

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 Norman soldiers climbed up the cliffs of _____
"Miġra l-Ferħa" on their horses.

B. Write TRUE or FLASE.

- 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

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| 1. The ruler of Malta in Arab times | <input type="text"/> | led the Norman soldiers. |
| 2. Count Roger | <input type="text"/> | from Sicily. |
| 3. The Normans came to Malta | <input type="text"/> | the Maltese islands were ruled by the Arabs. |
| 4. The Muslim religion | <input type="text"/> | was called a "Qadi". |
| 5. The Norman soldiers | <input type="text"/> | 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?

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

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

4. Imagine you were the "Qadi" of Malta.

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

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:

1. Count Roger was		were of Muslim religion.
2. When Count Roger came to Malta		were good warriors.
3. The Normans came to Malta		the leader of the Normans who conquered Malta.
4. The Arabs in Malta		the Arabs were ruling.
5. The Norman soldiers		from Sicily.

H. Colour the boxes that relate to the year 1091, yellow.

There were cars	Women wore jeans	There were very few buildings
Many people were Muslims	There were many Christian slaves	There were many farmers
People lived in villas	Animals were used for transport.	The queen ruled.