Webquest: St George's Day

Webquest TEACHER'S NOTES

Level: Intermediate

Target age: Teenagers / Young adults

Time needed: 30–45 minutes

Key skills: Reading, speaking

Materials: One copy of the worksheet per student

On 23 April, England celebrates the day of its patron saint, St George. But St George isn't just the patron saint of England. In this webquest, your students will discover the answers to these questions: Who was St George? What is he the patron saint of? Where is his day celebrated? Did he really kill a dragon?

Activity 1: Who was St George?

Hand out one worksheet per student. Students choose one of the topics listed and prepare a report. The questions are there to help them prepare their report. You will find some suggested answers below. The report can be oral or written and done individually or in groups. It also could be done in PowerPoint. Encourage students to illustrate their reports.

Key:

1. **A biography of St George**
   a. no
   b. in Cappadocia in Turkey
   c. He was a Roman soldier.
   d. in the 3rd century AD
   e. He was beheaded.
   f. in 1222

2. **George and England**
   a. St Adamnan, Abbot of Iona, in the 7th century
   b. returning Crusaders
   c. a 'signe' of St George on their chest and back
   d. It's a a red cross on a white background.
   e. an award given to civilians for acts of bravery; Saint George killing the dragon

3. **The legend of St George and the dragon**
   a. in Libya
   b. It was terrorizing the people and demanding the sacrifice of young girls.
   c. students' own answers

Activity 2: A web cross

Students complete the crossword to learn about how St George's Day is celebrated around the world. They should use the websites listed on their worksheets to find the answers to the questions. Students can work individually or in groups. They can fill in the answers as they surf through the web links.

Key:

Across

3 books
4 farmers
6 horse
10 Shakespeare
12 Labrador

Down

1 Barcelona
2 love
3 born
4 festival
5 scouts
7 rose
8 traditions
9 May
11 Snap
13 reenactment

Extra activities

Students can do these activities to find out more information about St George or just to have some fun.