

WORKSHEET ON “THE SNAKE PRINCESS OF CAZORLA”

1. Choose the right two answers in each line:

a) Which of these civilizations fought for the territories of Spain in the Middle Ages?..... **the Muslims** / the Romans / **the Christians**.

b) Cazorla is a town in the South of Spain. Which of these could be found there at that time?.....**mountains / a castle** / a lookout on the sea.

c) The Muslim King was really worried due to the advance of the enemy. He really cared about his **fellow citizens / young daughter** / jewels.

d) He provided shelter for his daughter in the cellar of the castle. What did he put in that refuge? jewels / **a mattress / food for some time**.

e) The poor young princess had become a horrible creature. She felt she had developed... **scales** / the eyes of a toad / **the skin of a snake**.

f) What did she feed on after she had become a snake?

her own flesh and blood / **little insects / worms**.

g) What will you never see again if you listen to the Snake Princess singing?... the moonlight / **the sunlight / the night of Saint John**.

2. Answer these questions according to the legend:

a) Why were the Christians interested in invading the town of Cazorla?

Because the Muslim King had his residence there.

b) What did the people in Cazorla do after his King had told them about the coming of the Christian troops?

They left the town.

c) Where did the King lock his daughter up?

He locked her un in a cellar under the castle.

d) What was the last thing that the princess heard after her father and his men left the castle?

She could hear the gates closing and the horses trotting away from the castle.

e) What day of the year is St John's night celebrated in Spain?

On June, 24th.

f) What in the castle can still be seen in connection to our legend?

A flagstone on the floor that can be pulled by a huge iron ring.

3. Match these words from the text of the legend and their definition:

1. Hunger d)

2. Herald j)

3. Lookout h)

4. Valley a)

5. Peasant i)

6. Weed e)

7. Lodgings g)

8. Cattle b)

9. Mattress c)

10. Trot f)

4. Can you write a synonym for these words taken from the legend?

- a) Troop: army, group of soldiers...
- b) Serpent: snake
- c) Border: frontier
- d) Fate: destiny
- e) At risk: in danger
- f) To flee: to escape, to go away, to leave.

5. Odd one out! Choose the word that does not belong to the group:

- a) valley / plain / meadow / **peak**.
- b) troops / army / **scales** / soldiers.
- c) **lookout** / king / court/ noblemen.
- d) **thrilled**/sad/gloomy/depressed.
- e) cellar / basement/ **balcony**.
- f) protect/ shelter/ refuge/**trotting**.
- g) hunger /thirst /**entertainment**/ sleep

6. Complete the following sentences with the correct preposition:

- a) The two armies were fighting both ...FOR.....power and new territories.
- b) The advance of the Christian troops ..TOWARDS.. Cazorla was a threat to the Muslim King.
- c) The only solution for the Muslim King and his men was leaving Cazorla...BEHIND.
- d) There was a lookout in the castle ...FROM...which the King could see his citizens in the fields.
- e) The King thought about the possibility of hiding his daughter in a cellarUNDER.... the castle.

- f) There was an urgent need to lookFOR..... shelter.
- g) The King provided his daughterWITH..... food for a long time.
- h) On St John's Night people can hear a songAROUND.. the castle.
- i) There is a flagstone in that castle that can be pulledBY... a big ring.

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

- a) Once upon a time there was a ...KINGDOM..... ruled by a good monarch.
- b) Just for one night it is OK to sleep on a ...MATTRESS....on the floor.
- c) The young princess was in a shock when she turned into a ..SERPENT..
- d) The King's ...TROOPS..... marched in the conquest of new lands.
- e) The thieves hid the money under a ...FLAGSTONE...in the pavement.
- f) Fish have their bodies covered withSCALES.....