid?

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for National Geographic News

Published October 27, 2010

Dead humans can't come back to life, but certain viruses induce aggressive zombie-like behavior scientists say. Rabies, for example can drive people to be violently mad according to Jane Fitz, a virologist at the University of Miami. Combined with the ability of a flue virus to spread quickly through the air and you could have a "rage virus" as seen in the film "28 Days Later". It is scientifically unheard of for two radically different viruses such as rabies and influenza to borrow traits. "Nature doesn't allow these things to happen", Fitz said.

BBC News - Science & Environment - Science ponders 'zombie attack' – BBC News

news.bbc.co.uk/2/h/8206280

Aug. 18, 2009



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BBC News - Science & Environment - Science ponders 'zombie attack'

By Pallab Ghosh Science correspondent, BBC News

If zombies actually existed, an attack by them would lead to the collapse of civilisation unless dealt with quickly and aggressively. That is the conclusion of a mathematical exercise carried out by researchers in Canada. In some respects, a zombie "plague" resembles lethal, rapidly spreading infection. The researchers say the exercise could help scientists model the spread of unfamiliar diseases through human populations.

*Related Links: **Zombie Study (University of Ottawa)***

Are zombies possible??? - Yahoo Answers – answers.yahoo.com

answers.yahoo.com/questions/125832

8 answers - April 27, 2007

Are zombies possible??? - Yahoo Answers

Best answer: Chosen by voters

if the world doesn't end in 2012 (which it will, duh) then they might find something that can make a brain come back to life that would let it walk and everything...the guy predicted the dead would rise or something..but anyways...

Zombie Preparedness – CDC - Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response

<http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/zombies.htm>

"First of all, you should have an emergency kit in your house. This includes things like water, food, and other supplies to get you through the first couple of days before you can locate a zombie-free refugee camp..."



Zombie Preparedness by Ali S. Khan (CDC Director) on May 16th, 2011



Below are a few items you should include in your kit, for a full list visit the [CDC Emergency page](#). **Water** (1 gallon per person per day) **Food** (stock up on non-perishable items that you eat regularly) **Medications** (this includes prescription and non-prescription meds) **Tools and Supplies** (utility knife, duct tape, battery powered radio, etc.) **Sanitation and Hygiene** (household bleach, soap, towels, etc.) **Clothing and Bedding** (a change of clothes for each family member and blankets) **Important documents** (copies of your driver's license, passport, and birth certificate to name a few) **First Aid supplies** (although you're a goner if a zombie bites you, you can use these supplies to treat basic cuts and lacerations that you might get during a tornado or hurricane)

Zombie Apocalypse: CDC Denies Existence Of Zombies Despite Cannibal Incidents – Huffington Post

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/06/01/cdc-denies-zombies-existence_n_1562141.html#slide=1089714

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Zombie Apocalypse: CDC Denies Existence Of Zombies Despite Cannibal Incidents by Andy Campbell on 06/01/2012 11:15 am



The horrific face-eating arrest in Miami and several other seemingly subhuman acts has many people wondering what's behind this flesh-munching wave of terror. A zombie apocalypse, however, is not what we should be worried about, at least according to the federal government. Over the years the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has released a couple of tongue-in-cheek "zombie warnings," which really are just disaster-preparedness stunts. But on Thursday, the agency made it official: Zombies don't exist. "CDC does not know of a virus or condition that would reanimate the dead (or one that would present zombie-like symptoms)," wrote agency spokesman David Daigle in an email to The Huffington Post. Nevertheless, recent incidents in which humans reportedly ate human flesh have the Internet in a firestorm, with "zombie apocalypse" being Google's third most popular search term by Friday morning. The zombie craze seemed to start with an attack in Miami on Saturday, when Rudy Eugene, 31, was killed by cops while in the process of eating almost the entirety of a homeless man's face off. The victim, Ronald Poppo, miraculously survived, but doctors are having a hard time figuring out how to put his face back together.

Stalon320 commented: I'm a huge Walking Dead fan.. my wife and i enjoy the show immensely. Huff Post.. a whole SECTION devoted to the "Zombie Apocalypse"?? Aren't you supposed to be a news organization? Unless there's something going on that I don't know about.. what we are dealing with are psychos eating people in the news.. They are NOT Zombies or The Walking Dead.. Report it and move on.. but the fan geek in me likes the section (for the CDC stuff/survival gear)... lol is that wrong?? lol :)

Neurotoxins: The Real Zombies of Haiti – Are Zombies Real?

<http://www.arezombiesreal.com>

We're sure you've probably heard about the zombies in Haiti, people who have been induced into a state of lifelessness, where they are only capable of taking ...

Are Zombies Real?

Neurotoxins: The Real Zombies of Haiti

by **Mehungwaylo** on **October 1**



We're sure you've probably heard about the zombies in Haiti, people who have been induced into a state of lifelessness, where they are only capable of taking orders. But do you know the science behind it? It turns out that neurotoxins are to blame. Neurotoxins are basically a fungi that slows bodily functions to the point that you're basically considered dead. You lose the ability to use 99% of your brain; therefore, you can to be commanded to do stuff. In Haiti, this is one of the most severe punishments someone can receive.

