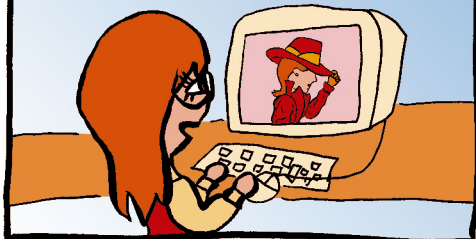
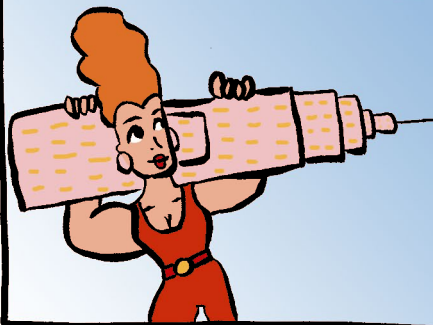


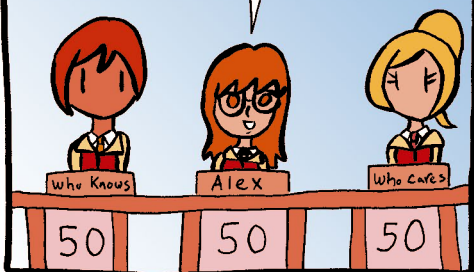
It was loosely based on the computer game of the same name by Broderbund Software.



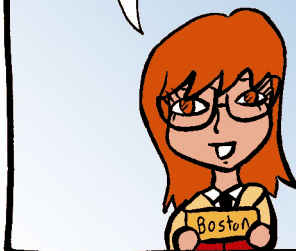
Every episode one of Carmen's crooks would steal a precious artifact of some sort-- like the Empire State Building.



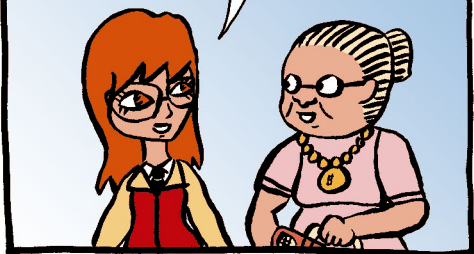
And 3 "gumshoes" (10-14 year olds) would compete to catch the crook & get the chance to nab Carmen Sandiego.



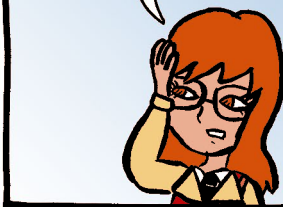
The first round was a trivia round where the kids would be given clues to a location the crook has fled to & 3 different options of where the crook is.



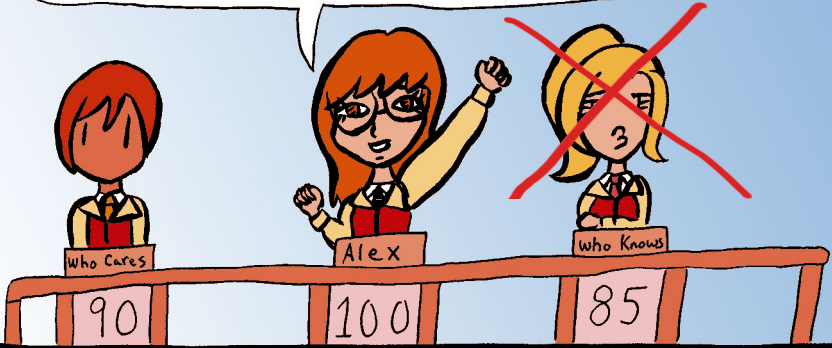
But the clues were given via comedy sketches as opposed to having them just read out like on Jeopardy.



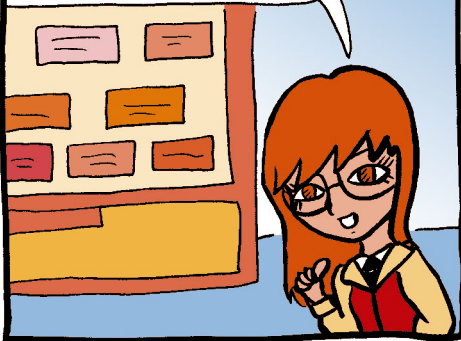
And while these sketches make the content more interesting they can sometimes distract people from learning the geography facts they are trying to teach.



