



5.2 Some Facts About Roma - Answers

Answers

(Some statements are true and some are false)

1. Who are Roma?

- Roma are a distinct ethnic group of people - **TRUE**
- Roma people are from Rome - **FALSE**
- Roma are the largest ethnic minority in Europe - **TRUE**
- Roma live all over the world - **TRUE**



2. Where do Roma come from?

- Roma come originally from Egypt - **FALSE**
- Roma come originally from Northern India - **TRUE**
- Roma travelled to different countries - **TRUE**
- Roma do not have a nation state but are citizens of the countries they settled in, and/or born in - **TRUE**

3. What languages do Roma speak?

- Roma speak Romanes - **TRUE**
- Romanes originates from the Indian Sanskrit language - **TRUE**
- Roma language originates from Romania - **FALSE**
- Roma from different countries and regions speak different dialects - **TRUE**

4. Roma identity

- Roma means 'people' in Romanes language - **TRUE**
- Roma are not a homogeneous group and do not have a single cultural identity - **TRUE**
- Roma communities have rich regional diverse cultures and traditions depending on where they live - **TRUE**
- All Roma women wear long skirts - **FALSE**

5. Important dates

- On 8th April 1971 the Roma flag was adopted at the first Romani World Congress in London. This is known internationally as Roma Nation Day - **TRUE**
- The flag colours represent Blue for the sky, Green for the land and the Red Wheel signifies movement and progress - **TRUE**
- The month of June is known as Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month (GRTHM) in the UK - **TRUE**
- On 2nd August 1944, 2987 Roma were killed in Auschwitz (a German Nazi Concentration Camp in Poland). This is known as Roma Genocide Remembrance Day and there is a memorial stone in Hyde Park - **TRUE**

6. Roma discrimination

- All Roma people steal - **FALSE**
- Roma have a shared history of discrimination, persecution and exclusion - **TRUE**
- Roma were an enslaved people, most notably in Romania where slavery was abolished in 1856 - **TRUE**
- Roma people were victims of the Second World War and over 500,000 Roma were killed - **TRUE**

7. Roma Celebrities

- Elvis Presley, singer and actor (1935-1977) - **TRUE**
- Charlie Chaplin, actor and film-maker (1889-1977) - **TRUE**
- Django Reinhardt, musician (1910-1953) - **TRUE**
- Eric Cantona, footballer (1966-now) - **TRUE**
- Livia Jaroka, politician (1974-now) - **TRUE**
- Ricardo Quaresma, footballer (1983-now) - **TRUE**
- Bronislawa Wajs (known as Papusza), poet (1908-1987) - **TRUE**

Watch the film '7 Things You Should Know About Roma' for the answers:

<http://www.errc.org/video/7-things-you-should-know-about-roma-people>