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Can you swim in the Charles River?



Google Search

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July 21st - Swim the Charles / Boston / Yelp – Yelp.com

*yelp.com/topic/boston-july-21st-swim-the-
charles*

June 5, 2007



July 21st - Swim the Charles / Boston / Yelp

Tom G. says:

Is it safe? I'm down!

Matt B. says:

Drunk in 1992 I jumped in and developed severe hemorrhoids on my forehead. Wear a swimmers cap!

Paul "chuckles" says:

Don't touch the bottom unless you want hepatitis

Alyssa C says:

ewwwwwwwwww...I used to take really hot showers after rowing on the Charles if I thought any water got on me!

Is the Charles River safe to swim in? – Quora

www.quora.com/is-the-charles-river-safe-to-swim-in

May 28, 2011



Is the Charles River safe to swim in?

Is the Charles River safe to swim in? Yes with a robust immune system and east of the Harvard bridge and without recent rainfall, the government agrees on most days it meets the standards for swimmability below mass. ave bridge.

Wikipedia – Charles River

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_River

The Longfellow Bridge crossing over the Charles River, in the winter. ... depending on the season, however, kayakers can only navigate the Charles by getting out In July 2007, the river hosted the Charles River Masters Swim Race, the first ...



Wikipedia

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

This article is about the Massachusetts river. For other meanings, see Charles River (disambiguation).

Pollution and remediation efforts

As sewage, industrial wastewater and urban runoff flowed freely into the river from the surrounding city, the Charles River became well known for its high level of pollutants, gaining such notoriety that by 1955, Bernard DeVoto wrote in Harper's Magazine that the Charles was "foul and noisome, polluted by offal and industrious wastes, scummy with oil, unlikely to be mistaken for water." [6] It was not an uncommon sight to see toxins coloring the river pink and orange in spots, fish kills and submerged cars.[7]

Once popular with swimmers, awareness of the river's high pollution levels forced the state to shut down several popular swimming areas, including Cambridge's Magazine Beach and Gerry Landing public beaches. Until very recently, rowers and sailors who fell into the water were advised to go to the hospital for tetanus shots.[6] [8]

Efforts to clean up the river and restore it to a state where swimming and fishing would be acceptable began as early as the 1960s, and the program to clean up the Charles for good took shape in 1965 with the creation of the Charles River Watershed Association.[9] In 1995, the United States Environmental Protection Agency declared a goal of making the river swimmable by 2005.[6] In 1996, Governor William Weld plunged, fully clothed, into the river to prove his commitment to cleaning up the river.[10] In July 2007, the river hosted the Charles River Masters Swim Race, the first sanctioned race in the Charles in over five decades.[11]

A combination of public and private initiatives helped dramatically lower levels of pollutants by focusing on eliminating combined sewer overflows and storm water runoff. A new Charles River Dam was constructed downstream from the Science Museum site to keep salt water out of the basin. Since Weld's stunt, the river's condition has improved dramatically, although it was not deemed entirely swimmable by 2005. In 1995 the EPA rated the river's quality as a "D" compared to the most recent ranking of a "B+", and most days of the year the river now meets swimming standards below the Harvard Bridge.[6] With the improved water quality, swimming and fishing are progressively re-emerging as about 90% of the length of the river is now considered safe for swimming.[9]

The Conservation Law Foundation opposes the permit given to Mirant for the Mirant Kendall Generating Station, an electricity plant near Kendall Square, charging that the water it releases causes blooms of hazardous microorganisms because of its warm temperature.[12]

It is a common belief that the water quality of the Charles River is at its worst after a large rainfall because of pollutants carried by runoff. However, a study, published in the Journal of the American Water Resources Association (April 2008) completed by researchers at Northeastern University found high concentrations of E. coli bacteria in the Charles River after a long period of no rain. Using a mathematical model, the researchers then determined that two major tributaries, the Stony Brook and Muddy River, are the predominant sources of E. coli in the lower Charles River.[13]

Oysters have been used to filter and clean Charles River water.[14]

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Charles River Swimming Club, Inc. –

http://www.charlesriverswimmingclub.org/wp/?page_id=7

Race Details. Distance: 1 mile. Date: Saturday, June 2, 2012 (Rain date is Sunday, June 17). Start: 8am. Check-in: 6:45am – 7:30am. Location: River Dock (near...



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Location: River Dock (near Arthur Fiedler head statue by the Hatch Shell on Esplanade)

Description: One-mile loop course between Harvard and Longfellow Bridge. Water start. NOTE: The course has been slightly modified for the 2012 race. It is now more of a square shape than circular for easier navigation to buoys. Please see maps.

Fees: \$30 until March 31, \$35 till April 30, and \$40 till May 26. USMS membership is a requirement and can be purchased on race day for \$10.

Participant cap: 150 swimmers

Registration: The 2012 Charles River Swim is sold out and there is no wait list or on-site registration. Only pre-registered swimmers are allowed to participate and we cannot accommodate substitutions.

