



## Unit 8

# A romance that made history

### Cross-curricular – History *Antony and Cleopatra*

### **i** INSIDE INFORMATION

- The love story between Mark Antony and Cleopatra is one of the most famous in history. William Shakespeare wrote a play about the two characters and there have been other famous books and films about them too.



1 Napisz trzy rzeczy, które wydaje ci się, że wiesz o Kleopatrze.

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....

2 Przeczytaj tekst i sprawdź, czy jest w nim mowa o tym, o czym napisałeś/napisałaś w ćwiczeniu 1. Fragmenty tekstu A–E nie są ułożone w poprawnej kolejności.

#### A

Together Mark Antony and Cleopatra had a very powerful political and romantic relationship. But Mark Antony had a rival in Rome, Octavian. Octavian declared war against Mark Antony. In a terrible battle at Actium, Mark Antony lost and, with Cleopatra, he ran away to Egypt. Mark Antony was losing the war and Roman soldiers were going to make him a prisoner. He decided to kill himself. When Cleopatra found out, she took a poisonous snake, put it next to her, and she also took her own life.

#### B

Cleopatra VII of Egypt is one of the most famous women in history. She was born in 69 or 68 BC. When her father died, she became the queen. Her ten-year-old brother, Ptolemy XIII, was the king. Because of an old Egyptian tradition she and her brother got married.

#### C

In 48 BC, Egypt became part of the conflict between Julius Caesar and Pompey. Caesar came to Egypt and he and Cleopatra began a romance. Ptolemy had exiled Cleopatra but Caesar helped Cleopatra to become queen again. In 47 BC Cleopatra had a child, possibly Julius Caesar's. Caesar went back to Rome and Cleopatra and her son followed him. But when they assassinated Caesar in Rome, Cleopatra returned to Egypt where once again she became queen.

#### D

Legend says that Cleopatra was incredibly beautiful. We don't know if she was, but we know that she was very clever. She spoke nine languages and was a great mathematician. While she was queen she brought prosperity and peace to Egypt.

#### E

In Rome some people started saying that Cleopatra had helped to kill Julius Caesar. Mark Antony, the new Emperor of Rome, wanted to discover the truth so he told her to come to see him. Cleopatra arrived in a golden boat. The legend says that Mark Antony and Cleopatra immediately fell in love. We know that they got married soon after and had three children.

### ► WORD BOOSTER

#### Dopasuj wyrazy 1–6 do definicji a–f.

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|---------------|--|
| 1 powerful    | a kill a famous or important person          |
| 2 rival       | b strong and important                       |
| 3 exile       | c make somebody leave a country              |
| 4 follow      | d go after                                   |
| 5 assassinate | e somebody you compete against               |
| 6 prosperity  | f situation where people have a lot of money |

3 Przeczytaj ponownie tekst i ułóż jego fragmenty A–E w poprawnej kolejności 1–5.

- 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 .....
- 4 ..... 5 .....

4 Ułóż wydarzenia a–g w kolejności chronologicznej.

- a Cleopatra had a relationship with Julius Caesar. ....
- b Cleopatra got married to her brother. ....
- c Cleopatra got married to Mark Antony. ....
- d Cleopatra died. ....
- e Mark Antony died. ....
- f Julius Caesar died. ....
- g Cleopatra went to Rome. ....

5 Odpowiedz na pytania 1–4.

- 1 Why did Cleopatra marry her brother?  
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- 2 Why did Cleopatra go to Rome?  
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- 3 Why did Mark Antony want to see Cleopatra?  
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- 4 Why did Mark Antony kill himself?  
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6 Odpowiedz na pytanie.

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