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The Legends of King Arthur

The Holy Grail



Listen and write

1. What is the Holy Grail?

2. In what way is King Arthur connected to Glastonbury Tor?

3. Who was St. Joseph?

4. Why do Christians visit Glastonbury?

5. Who is Gwyn ap Nudd?

6. Where is the glass chamber?



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Read and Discuss

What is fact and what is fiction regarding the Holy Grail? Find facts and discuss in class.

Work in pairs and find interesting facts about the Holy Grail. Prepare by studying the choice of links below and study it together. If you need more sources you can Google for more. In class compare your facts and be critical about your sources. Discuss the following questions:

1. What is true and what is fiction?
2. Which sources are reliable and which are not? Why?
3. What is the connection between the Holy Grail, the Holy Chalice in Spain and the Last Supper?
4. Are there facts that differ in your sources? List them and try to sort out what is true and false.

Sources The Holy Grail:

<http://www.history.com/news/ask-history/what-is-the-holy-grail>

<http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/features/mythical/grail.html>

<http://d.lib.rochester.edu/camelot/theme/holy-grail>

<http://www.ewtn.com/library/CHISTORY/ZGRAIL.HTM>

http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/mir/english_pdf/Valencia1.pdf

<http://www.gotquestions.org/holy-grail.html>

http://arthistory.about.com/cs/last_suppe1/f/holygrail.htm

<http://archive.spectator.co.uk/article/28th-december-1861/17/the-romance-of-the-holy-graal>

<http://d.lib.rochester.edu/camelot/text/history-of-that-holy-disciple-joseph-of-arimathea>

<http://www.britannia.com/history/articles/josanc.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy_Grail

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/06719a.htm>

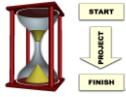
<http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=6985>

<http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/scholars-urge-more-research-on-holy-grail>

<http://taylormarshall.com/2011/10/holy-chalice-of-valencia-is-it-holy.html>



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Read and present

Work in groups of three. Choose one of the topics below and prepare a presentation. Use speaking cards with just a few key words on them to avoid reading a full text when you present in class. Also prepare a Power Point with pictures and key words to support you and to make the presentation more interesting.

A. Glastonbury Abbey and King Arthur's tomb:

1. Where is it?
2. How can you get there?
3. Historical facts.
4. How is it connected to the legends of King Arthur?

Sources:

<http://www.sacred-destinations.com/england/glastonbury-map>

<http://www.glastonburyabbey.com/visit.php?&dx=1&ob=3&rpn=index&sid=bf6fc3449029c5c19a348db0d0af58e9>

<http://d.lib.rochester.edu/camelot/image/king-arthurs-tomb>

<http://d.lib.rochester.edu/camelot/text/gerald-of-wales-arthurs-tomb>

<http://www.glastonburyabbey.com/arthur.php?&dx=1&ob=3&rpn=grounds&sid=bf6fc3449029c5c19a348db0d0af58e9>

http://www.wellssomerset.com/search/entry1035_glastonbury_abbey.html

B. Glastonbury Tor:

1. Where is it?
2. How can you get there?
3. Historical facts.
4. How is it connected to the legends of King Arthur?

Sources:

<http://www.sacred-destinations.com/england/glastonbury-map>

<http://d.lib.rochester.edu/camelot/theme/glastonbury>

<http://www.kingarthursknights.com/structures/tor.asp>

<http://www.sacred-destinations.com/england/glastonbury-tor>



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C. Celtic mythology:

1. Which are the most important gods and goddesses?
2. What powers do they have?
3. What do they look like?
4. How are they connected to the legends of King Arthur?

Sources:

http://www.fatheroak.com/Celtic_Gods.html

<http://www.angelfire.com/wizard/celticdeities/>

<http://ancienthistory.about.com/od/celtsmyth/tp/010209celticgods.htm>

http://www.druidcircle.org/library/index.php?title=List_of_Celtic_Gods_%26_Goddesses

<http://www.livingmyths.com/Celticmyth.htm>



Write: The 21st Century quest for...

Use the facts about the Holy Grail and write a modern legend with the title: **The 21st Century quest for....** Replace the grail with something else. What would it be?