The New York Times – A Boston River Now (Mostly) Fit for Swimming

*[http://www.nytimes.com/2007/07/22/us/22charles.html?
_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2007/07/22/us/22charles.html?_r=1)*

Jul 22, 2007 – BOSTON, July 21 — There were a few things swimmers needed to know before slipping into the Charles River for the big race on Saturday.

The New York Times

A Boston River Now (Mostly) Fit for Swimming

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The New York Times

BOSTON, July 21 — There were a few things swimmers needed to know before slipping into the Charles River for the big race on Saturday.

No diving start to this race, lest that stir up the toxic sediment at the bottom of the river.

Do not expect to see the river bottom. The water is too murky.

Be prepared to encounter bits of flotsam and jetsam.

And, as Ulla Hester, director of the first official Charles River Swim Race, announced shortly before the event: Because the water is dotted with a kind of bacterium known as blue-green algae, “there is a possibility of skin irritation.”

Ms. Hester assured swimmers there would be “showers to wash off” afterward.

Christopher Swain's Swims For Clean Water™ – Charles River Swim Diary

<http://www.swimforcleanwater.org/swims/charlesriverswimdiary.html>

And I'll keep flogging the dream of a swimmable Charles. Because I grew up here. Because I love this river. And because, even though "Dirty Water" is the ...

Charles River Swim Diary

Christopher Swain's Swims For Clean Water™

Yet the reason so many of us live where we live is because of natural features. The Charles River defines Boston more powerfully than any other natural feature. The parks that surround the river are a testament to the affection of the local citizenry. Companies, universities, and ordinary folks pay big dollars for a slice of view that includes the Charles. Yet the waters of the Charles--which were once clean, fishable, and swimmable--are hardly so today. One rainstorm can turn the Charles into a sewer. And most parents wouldn't dream of bringing their kids down to Magazine Beach for a swim on a sultry August afternoon.

Swim Lessons in Boston at Charles River Aquatics – Charles River Aquatics Protection Agency

<http://charlesriveraquatics.com>

Charles River Aquatics is the only name to know for swim lessons in the Boston...you can cut through Nickerson Field to get to the Case Center from the back.



Charles River Aquatics

Swim Lessons in Boston at Charles River Aquatics



Charles River Aquatics Protection Agency

Boston University is expanding its athletics facilities starting May 21. Construction will extend well into 2013. Parking along Babcock, Ashford, and Gardner Street will be extremely limited. Please plan to come early and park in the lot beneath the Agganis Arena. You can cut through Nickerson Field to get to the Case Center from the back. Thank you for your patience!

Boston.com - A river that's fit for swimming – Boston.com

www.boston.com/editorial_opinion/articles/2010

Located in eastern Massachusetts, the Charles River is a small American...they require fish ladders installed along dams in order to swim upriver to lay their ...



Boston.com - A river that's fit for swimming on May 15, 2010

Johanna Kaiser, Town Correspondent

The water quality of the Charles River remained good during the last year and is improving, according to an annual report card by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The lower Charles received a "B" grade based on the amount of bacteria found in water samples collected at 10 locations from the Watertown Dam to Boston Harbor by the Charles River Watershed Association during 2011.

The samples show that the river met the water quality standards for boating 82 percent of the time and for swimming standards 54 percent of the time.

That is a vast improvement from 1995 when the EPA's Charles River Initiative started. That year the river met boating standards 39 percent of the time and swimming standards 19 percent of the time. It received a "D."

Opportunities for Undergraduate Research on the Charles River – Charles River

www.coe.neu.edu/~ferdi/CharlesRiver.htm

Located in eastern Massachusetts, the Charles River is a small American...undergrads are invited to apply to a research position to study the different aquatic life of the Charles River...

Charles River

Opportunities for Undergraduate Research on the Charles River by Dave Brown, PhD on August 22, 2005

The presence of bacteria is the most critical evaluation of water quality in the Charles. High levels of bacteria, namely *E. coli*, are found in the waste water from combined sewage overflows that discharge into the Charles River. The National Center for Infectious Diseases lists *E. coli* as a recreational water illness (RWI), which is an illness spread by "swallowing, breathing, or having contact with contaminated water [10]." *E. coli* is a compilation of hundreds of strands of bacteria found in the digestive tracts of healthy humans and animals, and some strands can be very toxic to human, wildlife, and aquatic health when coming into contact with contaminated water...

Clean Charles River Initiative – EPA - United States Environmental Protection Agency

www.epa.gov/region1/charles/initiative.html

EPA identified a goal of making the Charles River both "fishable" and "swimmable." The effort, called the Clean Charles River Initiative, has made dramatic...



Clean Charles River Initiative by John McAvoy, PhD on July 5, 2012

Clean Charles Progress

Using sound science, cutting-edge technologies and strong targeted enforcement, EPA and its partners have made remarkable progress tackling storm overflows, illicit sewer connections and other pollution sources to the river. While we have made significant progress targeting sources of bacterial pollution - combined sewer overflows (CSOs) will have been reduced by 99.5 percent by 2013 - there continue to be problems with excessive amounts of nutrients entering the river, especially phosphorus.

