

An impossible interview to Charlemagne: Il A Civitella del Tronto



Pupils: Good morning, majesty, thanks for this interview! Thank you for hosting us in your luxurious Aachen castle!

Charlemagne: Thank you! I will be happy to answer your questions. I know my building is beautiful!

P: Tell us about your day, here in Aachen.

CM: I am a great emperor, I love riding and hunting. No people equal the Franks in the art of hunting. I also love the baths and nobody is as good as me at swimming.

P: Have you ever met your father or your grandfather?

CM: I never knew my grandfather but I know he stopped the Arabs in Poitiers. I'm as strong as he is, but I'm lucky because I met my father.

P: What do you remember about the war against the Saxons?

CM: I was a great Christian emperor. The Saxons were pagans and refused baptism so the war was long and bloody! Wait ... Let me see your notebook ... I recognize this writing!?

P: This is the tiny carolina ... A writing that takes your name!

CM: What a joy! I have remained illiterate all my life but I have always been concerned about making schools work for kids!

P: We speak of heavy cavalry, another primacy of the kingdom.

CM: My knights were unbeatable because I invented the stirrup. In battle they never fell and all their strength won against the enemy.

P: Tell us about your coronation!

CM: What kind of question is this? You should know it! I am very disappointed! However, I was crowned by Pope Leo III on the Christmas night of 800 BC. The Pope gave me the name of "Emperor of the Romans" in the Basilica of San Peter

P: Is your empire inspired by the sacred Roman empire?

CM: The Roman empire has always been a source of inspiration but many things are different. Language, religion and the capital. I can say that I dreamed and imagined I was already in Europe. Take care of my dream, dear young people!

P: Thanks for your patience! What would you say to young people?

CM: I say you are very lucky. Today all children can and must go to school. This is a privilege, in my time it didn't exist. Wars are useless, studying saves lives. Don't forget it!