S4.2 FABLES, LEGENDS AND HISTORY

S4.2.5
We will research the story of the arrival of the Normans in Malta, in the year 1091, and classify our findings as LEGEND or HISTORY.

A. Write LEGEND or HISTORY in the blank spaces.

1. Count Roger won the battle against the Arabs who were in Malta in the year 1091 A.D
   _________
2. The Normans were Christians. _________
3. After the arrival of Count Roger, the Arabs started paying taxes to the Normans in Sicily. _________
4. Count Roger gave us the Maltese flag. _________
5. Count Roger made an agreement with the Arabs to stop the fighting. _________
6. Count Roger laid the first foundation stone of the Cathedral in Mdina. _________
7. Count Roger sent all the Arabs away from Malta. _________
8. After conquering Malta, the Normans went on to conquer Gozo. _________
9. The Arabs were of Muslim faith. _________
10. Count Roger and the Narman soldiers climbed up the cliffs of “Miġra l-Ferħa” on their horses. _________

B. Write TRUE or FALSE.

1. The Normans were good warriors. _______
2. Count Roger fought against the enemies of the Christians. _______
3. After Malta, the Count and the Normans went to Africa. _______

C. Match the Numbers

1. The ruler of Malta in Arab times led the Norman soldiers.
2. Count Roger from Sicily.
3. The Normans came to Malta the Maltese islands were ruled by the Arabs.
4. The Muslim religion was called a "Qadi".
5. The Norman soldiers were good warriors.
6. Before they were won by Count Roger 4 was the religion of the Arabs.

D. Answer.

1. Why did the Count and his soldiers want to take over Malta?

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2. Why do you think that some Maltese people were happy when the Count took over the islands?

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3. Where did the Normans go after loading their ships?

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4. Imagine you were the “Qadi” of Malta.

Write a question you would have asked Count Roger whilst signing the agreement under the tent.

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E. **Underline the correct answer:**

1. Count Roger came to Malta from (Sicily, Gozo, France, Spain).
2. Count Roger brought (Spanish, Norman, Tunisian, Russian) soldiers to Malta.
3. In Malta, Count Roger and his soldiers fought against the (British, French, Spanish, Arabs) and defeated them.
4. After conquering Malta, Count Roger also won (Egypt, Tunisia, America, Gozo).
F. Fill in the blanks with these words.

Sicily were not sent Gozo horses away
warriors Mdina the leader Arabs

Count Roger was ______________ of the Norman soldiers who came to Malta a long time ago. They came to Malta from ___________ on their ships. During that time, the ____________ ruled in Malta. The Normans were very good___________ and quickly won the fight. The victorious soldiers took weapons, money and ____________ from the losers. After this victory, Count Roger and his soldiers went straight to the capital city of Malta which was ____________. Before going back, they went to ____________ from where they loaded their ships with more things. Count Roger made an agreement with the Arabs who were in Malta. They___________ from Malta but once a year they had to go to Sicily and pay the Normans taxes in silver.
**G. Match by writing the numbers 1 to 5 in the blank squares:**

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<td>were good warriors.</td>
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<td>3. The Normans came to Malta</td>
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<td>4. The Arabs in Malta</td>
<td>the Arabs were ruling.</td>
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<td>5. The Norman soldiers</td>
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**H. Colour the boxes that relate to the year 1091, yellow.**

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<td>There were cars</td>
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<td>Many people were Muslims</td>
<td>There were many Christian slaves</td>
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<td>People lived in villas</td>
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