



Unit 5

The Slovak Robin Hood

Cross-curricular – Literature Juraj Jánošík

- 1 Przeczytaj tekst i do każdego akapitu a–e dopasuj odpowiedni tytuł 1–5.

- 1 In the forest a legend is born
- 2 The legend continues
- 3 The young soldier
- 4 A Slovak hero
- 5 A tragic end

(a)
People sometimes call Juraj Jánošík the Slovak Robin Hood. He has been the topic of many Slovak and Polish legends, films, TV programmes, paintings, books and poems. 'He took from the rich and gave to the poor' are the famous words which people associate with him.

(b)
It all began in 1688 when Jánošík was born in Terchová, now in Slovakia. At the age of 18, he decided to join the troops of a man called Rákóczi Ferenc. These troops lost the battle and the Habsburg Emperor's army took Jánošík prisoner. Later he joined the troops of the Emperor.

WORD BOOSTER

Dopasuj wyrazy 1–4 do definicji a–d.

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| 1 troops | a an old story that was possibly true at first but then becomes fictional |
| 2 merchant | b groups of soldiers |
| 3 capture | c take somebody prisoner |
| 4 legend | d person that buys and sells things |

- 2 Odpowiedz na pytania 1–4.

Juraj Jánošík

- 1 Where was he from?

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- 2 How did he become the captain of a group of outlaws?

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- 3 How and when did he die?

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- 4 Why did he become a legend?

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(c)

While he was serving in the Emperor's army, Jánošík met a prisoner called Tomáš Uhorčík. Uhorčík was the leader of a gang of outlaws. One day Uhorčík escaped from prison and Jánošík joined his group. Later Jánošík became the captain of the group. They lived in the forest and took money from aristocrats, merchants and travellers and gave it to the poor. They did not kill any of their victims and sometimes they even helped them if they were ill.

(d)

In 1713 soldiers captured Jánošík. The legend says that in a pub a wicked old woman threw peas on the floor to make him fall and help the soldiers to catch him. They put him in prison and then killed him. He had an early and violent death, but his legend has survived and he is a very important person in Slovak folk history today.

(e)

Jánošík's legend was already getting bigger in the early 18th century, mainly because people considered him a symbol of resistance. People needed a hero, especially one who took from the rich and gave to the poor. In the end, the stories made him invincible, protected from bullets. The tales of Jánošík and his friend, Uhorčík, have everything that makes a great legend: love, adventure and the fight for justice.

- 3 Popatrz na scenę z legendy o Juraju Janosiku. Na podstawie powyższego tekstu napisz, kim są ludzie na obrazku i co się na nim dzieje.



- 4 Opisz w paru zdaniach wybranego bohatera ludowego lub polską legendę.

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