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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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Question: Were French Fries actually created by the French?

Response: According to a July 15, 2020 article in the Hindustan Times (available through the library's Canadian Points of View Reference Centre database):

"Despite its name and popularity, French fries are not French. The origins can be found in Belgium, where historians claim potatoes were being fried in the late-1600s."

An article from the BBC, dated 2018, corroborates this [conclusion](#).