The Goal of a Swimmable Charles River

Because of the hard work done by many organizations to improve water quality in the Charles, efforts by other local groups to bring swimming back to the river are more likely to succeed in the future. Groups including the Charles River Swimming Club and the Charles River Conservancy are working actively to promote events including an annual one-mile swimming race in the river, and to address logistical issues to expand use of the river as a warm-weather swimming resource for the area's urban population.



How can I use a song in my youtube video?



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Legally using copyrighted music on YouTube [The Reel Web #10] – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fehjWjCAuTs>

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Legally using copyrighted music on YouTube [The Reel Web #10]

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Published on Oct 24, 2011 by [reelseo](#)

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This week our look at the Reel Web includes several stories surrounding YouTube, specially how users can now create videos in the cloud with WeVideo's cloud-based video editing software. Just upload your video clips, edit them the way you like—complete with titles, transitions and color correction—and immediately publish to your YouTube account.

How To Put ANY Music On Youtube Videos (Avoid Copyright) – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5PoSedwsZg>

Do your videos get taken off because of copyright music? I can show ... This video is a response to how to ...

How To Put ANY Music On Youtube Videos (Avoid Copyright)



Published on Apr 21, 2010 by [TheHow2TechChannel](#)

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Do your videos get taken off because of copyright music? I can show you how to avoid that!

AUDACITY FREE DOWNLOAD LINK: <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>

LAME FREE DOWNLOAD LINK: <http://lame.buanzo.com.ar/>

How Can You Tell If Uploading Your Cover Song To YouTube Is Infringing? You Can't – TechDirt

Take, for example, the quite common practice of uploading a cover of a song to YouTube. This happens all the time. Lots of people record ...



How Can You Tell If Uploading Your Cover Song To YouTube Is Infringing? You Can't

by Mike Masnick on Fri, May 4th 2012 10:29am

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Take, for example, the quite common practice of uploading a cover of a song to YouTube. This happens all the time. Lots of people record themselves singing popular songs and put them on YouTube. According to Andy Baio, about 12,000 such cover songs are uploaded each day. Justin Bieber became Justin Bieber because of some YouTube videos of him singing someone else's songs.

But is that breaking the law?

Andy Baio dug into that question and discovered that it's **almost impossible to determine that**.

The end result? It's likely that a rather large number of the cover song videos uploaded each day are infringing -- potentially opening up the uploaders to huge statutory fines for violating copyright law. This is a clear sign of where the law is broken. The law clearly wasn't mean for these kinds of situations, and it's easily fixable. Baio makes the point that there's an easy reform to copyright law that would decriminalize a very common behavior.

Using music on your videos - how to stay legal – Expertise on Tap

<http://expertiseontap.typepad.com/expertise-on-tap/2010/01/using-music-on-videos-stay-legal.html>

Using copyrighted music on videos in most cases is illegal. Here are some brief tips to guide you. PRS for Music is responsible for collecting ...



Expertise On Tap
Email&VideoMarketing

Using music on your videos - how to stay legal

by **Expertise on Tap | Email & Video Marketing** on **January 19, 2010**

If you are making videos such as school plays or weddings one option is a Limited Manufacture Licence which covers a wide range of uses. We understand however that this licence only applies to DVD copies and does not permit online use on your website or YouTube.

We suggest you use the "I need a licence for" link as a starting point and contact PRS for Music if you are unsure. Using copyrighted music on commercial productions is not normally allowed without the permission of the composer. In some situations particularly television or film this can be extremely costly.

Using non professionally produced non copyrighted music is a great alternative.

This blog post should not be viewed as a substitute for professional legal advice. The information is provided for general guidance only.

Expertise on Tap - Email & Video Marketing...made easy

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Google YouTube: music in videos - legal now, or not? – A Consuming Experience

<http://www.consumingexperience.com/2007/09/google-youtube-music-in-videos-legal.html>

I don't mean uploading a commercial music video to YouTube. I mean using music in your own videos - e.g. playing a track as background ...

A Consuming Experience

Google YouTube: music in videos - legal now, or not?

by **Improbulus** on **Tuesday, 25 September 2007**

It seems to me that if you are a YouTube user who wants to stay legal, it's an almost impossible task, unless the music you include in your video is sung or performed live for the video and the music is definitely out of copyright. Because, really, how would they expect users to know whether a particular commercial sound recording is an authorised one?

The answer has got to be, it's virtually impossible. They can't really expect users to work it out. YouTube and the record labels corporations and societies are big boys and they're not stupid, they must know that YouTube users won't in practice be able to tell which songs or recordings are licensed and which ones are not, even users who want to try to stay legal.

So the inevitable conclusion seems to be this: maybe they, the big corporations and collecting societies, don't really expect users to try to stay legal.

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Questions about using copyrighted songs in YouTube videos.? – Yahoo! Answers

<http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20090402151641AAYyB2Y>

How do I know if a song I want to use is copyrighted or not? 2. ... How can I use copyrighted music in YouTube videos legally? How can I get ...



Questions about using copyrighted songs in YouTube videos.?

I have a few questions about using copyrighted songs in Youtube videos.

