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# Dark Secrets: Conspiracy Theories - Answers

1. What is a conspiracy theory?

**A theory that the “official” version of events surrounding an event is not true, and that people in power are controlling or manipulating the truth.**

2. What do conspiracy theorists believe was the motivation for faking the moon landing in 1969?

**They believe that, because the USA was involved in the space race with Russia, they knew they would not be able to land on the moon first, so they faked it in order to “win” the race.**

3. What do flat earthers think the world looks like?

**They believe that the earth is a flat circle with the Arctic in the centre. Around the outside of the circle is a 150ft wall of ice, which stops people falling off into space.**

4. Name two popstars who are believed to have been replaced in secret.

**Avril Lavigne and Paul McCartney.**

5. How much did Denver International Airport cost to build?

**\$4.8bn.**

6. Describe one of the strange works of art at Denver International Airport.

**Either:**

- **a painting featuring a soldier in a gas mask brandishing a gun and stabbing a dove;**

**or**

- **a painting showing a child in a funeral casket, while other children flee a forest fire – supposedly showing a world out of sync with nature;**

**or**

- **the sculpture of a 32-foot high blue horse with red glowing eyes, nicknamed Blucifer.**

7. What is a Freemason?

**A member of a male-only secret society which meets in “lodges”. They have special symbols, clothing and ceremonies, as well as their own handshake, so they can recognise other Masons without explicitly stating their membership.**

8. Who is David Icke?

**A former professional football player, now a conspiracy theorist who believes that the world is controlled by a race of alien reptiles called the Babylonian Brotherhood, who can shape-shift into human form and control humanity.**

9. Why do conspiracy theorists believe the assassination of John F Kennedy is not as it seems?

**Because there were more shots fired than originally thought; the bullet did not seem to come from where Oswald was standing; Oswald never confessed and said he had been set up; the case never came to trial, as Oswald was murdered.**

10. Who killed Lee Harvey Oswald, and why?

**Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby in order to spare Mrs Kennedy the upset of a trial.**