

Hungarian Legends

About the founding of Hungary





Lehel

- 955 AC the Magyars were defeated at the Lechfeld by King Otto I.
- the leaders should die and could choose how
- Lehel, one of the leaders, wanted to blow the cowhorn to ask the goddesses
- instead of blowing it he hit the enemy's leader Konrad the Red and killed him
- even today you can see the damage at the cowhorn

The majestic deer

- The legend is used to explain how and why the Magyars, Magor's descendents, arrived and settled in Hungary
- two brothers (Hunor and Magor) saw a majestic deer
- at the seventh day they found a fertile ground and decided to move there
- they found girls and kidnapped two of them to marry them
- two ancestries were founded: the Huns and the Magyars
- later the Magyars moved to new land, caused by increased population



The Turul

- Based on a large falcon which established the Hungarian people
- it's a creature mixed from a falcon and an eagle
- today it's a sign for the Hungarian origin
- it dropped a sword in a place, where now Budapest is
- he can be found as a statue on the Bridge of Liberty in Budapest
- the Turul is a popular monument

Dream of Emese

- Turul visited Emese in her dreams and got her pregnant
- in some other versions of the story she was already pregnant when she was visited by him
- her son was called Álmos (by hungarian: dream - álom)
- Árpáden kings followed (by Álmos' son Árpád)
- 1001 - 1301: first hungarian kingdom



Similarities

- about the origin of hungarian people
- very early (all before 1000 AD)
- about the nobility
- about the Magyarens
- in Turul and majestic deer: the animals are the main characters





Thanks for listening!