1. How do I know if a song I want to use is copyrighted or not?
2. How EXACTLY do I get permission to use the song if it is?
3. If I filmed my self singing a copyrighted song and uploaded it, is that still illegal.?
4. If I give the artist credit for the song in my video, does that make any difference?

Best Answer - Chosen by Asker

TOP CONTRIBUTOR

1. Anything released by a record label is copyrighted.
2. You have to contact the record label in writing and get their permission for you to use and distribute the song. This is NOT going to happen unless you're willing to pay tons of royalties.
3. If you're using all original audio, it would probably be ok.
4. No. No difference at all.

Asker's Rating: *****
Thanks, this really helped.

Askville by Amazon – Can I post a home video with a copyrighted song soundtrack to YouTube?

<http://askville.amazon.com/post-home-video-copyrighted-song-soundtrack-YouTube/AnswerViewer.do?requestId=744328>

Askville Question: Can I post a home video with a copyrighted song ...

Similar Questions: post home video copyrighted song soundtrack

YouTube ... There are 3 important dimensions to "fair use" 1) whether you intend to profit from the use...



Askville by Amazon

Can I post a home video with a copyrighted song soundtrack to YouTube? I have a home video I would like to post to YouTube. The problem is, the soundtrack is a song by Mozez, not me. I purchased the CD through Amazon and I don't intend to profit in any way through this video, but I'm worried I may be breaking copyright laws if I post this to YouTube. Any advice? More search results: <http://askville.amazon.com/post-home-video-copyrighted-song-soundtrack-youtube/answerviewer.do?requestid=744328> Asked by SEACD 67 months ago Similar Questions: post home video copyrighted song soundtrack YouTube Recent Questions About: post home video copyrighted song soundtrack YouTube

4 Ways to Find Legal Music for Your YouTube Videos – Mashable

www.mashable.com/2009/01/14/youtube-mutes-videos

by Joann Pan - in 86 Google+ circles - More by Joann Pan

YouTube has started muting videos that use unauthorized copyrighted...YouTube users often create an original video using their favorite popular song as the audio...If YouTube starts being thorough about this, you can expect to see a...As for death of YouTube - FFS, do you know what proportion...

4 Ways to Find Legal Music for Your YouTube Videos

by **Joann Pan** on **January 14, 2009**

Perhaps this has been going on for awhile, but I've never noticed it before. YouTube users often create an original video using their favorite popular song as the audio. I'm afraid that they won't be able to do that much longer, since YouTube has started muting videos that use unauthorized copyrighted music (and that pretty much means all user-created videos).

You can see some examples [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

The official notice from YouTube under the video says the following:

"This video contains an audio track that has not been authorized by all copyright holders. The audio has been disabled."

[YouTube.com](#), [Wikipedia.com](#)

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posting videos with copyright music online – Creative COW

forums.creativecow.net/thread/288/148

I frequently make music videos for clients and they would like me to post...If you have the right to use the music, just tell YouTube through their...



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The peer-to-peer support community for media production professionals.

posting videos with copyright music online

posting videos with copyright music online

by stephen sarsfield on Nov 29, 2011 at 4:48:05 pm

I frequently make music videos for clients and they would like me to post them online. These are for family reunions, bdays, funerals, etc. But when I post to YouTube they get flagged for copyright violation, even if I set it to private not public. Is there a site where my clients can share my videos online without fear of flagging?

Re: posting videos with copyright music online

by Mads Nybo Jorgensen on Nov 29, 2011 at 5:37:49 pm

If you have the right to use the music, just tell YouTube through their reporting system.

However, if not:

Moving the videos to another site won't make the copyright violation go away. The cost of buying copyright free music from certain libraries advertised on the Cow is so small, that there is no excuse for you having to "steal" it.

Do keep in mind that it is not your client that is the thief, but in the eyes of the court it is the person doing the deed, i.e. you - so don't do it!

Can I post videos that use other people's music on YouTube? – PC World

http://www.pcworld.com/244865/post_videos.html

Probably not, unless you have the copyright owner's permission. Still, you might get away with it.

If you're lucky, the copyright holder will never discover your infraction. Or they may discover it and let it go, either because they believe it could help promote their work, or because of an advertising deal with YouTube.

Can I post videos that use other people's music on YouTube? by Lincoln Spector, PC World on Dec 5, 2011 7:00 AM



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If you're lucky, the copyright holder will never discover your infraction. Or they may discover it and let it go, either because they believe it could help promote their work, or because of an advertising deal with YouTube.

But if the copyright owner complains, Youtube will either take down your video or alter it, removing the offending audio. You'll have a chance to respond; check out YouTube's Copyright counter-notifications for details. You might also want to read YouTube's Copyright Tips and explanation of Fair Use.

When YouTube takes down your video, they give you one "strike." Three strikes, and you're out...of YouTube, which will close your account. According to YouTube's General Policy Enforcement page, strikes "may expire in 6 months," but search the Web for youtube strikes go away and you'll find plenty of complaints to the contrary.



Is Justin Bieber dead?