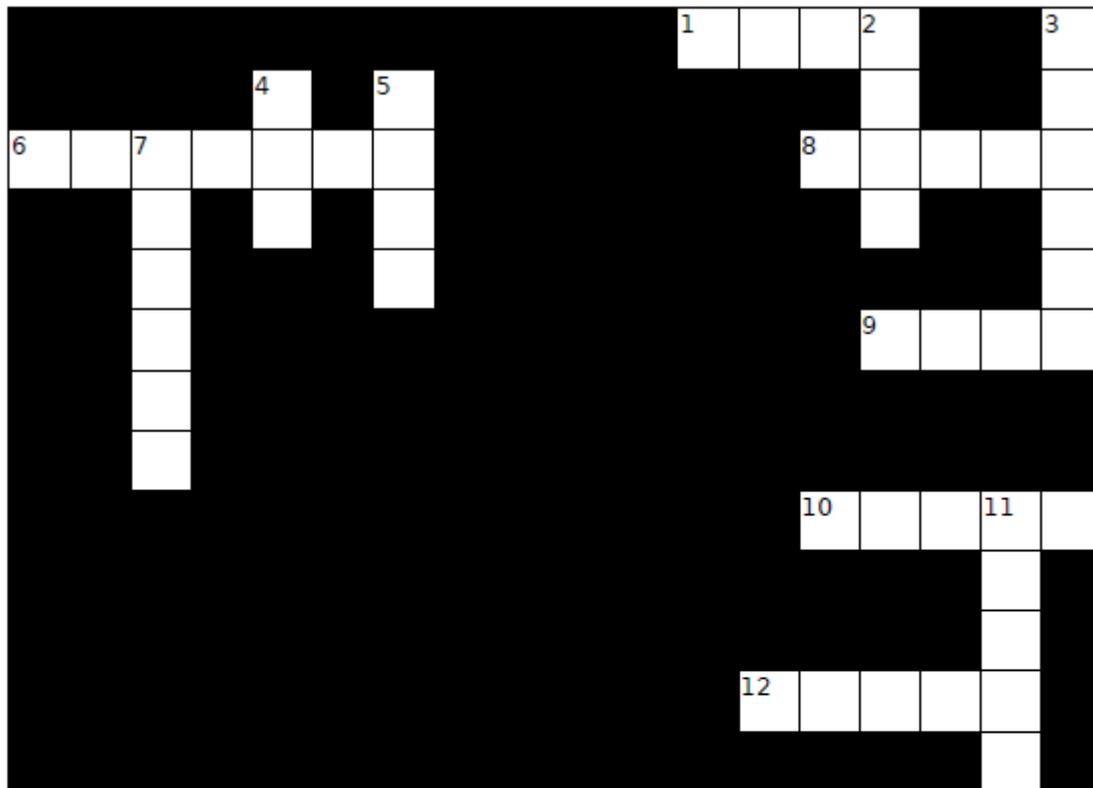
- What object can replace the “Holy Grail” in “The 21st Century Quest for...”? Add it to the title!
- How was it lost?
- Why is it important to find it?
- Where is your legend set?
- What characters are there?
- How are they connected to each other?
- How does the legend develop?
- Do they finally find the 21st Century ...?
- Is there a religious or mythological theme in your legend? What religion/mythology?



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Crossword



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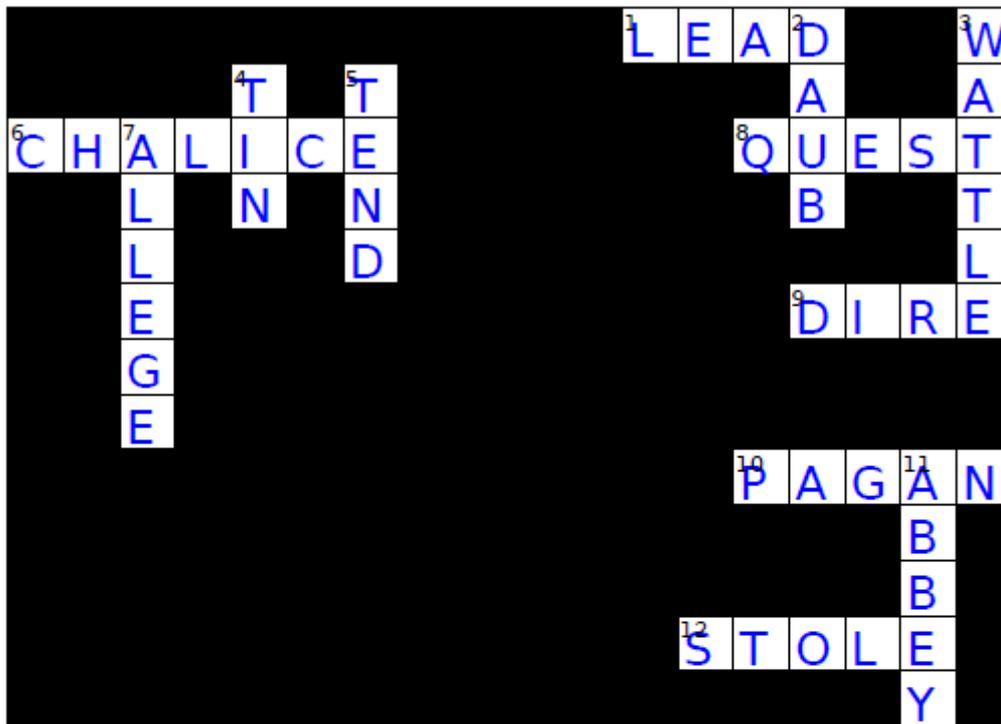
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- 7 uppge, påstå
- 11 kloster,
klosterkyrka



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