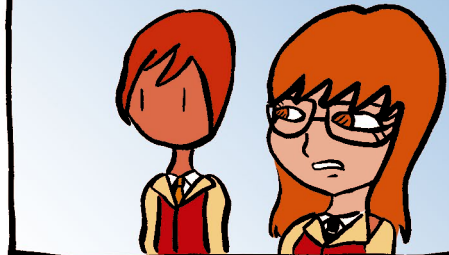
At the end of the 1st round the gumshoe with the lowest score is eliminated & the other 2 move on.



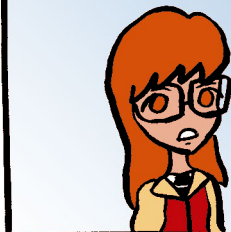
The 2 gumshoes played a concentration game to try & find "the loot, the warrant & the crook" in that order.



Unfortunately geography knowledge doesn't really play a part in this round.



While a good sense of memory is important, it is often dumb luck that wins the day & doesn't always reward the gumshoe who did better with the geography questions.



But after the crook has been caught, it's time for the winner to go to the bonus round.

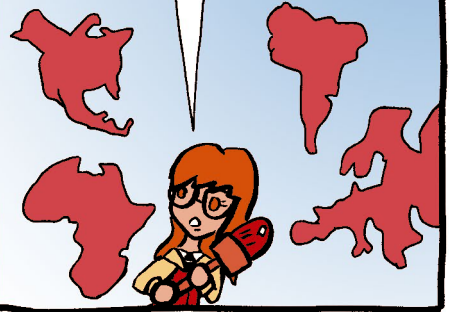




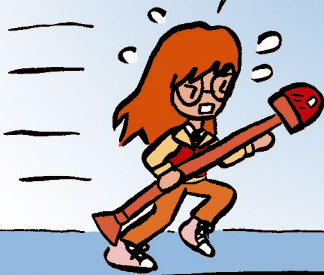
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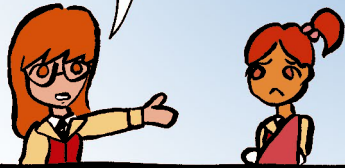
Each episode the gumshoe had to locate 7-8 locations on a floor map of a continent with a large marker.



Oh yeah & there is a 45 second time limit, which turns this round from hard to gruesomely difficult.



The bonus round was so physically intense that one gumshoe broke her arm during the round, causing the episode to never air.\*



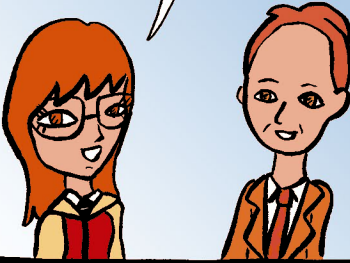
\* Marcus, Lillit. "12 Things you Might Not Know about Carmen Sandiego." Mental Floss. 17 June, 2015.

But the kids, who did catch Carmen got a trip to anywhere in North America!\*



\*The first season's prize was a trip anywhere in the continental US.

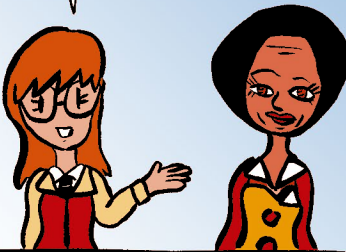
But a major plus for the show was the cast it had, like host Greg Lees.



Greg Lees was a great host for a children's game show. He was patient & understanding with the child contestants. And he was a pretty funny guy too.