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Justin Bieber "Dead" - May 2012 RIP Death Rumor | Gossip Cop – gossipcop.com

<http://www.gossipcop.com/justin-bieber-dead-may-2012-rip-death-rumor-twitter-died-dies/>

May 23, 2012 – Justin Bieber is NOT dead on May 23, 2012. He did NOT die. It's just an RIP Justin Bieber death hoax on Twitter.

Justin Bieber Victim of (New) Death Hoax

REAL
RUMOR

Justin Bieber

9:50 pm, May 23rd, 2012

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Justin Bieber is the victim of (yet another) death hoax.

Late Wednesday, "RIP Justin Bieber" became a worldwide trending topic on Twitter, fueling speculation that the megastar singer had died.

It is 100% false.

Bieber is alive and well.

He is just the latest celebrity to be "killed" by a prank in which Twitter hoaxsters get "RIP [Celebrity Name]" to trend.

Sometimes the intentions behind "RIP" are good (as with "Really Inspiring Person" **Lady Gaga** [earlier in the day](#)).

But most of the time, Bieber and other celebs are just the victims of dumb hoaxes that alarm fans and are in no way funny.

Check out PHOTOS of Justin's style evolution!

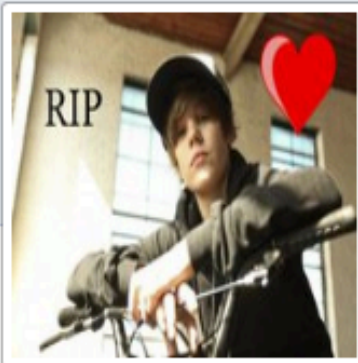


(GettyImages.com)

Justin Bieber dead! | Facebook – Facebook.com

www.facebook.com/pages/Justin-Bieber-dead/100645409987952

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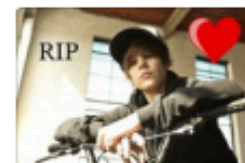
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Actor/Director

On June 11th, 2010 Justin Bieber has past away. His death was caused by an overdose on Ambien and then proceeded to drive a car off of a cliff.

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1 · 20 June at 22:11



First! I dont want a cookie, i just want Justin Bieber dead XD

545? <https://www.facebook.com/pages/First-I-don...>

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MTV Newsroom: Bieber Not Dead – mtv.com

newsroom.mtv.com/2010/05/justin-bieber-dead

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MTV Newsroom: Bieber Not Dead

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Justin Bieber Hoax

1/5/2010 by Kyle Anderson

Twitter Hoax goes viral!

The Twittersphere went wild yesterday when rumors surfaced that Justin Bieber had died in a car crash. A little research, however, confirmed that he is alive and well. Biellibers rejoice!

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Justin Bieber Dies in Car Crash – FakeAWish.com

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Justin Bieber Dies in Car Crash

This story is still developing

(Local Team News 9) Justin Bieber died in a single vehicle crash on Route 80 between Morristown and Roswell. He was pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics responding to the vehicle accident and was identified by photo ID found on his body. Alcohol and drugs do not appear to have been a factor in this accident - August 7, 2012

Memorial services for Justin Bieber have not yet been announced. The service is expected to be a closed casket funeral due to the severe head trauma. Additional details and information will be forthcoming as they become available.

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Death of a Biebster – snopes.com

snopes.com/hoaxes/jbiebs.html

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Death of a Biebster on August 5, 2011

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For months, rumors have abounded of Justin Bieber's death. Is it true? Is the music industry hiding the truth so that they can continue to make money? Our research shows that he is very much alive, sorry to those who find him as intolerable as we do.

citation:

wikipedia.com/justinbieber

perezhilton.com/thebiebsisnotdead

cnn.com

Sadie Jones (@sadiebabixoxo) - Twitter – Twitter.com

twitter.com/sadiebabixoxo

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Sadie Jones (@sadiebabixoxo) - Twitter

OMG! I can't believe u died @therealjustinbieber. #ripjb #belieb #luv

Justin Bieber Killed by Illuminati in Car Crash And Replaced By ... – Hecklers Pray

www.hecklerspray.com/justin-bieber-killed...car-crash.../201163428...

Sep 1, 2011 - There's been reports that **Justin Bieber** has been in a minor car accident this week while driving around in a Ferrari in Los Angeles. Even the...

Justin Bieber Killed By Illuminati In Car Crash And Replaced By Lookalike

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There's been reports that Justin Bieber has been in a minor car accident this week while driving around in a Ferrari in Los Angeles. Even the police have confirmed that the pint-sized popstar was in an accident.

The official line is that there was no injury or damage to the car according to the authorities.

However, we've uncovered some shocking news that the young singer has already passed away and replaced by a reckless lookalike. There's lots of concrete evidence to support this too, if you know where to look. It would appear that *Justin Bieber is dead*.

First off, there's the change in his personality. For a while, Bieber was as wholesome as can be, but recent reports show Bieber to be brattish and quick-tempered. It's obvious that the split with Selena Gomez is a result of the young singer not being able to cope



Justin Bieber Shot to Death (CSI Exclusive) – YouTube.com

www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBXXY?zw6wg

Feb 18, 2011 - 1 min - Uploaded by BrentLarryproduction

Justin Bieber Shot to **Death (CSI)**. This is actually the best thing that **CSI** has ever done haha. I don't...



