



TED Lesson: A brief history of alcohol

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Warm - up:

1. Are you familiar with the history of alcohol?
2. Do you enjoy drinking? How often do you drink?
3. Is drinking alcohol a big part your country's culture?

Vocabulary:

Stumbled	Intoxication
Microscopic	Spirit
Ethanol	Vaporize
Fermentation	Spoil
Delicacy	Barrel
Hallucinogenic	Buzz

Comprehension:

1. What microscopic organism is needed to make alcohol?
2. When and where was the earliest known evidence of alcohol from?
3. Why was alcohol content limited to 13% before distillation process was introduced?
4. How did the spirits play a crucial role in long distance sea voyages?
5. Summarize the video.

Discussion Questions:

1. What's a popular drink in your country?
2. What alcoholic beverage do you prefer? Wine? Beer? Whiskey?
3. Some people think alcohol should be illegal. What do you think?
4. Describe the last time you drank. What? Who? Where?
5. What are the pros and cons of drinking alcohol?
6. Do you think drinking gives you "liquid courage"?
7. What food goes well with beer? wine? other?
8. Do you want to drink now?