



**1. Read the text and look up the words you do not understand in a dictionary.**

**THE LEGEND OF THE TRUE CROSS**

On 6<sup>th</sup> February 1540, in the Church of Santa Maria, Cervera, five priests used a knife to divide a piece of the True Cross in which Christ died. A priest brought the cross from Martorell, where a soldier who came from Rome gave it to him. However, they could not break it with the knife. When they tried with their fingers, they could divide the cross easily and a drop of blood covered the piece of wood. At the same time, although the weather was clear and sunny, everybody could hear a loud thunder. All the people shouted "Mystery, mystery!" and thought it was a miracle from heaven. This is why we celebrate the Festa Major of our town on this date.

People from different villages came to Cervera to be cured from illnesses by the powers of the cross. However, in 1619, somebody stole the cross from the church. A boy called Josep Balaguer, who lived in the main street of Cervera, confessed his fault. He said that his father, Joan Balaguer, ordered him to steal the cross so as to receive a prize for returning it in exchange. The punishment for the son was exile and for the father, death. Joan Balaguer was beheaded and his head was exposed on an iron cage which hanged near the entrance of the church. This cage can still be seen (without Balaguer's head) and reminds us of the legend of the True Cross.





**2. Find the verbs in past. Write the infinitive form and classify them under one of the columns.**

<b>Regular (-ed)</b>	<b>Irregular</b>
E.g: used- use	brought- bring

**Which rule have you learned for the formation of regular Past Simple forms in English?**

**3. Are the sentences TRUE or FALSE? Correct the false sentences.**

- a. We celebrate the Festa Major of our town on 6<sup>th</sup> February, the date when Joan Balaguer was beheaded.
- b. The day when the miracle happened the weather was stormy.
- c. Josep Balaguer was the thief of the True Cross.
- d. Josep Balaguer was punished to live in another place.
- e. The cage with the head is still exposed in the Museu Comarcal.



**4. Before writing a text, you need to have very clear ideas of what you want to say. Complete these notes about the legend you are going to write.**

Where? (place)	
When? (time)	
Who? (hero or heroine)	
What happened? (real facts)	
What else? (fiction)	
Plot details	
How does it end?	
Other information	

**5. Now, write a legend using your notes. Some words and expressions are written to help you!**

Beginnings: \_\_\_\_\_ years ago/In \_\_\_\_\_...

Verbs: There was/There were/They lived/Her/His name was...

Connectors: Then/Later/The next day/week/month/ But/However

Endings: Finally/ In the end/And we can still see \_\_\_\_\_ /This is why we \_\_\_\_\_

**Once you finish, use the self-assessment chart to check your writing task and correct your mistakes.**