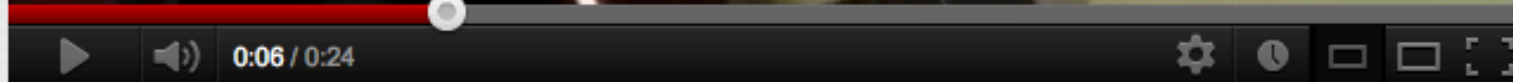
Justin Bieber shot dead on CSI Miami with David Caruso

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Justin Bieber Dead? – Chicken Heart

<http://www.pinay-chicken-heart.com/2009/08/justin-bieber-dead.html>

There are rumors that Justin Bieber is dead, that he committed suicide.
There is no real proof as to the ...



Justin Bieber Dead?

by **iceah** on **August 2, 2008**

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"Early reports from TMZ tell the world that on July 31st Justin Bieber committed suicide at the age of 15. So far there has been no comment from Bieber's family about the incident. The child star was launched into the spotlight ever since becoming a star on youtube at age 12. The young singer had been known to collaborate with Justin Timberake and Usher."

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Justin Bieber is dead! (Official CNN report) – YouTube.com

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JFMz-ejnEik>

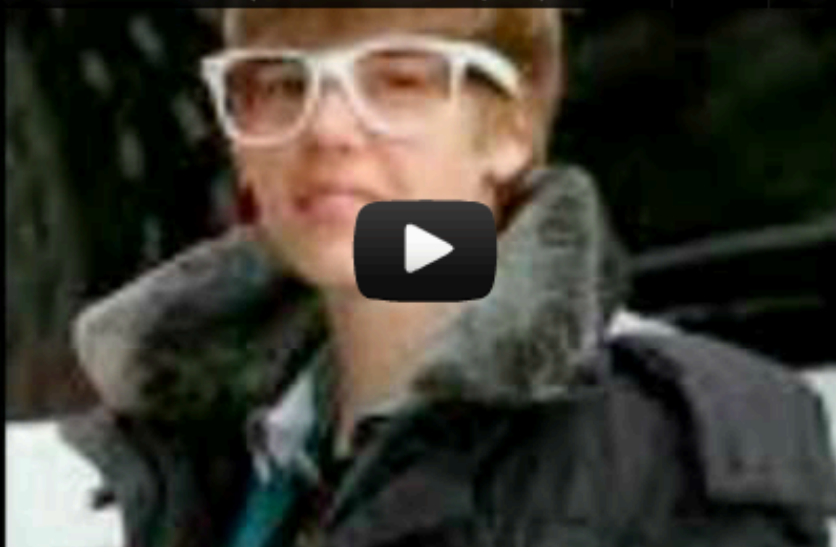
Justin Bieber is dead! (Official CNN report) Justin Bieber recently passed away due to MFFS. God rest his soul!

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God rest his soul! Justin Bieber - One Time No intent to infringe copyright The audio track used in this video is property of UMG



How much does it cost to host the Olympics?



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Do Olympic Host Cities Ever Win? – The New York Times: Opinion Pages

<http://roomfordebate.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/10/02/do-olympic-host-cities-ever-win/>

Why are cities so eager to host the Olympics? Are there short- and long-term economic benefits to hosting the event?

The New York Times

Do Olympic Host Cities Ever Win? by Robert K. Barney, International Center for Olympic Studies
on October 2, 2009



When a host city is placed before the television eyes of two-thirds of the world's population, the event becomes a magnified public relations and advertising phenomenon, a phenomenon that has many short-term benefits on tourism, real estate values and new business.

For long-term benefits, host cities should focus on facilities that enhance urban life. Long-term benefits are another matter. Civic pride aroused from such an endeavor is fleeting and the monuments built for the spectacle in the form of stadiums and sporting venues shortly become little more than ghostly reminders of once glorious days.

How Much Will the London Olympics Cost? Too Much. – Forbes

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/johnclarke/2012/03/28/how-much-will-the-london-olympics-cost-too-much/>

London's original bid was \$5 billion. That number is now estimated to be \$15 billion. And that has some Brits rather bothered.

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How Much Will the London Olympics Cost? Too Much. by John Clarke on
March 28, 2012



British Prime Minister David Cameron doubled the budget for the opening and closing ceremonies to about \$125 million. But so what? The Olympics are expensive. However, the back-end payoff can be pretty sweet.

Culture secretary Jeremy Hunt put it best: “You can take two attitudes to the Olympics. You can say, these are times of austerity, and therefore we should pare them down as much as possible. Or you can say, because these are times of austerity, we need to do everything we possibly can to harness the opportunity.”

How Much Does It Cost to Host the Olympics – Ask.com

<http://www.ask.com/questions-about/How-Much-Does-It-Cost-to-Host-the-Olympics>

The benefits of hosting the Olympic Games are: - increased employment - lots of workers needed for construction of facilities etc. - increased tourism - the host nation is put on show to all the world - better infrastructure - transport, se...



