

## WORKSHEET ON THE LEGEND “THE LIZARD OF JAÉN”

1. Choose the correct answer:

- a) In our legend, La Magdalena is the name of a CASTLE / NEIGHBOURHOOD / SHEEP in Jaén.
- b) Who saw the lizard and brought it to the village? A SHEPHERD / A YOUNG MAN / AN OLD PEASANT.
- c) The reaction of the washerwomen when they saw the lizard was of: EXCITEMENT/ FEAR/ HUNGER.
- d) Over time, the lizard needed: LITTLE FOOD / VEGETARIAN FOOD / LOTS OF FOOD.
- e) The lizard liked meat: YES / NO / ONLY FROM ANIMALS.
- f) The neighbours are: IN AGREEMENT / IN DISAGREEMENT with 24 hour vigilance.
- g) The killer was: THE YOUNG MAN / THE LIZARD / THE SHEPHERD.
- h) Before being recruited, Alonso of Corbera was: IN PRISON / IN THE ROYAL PALACE / IN THE KITCHEN OF THE CASTLE
- i) Alonso of Corbera asked the King: A HORSE, THE SKIN OF A SHEEP, BREAD, GUNPOWDER / A HORSE, A KNIFE, BREAD / A SHEEP, A HORSE, A GUN.
- j) Alonso hid a huge amount of gunpowder in: BREAD / A SACK / THE SKIN OF A SHEEP.
- k) The lizard did not explode: TRUE / FALSE.

2. Match the words taken from the text with their definition:

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| 1) spring     | a) person whose job is to look after sheep.              |
| 2) den        | b) person whose job is to make objects by forging metal. |
| 3) shepherd   | c) to say that something is true or is a fact.           |
| 4) blacksmith | d) place where a beast lives or is hidden.               |
| 5) to claim   | e) place where water comes out.                          |

3. Can you give an adjective to each of the following characters of the story?

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| 1 The lizard        | a courageous and brave             |
| 2 The boy           | b sentenced to prison but fearless |
| 3 Alonso de Corbera | c wild and fierce                  |
| 4 The King          | d authoritarian but fair           |

4. Can you match each word with its opposite?

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| 1 dark      | a enemy      |
| 2 legend    | b ugly       |
| 3 friend    | c dangerous  |
| 4 safe      | d miserable  |
| 5 happy     | e light      |
| 6 beautiful | f true story |

5. These are jobs which were already common in the Middle Ages. Can you match them with their definitions?

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| 1) shepherd    | a) person who makes iron objects.                  |
| 2) butcher     | b) woman who washes clothes in a river or spring.  |
| 3) blacksmith  | c) man who makes some objects, for example a vase. |
| 4) tailor      | d) person who took care of the sheep.              |
| 5) washerwoman | e) person who sells meat.                          |
| 6) craftsman   | f) person who makes a piece of clothes.            |

6. Odd one out! Circle the word in each group which is different from the others.

- a) pig/ lamb/ hen/ lizard.
- b) butcher/ shepherd/ prisoner/ baker.
- c) square / bushes/ meadow / spring of water.
- d) fear/scream/pride/panic.
- e) butcher/ peasant/ prisoner/ washerwoman.
- f) wonderful/ beautiful/ cute/ terrible.

7. PREPOSITIONS: Complete de sentences with the correct preposition.

**on - into – without – for - of – in - until**

- a) The young man put the lizard ..... a box.
- b) Alonso de Corbera came ..... a horse to fight the animal.
- c) The legend took place..... the neighbourhood of La Magdalena.
- d) The neighbours didn't rest..... they found the lizard.
- e) The lizard was the pet..... La Magdalena.
- f) The neighbours did not want to live..... their children and cattle.
- g) After they found the lizard they claimed ..... justice.

8.Fill in the gaps with the correct question word. Then, find the answer below.

**what-who-whose-how- when-where-why**

- 1) .....was the lizard hidden during the day?
- 2) .....was the problem with the lizard?
- 3) ..... left the lizard near the spring?
- 4) ..... did the story occur?
- 5) ..... did the lizard live in the spring?
- 6) ..... did Alonso kill the lizard?
- 7) ..... idea was it of leaving the lizard in the spring?

- a) He ate the children and the cattle of La Magdalena.
- b) During the Middle Ages.
- c) He was in his den.
- d) A washerwoman´s.
- e) Because there he was near the water.
- f) A young man.
- g) The lizard swallowed gunpowder.

9. Unscramble the words below and use them to complete the sentences:

**ahlrde – sehsehrph – raosugeocu –pdoernuwg – ghibudoohnreo – derrumer**

- 1. The young man, on his way home, showed the lizard to some .....
- 2. A royal ..... was in charge of reading the king's decree.
- 3. One day a ..... young man was walking at the foot of the castle of Jaén.
- 4. The ..... is the lizard of Jaén!!!
- 5. All the inhabitants of the ..... loved the lizard and were proud of him.
- 6. Alonso showed him the skin of the sheep, under which he had hidden .....

10. **Word Square:** Find the names of the characters of the story and circle them.

**Boy - Washerwoman - Shepherd - Alonso de Corbera- King- Herald- Lizard.**

S	E	V	Y	R	U	L	P	F	A	S	A	N	T	P
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R	G	Z	K	A	C	B	N	H	I	I	A	E	N	C
Z	H	Q	P	R	N	D	M	D	H	E	R	A	L	D
K	B	N	M	W	Q	W	A	E	R	H	T	A	Y	U
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A	L	O	N	S	O	D	E	C	O	R	B	E	R	A
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11. Write the following events in the story in the correct chronological order.

- 1- The boy meets some shepherds.
- 2- The boy meets some washerwomen.
- 3- Everybody in the city claimed for justice.
- 4- Alonso de Corbera started to throw pieces of bread.
- 5- The boy saw something shining behind some bushes.
- 6- The lizard started to grow and needed bigger quantities of food.
- 7- The lizard began to eat innocent children.