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## THE LEGEND ABOUT THE VILLAGE OF DRAGOVO

Read the passage below to learn out the history of the village, then answer the questions on the next page.



Probably, there is no person who hasn't heard of Vlad Dracula, whose name is shrouded in a mass of dark legends. Everyone knows that he resided in a castle somewhere in Transylvania, in the territory of modern Romania, and was known for his peculiar preferences, to put it mildly, enjoying the taste of blood. But almost no one knows that the famous vampire has a direct connection to our enchanting land.

Let me tell you a tale, a completely real and historically confirmed one. In 1329, the Hungarian king, for special merits to the crown and His Majesty, gifted the castle with its surroundings to the knight Drag and his brother Balka.

At that time, the surroundings constituted almost a third of Transcarpathia. The brothers decided to establish their headquarters in the village of Draga, not far from Khust, now called Dragovo. "Drag" in Romanian means "devil." Obviously, Drag was a nickname, as according to the testimonies of contemporary sources, he was a courageous and evil person, had a terrible temper, and an even more dreadful face disfigured by numerous scars. Wars in those times were not fought with buttons but with swords.

The Hungarian king often borrowed money from Drag and repaid with lands. Thus, Drag's possessions grew several times, and the knight, becoming quite arrogant, began demanding more privileges and gifts from the king. The poor king realized that he had raised a monster and decided to get rid of him. But waging war against Drag was not an easy task.

Therefore, in the neighboring Vinogradiv Castle, the king settled another fierce warrior - Baron Peter Bereni, and tasked him with getting rid of Drag as he deemed fit. Accordingly, Bereni could keep all the captured estates for himself. During numerous battles, the baron pushed Drag from the plains and forced him to settle in the mountains of Transylvania, where the Drac family, or Dracula, still resides today. And the well-known Vlad Dracula is a direct descendant of the knight Drag, the lord of Khust Castle.



# DO THE EXERCISES

## ANSWER THE QUESTIONS :

Read the following questions and provide detailed answers based on the information provided in the text.



1. What special gift did the Hungarian king give to Drag and his brother, and why?
2. What historical period does the text suggest these events took place in?
3. According to the text, what is the connection between Vlad Dracula and the knight Drag?

## TRUE/FALSE EXERCISE:

Read the following statements and determine if they are true or false.

Vlad Dracula is a fictional character with no historical basis.

T or F

Vlad Dracula had a castle in Transylvania, Romania.

T or F

The knight Drag and his brother Balka received the castle and its surroundings from the Hungarian king in 1329.

T or F

The village where Drag established his headquarters was originally called Draga but is now known as Dragovo.

T or F

"Drag" in Romanian means "angel."

T or F

Drag was known for being a kind and gentle person according to contemporary sources.

T or F

The Hungarian king often borrowed money from Drag and repaid him with lands.

T or F

Baron Peter Bereni was tasked with getting rid of Drag to prevent him from demanding more privileges and gifts from the king.

T or F

Baron Peter Bereni settled in Vinogradiv Castle to plan his strategy against Drag.

T or F

Vlad Dracula is a direct descendant of Baron Peter Bereni.

T or F

## MATCH THE WORDS FROM THE TEXT WITH THEIR MEANINGS:

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| ①. <b>Crowned</b>    | A. Officially made a king or queen                     |
| ②. <b>Reside</b>     | B. Currently lives or stays                            |
| ③. <b>Realm</b>      | C. Dominions or territories                            |
| ④. <b>Prevail</b>    | D. To prove more powerful and successful in a conflict |
| ⑤. <b>Descendant</b> | E. Offspring or successor in a family line             |

## FILL IN THE BLANKS

1) In 1329, the Hungarian king, for special \_\_\_\_\_ to the crown, rewarded the knight Drag and his brother Balka.

- A. merits
- B. territories
- C. headquarters

2) The knight Drag and his brother Balka received the castle and its \_\_\_\_\_ from the Hungarian king.

- A. headquarters
- B. surroundings
- C. nicknames

3) The Hungarian king often borrowed \_\_\_\_\_ from Drag and repaid with lands.

- A. money
- B. privileges
- C. estates

4) The village of Draga, now called Dragovo, is located not far from \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Khust
- B. Transcarpathia
- C. Vinogradiv

5) The Drac family, or Dracula, is a direct \_\_\_\_\_ of the knight Drag, the lord of Khust Castle.

- A. descendant
- B. monster
- C. leader

## Word List

- shrouded** - огорнутий, прихований  
**peculiar** - особливий, незвичайний  
**preferences** - вподобання  
**mildly** - м'яко, не суворо  
**enchancing** - чарівний  
**confirmed** - підтверджений  
**merits** - заслуги  
**surroundings** - оточення  
**constituted** - складав  
**headquarters** - штаб-квартира  
**nickname** - прізвисьце  
**temper** - темперамент, характер  
**disfigured** - спотворений  
**scar** - шрам  
**privileged** - привілейований  
**waging** - ведення (війни)  
**fierce** - жорстокий, великий  
**tasked** - покладено завдання  
**deemed fit** - вважається відповідним  
**captured estates** - захоплені маєтки  
**descendant** - нащадок