How Much Does It Cost to Host the Olympics by Mezzra on Jan 1, 2012

The benefits of hosting the Olympic Games are:

- increased employment - lots of workers needed for construction of facilities etc.
- increased tourism - the host nation is put on show to all the world
- better infrastructure - transport, security etc. are all improved
- feel-good factor across the host nation

The Olympics usually are very expensive (London 2012 budget is somewhere around £9 billion) and so host nations have to weigh up the pros and cons. For more information on this topic look please take a look at www.hostingtheolympics.webs.com as it contains lots of great content.

Note: There are comments associated with this question. See the discussion page to add to the conversation.

How much does it cost to host the Olympics? – Answers.com - The Most Trusted Answer Site

http://wiki.answers.com/Q/How_much_does_it_cost_to_host_the_Olympics

The Lighter Side



How much does it cost to host the Olympics?

by **Mcgrumpy** on April 8, 2012

The Lighter Side

More than any country can afford but not enough to massage the egos of polititions.

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A quick guide to Olympic budgets – BBC News

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-18585209>

With the Olympic Games only weeks away, London is making the final preparations to host the biggest sporting event in the world.



A quick guide to Olympic budgets by Thomas Hannen on June 26, 2012

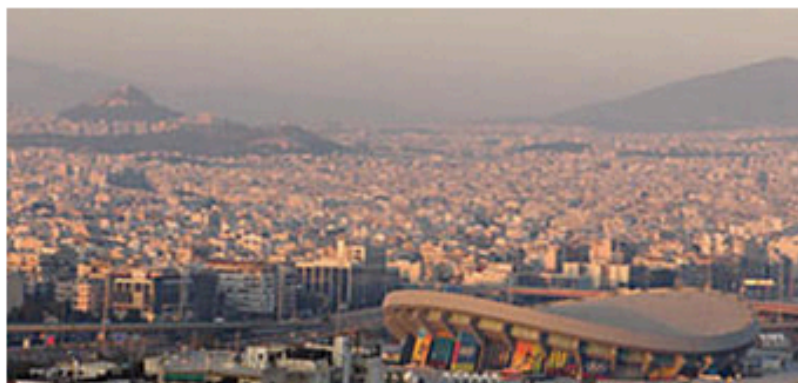


As Olympic glow fades, Athens questions \$15 billion cost – The Christian Science Monitor

<http://www.csmonitor.com/World/2008/0721/p04s01-wogn.html>

Many venues stand empty four years after Greece hosted the summer Games.

As Olympic glow fades, Athens questions \$15 billion cost by Nicole Itano on July 21, 2008



As Beijing gears up for the most expensive Olympics in history – in the neighborhood of \$40 billion – Athens is looking back at the legacy of its Games. The smallest country ever to host the modern event, Greece was proud to have pulled it off despite widespread skepticism. But while the event gave a morale boost to the Olympics' birthplace, many say Athens has failed to translate that into lasting momentum for modernization.

"I think that during the Olympics there was a good feeling," says Andreas Efthimiou, the deputy mayor of the Athens suburb where the Faliro Bay Olympic Complex is located. "But after the Olympics, I see that nothing has been done, we have lost the chance to change the face of the city."

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It is worth the cost to host the Olympic games because of the profits that could be made as part of these games. When a country hosts the Olympics, their rate of tourism skyrockets. Businesses within wide radii of where the games would be hosted would have profit margins shoot through the roof. The countries themselves are seen by the world as worthy of hosting, and the cultural rating of these countries therefore raise. It would be silly for a country that focused on profit to turn down an opportunity to host the Olympic games.

Yes TMacias

It is worth the cost to host they Olympics, because it brings publicity and value to your city. It costs a lot to host the Olympics, but cities also get a lot of revenue from the tourists and advertisers who come into the city for the games. Cities can also always promote themselves as previous hosts of the Olympics years later to draw more attention to their city's value.

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I see the Olympic Games as a waste of time, money, and resources, as it is designed to distract the world from what is really going on. The Olympic Games, to me, is a big waste of time, money, effort, and resources, because all it does is distract people from what they really need to be paying attention to. This goes right up there with professional sports. It's nothing but a rehash of the games from ancient times.

No H_Baird

No, the cost to host the Olympic games is not worth it, because far too many cities have to build entire new buildings just to host the games, buildings that will be used once and never again. It can cost millions of dollars for a city to build up an area selected to host the Olympics. And then the stadium is used once and forgotten about. It is almost impossible for the same city to host the Olympics again within a reasonable amount of time, and when they do, they would have to rebuild everything all over again, because their previous stadiums will be out of date.

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by **Ashley Johnson**, age 14 on **Aug 1, 2012**

The Olympics cost a ridiculous amount of money and who even likes sports anywayz because sports are stupid and my country, Romania, is poor, which means that we will never get the chance to host the Olympics. ALSO, my best friend almost made the Romanian basketball team, but he didn't have enough money to travel with them, so I HATE THE OLYMPICS. They are a waste of time and they don't make any money and they just make us poorer.

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