

The Great Siege of 1565:



Read: *In 1530, the Knights of St John took complete control over the Maltese Islands. Who were the Knights of Saint John? They were doctors and nurses, but also professional soldiers. Their main enemies were the Ottoman Turks. Once settled in Malta, the Knights started attacking Turkish vessels sailing in the central Mediterranean. The Turks wanted to strike back and decided that they would attack the Knights in Malta. The Turks' aim was to control all the commerce that passed through the centre of the Mediterranean.*

Answer the following questions:

1. The Turks attacked Malta in the year (1530, 1565, 1600, 2000).
2. Picture A shows Fort St Elmo. This fort lies at the edge of (Birgu Peninsula, Senglea Peninsula, Marsa, Sciberras Peninsula)
3. Picture B shows the Fortification of St Angelo. This castle defends mainly (Mount Sciberras, Birgu, Senglea, Marsa)
4. Picture C shows Senglea Primary School. During the Great Siege, this school stood on the site of a very important fortification that defended the town of Senglea. What was the name of this fortification?

5. Which was the first fortification attacked by the Turks during the Great Siege?

6. Give the name of the Turkish leader who died in Malta during the Great Siege:

7. Mention ONE difficulty encountered by the Turks during the Great Siege.

8. What title was given to Birgu after the Great Siege?