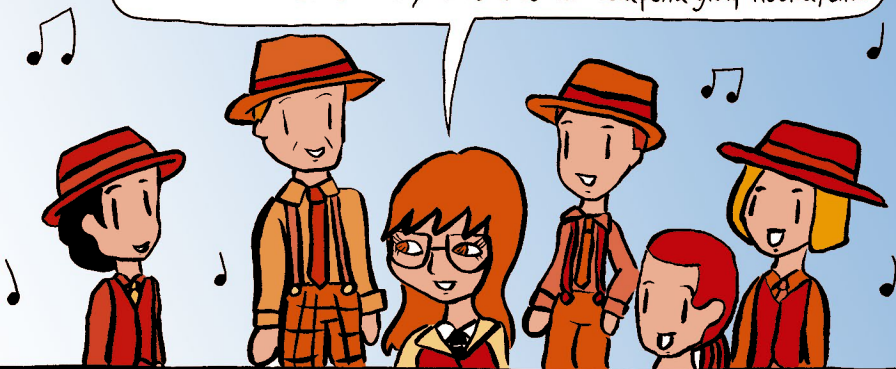
And Greg had a great partner in comedy with "The Chief" played by actress Lynne Thigpen.



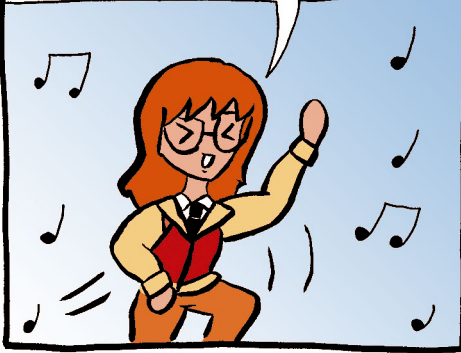
She & Greg played well off of each other in many sketches & displayed great comedic chemistry.



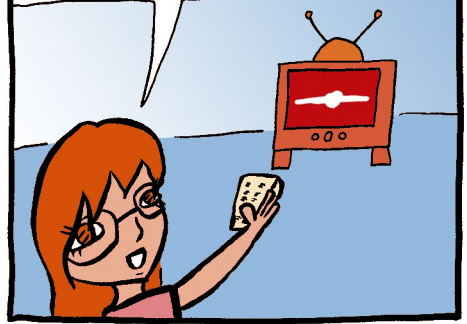
But the cast members who probably had the greatest impact on the memories of many kids was the acapella group Rockapella.



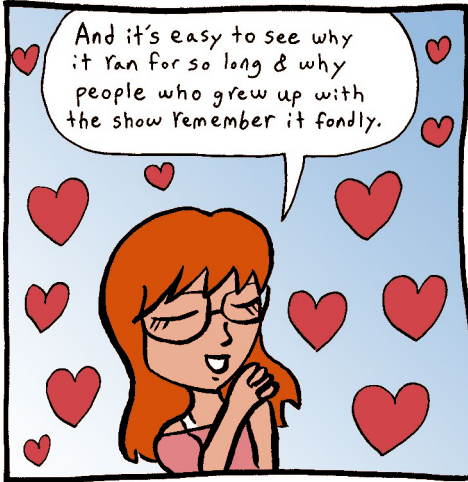
Rockapella provided lot's of music for the show, including the show's memorable theme song.



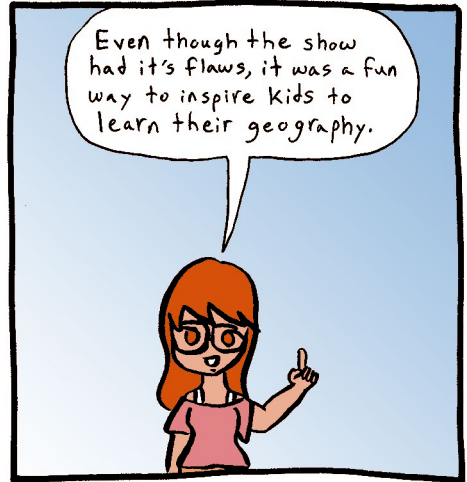
The show ran from 1991 to 1998 & had 5 seasons, making it one of the longest running children's game shows.



And it's easy to see why it ran for so long & why people who grew up with the show remember it fondly.



Even though the show had it's flaws, it was a fun way to inspire kids to learn their geography.



But now that the comic is nearly done, you know what to do...



**DO IT ROCKAPELLA!**

