

## Yoyo

One day I was on YouTube and I came across gentry steins channel, I clicked on it and saw this inspiring model called gentry stein. He received a yo-yo for Christmas when he was younger, and would begin practicing with the toy in the third grade. The gift yo-yo was from Yo-Yo Factory, the company that would later sponsor him. The first yoyo that he actually had was called the fast 201.

A Filipino American man named Pedro Flores opened up a toy factory in California in the 1920s and became the first person to make modern yo-yos. They became so popular that businessman Donald Duncan bought Pedro's company and wound up making 3,600 yo-yos a year in the town of Luck, Wisconsin. It's now known as the "Yo-Yo Capital of the World!"

During the 18th century, the yo-yo became very popular all over Europe but they had their own names for it. In Britain they called it a *bandalore* or a *quiz* (yep, just like a test), and in France it was known as an *incroyable* or a *coblentz*. Everyone liked playing with yo-yos and there are reports of young King Louis XVII playing with one, Napoleon and his army had yo-yos at their famous Battle of Waterloo, and even the Prince of Wales played with them.

Gentry Stein is a yo-yo world champion. Stein won the 1A Division of the World Yo-Yo Contest in 2014 and 2019, and received third place in 2011 and 2017. Stein won the 1A division title of the U.S. National Yo-Yo Contest in 2019. He earned a signature yo-yo model from Yo-Yo Factory called The Shutter. He had previous models from the company called the G Funk and the Super G.

I have been learning the yoyo for 4 months now and I know 47 yoyo tricks, these are some of the tricks I know! 🙌

Finger grind

Baby in cradle

Eiffel Tower

Walk the dog

Barrel roll

Zipper

Sleeper

Double or nothing

Double or nothing release

One handed star

Around the world

