
CITY LEGENDS

PUBLISHING A LOCAL LEGEND

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A teljes programcsomag elérhető: www.educatio.hu címen.

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KING SIGISMUND'S COLUMN AND THE LEGEND OF THE KING'S SWORD

On the Old Town's Castle Square you can see one of the most beautiful baroque monuments in Warsaw. Dating from 1643-44, the Sigismund Column (Kolumna Zygmunta) is also the oldest secular monument in the Polish capital.

According to legend, there was a terrible drought one summer; clouds passed over the city but not a drop of rain fell from them. One day the statue on the column moved. The king raised his arm to the sky and cut the clouds with his sword. The long awaited rain fell on the city. Since then the raised sword on the king's statue reminds us that the king who made Warsaw the capital of Poland is still watching over his city from his column.

There is yet another legend that tells of the world coming to an end if the king's sword touches the base of the statue. Fortunately, it is still pointed at the sky.

Source: <http://www.skyeuropeinflight.com/cl.asp?cl=341>

LAJKONIK

The Tatar invasion was successfully repelled by the people of Cracow. They even managed to kill one of the leaders, a Tatar Khan. One of the victorious defenders dressed up in the Khan's clothing and triumphantly rode into the city.

To commemorate this victory, each year on the first Thursday after the religious holiday of Corpus Christi the Lajkonik, a man dressed up as a warrior from the East, rides a prancing white horse through the city streets from the Norbertine Convent in Zwierzyniec to the Market Square. On his way he touches spectators with his golden mace and collects money for the traditional ransom. Being touched by his mace brings good luck. At the Market Square the Mayor of Cracow awaits him with a pile of ransom money and a chalice with which they make a toast to the wellbeing of Cracow and its inhabitants.

Source: <http://www.skyeuropeinflight.com/cl.asp?cl=225>

RALPH'S CUPBOARD

Legends of fierce giants abound in Cornwall, but surely one of the fiercest and most wicked was the giant known as Wrath of Portreath.

Wrath lived in a huge cavern, known as his "cupboard" where he would lie in wait for passing ships, wade out into the sea and attack them, killing the sailors with a single blow from his huge fingers. Then he would carefully select the better specimens for supper and, tying the ships up to his belt, he would tow his booty back to his cave. Even those who warily sailed by at what they thought was a safe distance were in danger. Wrath would fling huge rocks onto them from high up on the cliff and these are still visible today when the tide is low, forming a deadly reef that stretches from Godrevy Head.

Source: <http://www.connexions.co.uk/culture/html/legends.htm>

GHOST OF OLD BAWN HOUSE

Old Bawn House Close to the Old Bawn Road and the Dodder was situated one of the most important houses of the Dodder Valley in Dublin - Old Bawn House. Archdeacon William Bulkeley, son of the Archbishop of Dublin, built the house in the year 1635.

There was a local tradition in the old neighbourhood of Old Bawn House, that each year on the anniversary of the death of Archdeacon Bulkeley, a coach drawn by six headless horses and containing two passengers attended by two footmen, drives up to the house.

However, there is a sad end for anyone who looks at the coach, for they will die within a year and a day - or so the story goes.

Source: http://www.askaboutireland.ie/show_narrative_page.do?page_id=2077

1.2 QUESTIONNAIRE

Legend	King Sigismund...	Lajkonik	Ralph's Cupboard	Ghost of Old Bawn House
Where?				
When?				
Who?				
What?				
Other				
Your questions				

Insert the title of your
legend here

4.2 EVALUATION SHEET

- Think over what you did in the last 4 lessons and finish the sentences or answer the questions.

In this module I learnt...

- 1
- 2
- 3

In the lessons I felt...

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- Write 3 things you did not really like.

- 1
- 2
- 3

- Write 3 things you really liked.

- 1
- 2
- 3

■ Write your 10 favourite words from the „Legendary dictionary” you have learnt during the module.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10

Other comments

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