

## Richard III Book Report

I am doing a book review on the book Richard III by William Shakespeare based on the play made in 1593. The publisher of the book I read was Orchard Books. The illustrator of the book I read was Tony Ross and the author of the book I read was Andrew Matthews who wrote Richard III excellently for children to understand in 2000. A few characters in the book include Richard III, Henry Tudor and Lord Buckingham.

The story is based on Richard III stopping at nothing maybe even murder to be King Richard III. There is comedy, horror, tragedy and betrayal in this book. This book is based on England in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. It's a book mostly about two families, two houses, the House of York, Richard III's house and the House of Lancaster, Henry Tudor's house. These two houses fought a vicious war, the War of the Roses, the first English civil war. The House of Lancaster were in red roses and the House of York in white roses.

I loved the black humour in the book but what I disliked about this book is that too many people have the same name. The reason I liked the black humour in this book is when someone died there was always a funny outcome. The reason I disliked the names of the people in this book is there was three Edwards, two Henrys and two Richards.

I think the book Richard III was very interesting but maybe a bit hard to follow at times and not to be read by children under the age of ten. I think there was a very good moral in this book, live by the sword die by the sword or karma some people like to call it. That's my book review on Richard III. I hope you like it as much as I did

By Cian Tyrrell

## Germany

This is a report on Germany. Germany is a country located in the middle of Europe. It borders Denmark, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

The population of Germany is 80 million. It's main language is German and the currency is the Euro. Germany is in the European Union (E.U.) and along with France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Italy and the Netherlands founded like E.U.

Germany is a very amazing country and along with some very interesting places like Berlin and Munich makes it an amazing country. Along with some interesting places and cities, Germany is also known for its scientists, footballers and composers like Albert Einstein, Gerd Muller and Ludwig van Beethoven.

Germans have invented some foods that are regularly eaten in Ireland like hamburgers and frankfurters (hot dog sausages). Germany along with popular foods also have interesting traditions like Crazy Zany Carnival, St Martin's Day and their biggest festival 'Oktoberfest'. The funny thing about this festival is that it starts in September!

Here are some interesting facts about Germany:

- Gummy bears were invented by the German Hans Riegel
- 70% of German motorways have no speed limit
- In World War I a German submarine was sunk by a broken toilet
- Germany won the FIFA World Cup in 2014 and had a huge victory over the hosts Brazil also. The score was 7-0

By Callum Dunne

## The Family Tree Book Report

The author of the book is Julie Ellis. The illustrator is Meredith Thomas. The main characters are Tess, Nathan, and Granny.

It is about when Nathan and Tess went to make their Granny feel at home because she moved house. They made her a family tree.

I liked the fact that they helped their granny. I thought it was ok. I would recommend it for ages 6-12 years.

By Jack O Sullivan

## Wellington

Wellington is the capital of New Zealand. Auckland was replaced as the capital city in 1865. There is 2000 hours of sunshine a year in Wellington.

The population of Wellington is 200,100. Wellington has over 50,000 hectares of forestry and regional parks. Around 18,000 people jog or walk to work. A famous festival in Wellington is the Santa fun run. It is when loads of people dress up in Santa costumes. The run is 2-3 kilometres long and it is held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December.

Sala Baker is a famous actor from Wellington. He has been in many films such as The Lord of the Rings and Captain America Civil War.

Wellington has over 400 cafes and restaurants so if you ever thinking of going abroad go to Wellington.

By Paidi Farrell

### France

France is Europe's third largest country. It is located in the centre of Europe and has a population of approximately 66.3 million people.

The main language spoken is French and the currency is Euro.

Bastille Day is the French national holiday and is celebrated on July 14<sup>th</sup> when people all over France get together for different types of celebrations including firework displays.

The capital city is Paris and the river Seine runs through it.

Paris is also famous for the Eiffel Tower. Construction of the tower started on 28<sup>th</sup> January 1887 and was completed on 15<sup>th</sup> March 1889. The architect for the tower was Steohen Sauvestre.

The French people gifted the Statue of Liberty to America which was built by Frenchman Gustav Eiffel.

During the Iron Age France was inhabited by the Gauls and a Celtic people. The oldest traces of human life in France date from approximately 1.8 millions years ago.

France borders eight differ countries: Andorra, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, Spain and Switzerland.

By Sam Mannion

### Real Madrid

Real Madrid is the most valuable team in the world and is worth €3.24 billion Euro. Their chairman is Florentino Perez. Their first ever president was Julian Palacios in 1900.

Real Madrid was founded on March 6<sup>th</sup> 1902, 114 years ago.

Their stadium, Santiago Bernabeú Stadium opened on December 14<sup>th</sup> 1947. It holds a capacity of 85454! It is also one of the best pitches in the world.

Real Madrid's key players are Cristiano Ronaldo, Gareth Bale and Karim Benzema. They have played with each other for three years and have scored 435 goals!

Zinedine Zidane is their manager and he was born on 23 June 1972. He is from Marseille in France. He arrived at Real Madrid in 2001 for €75 million from Juventus and was a record breaking signing. His left foot volleyed winner in 2002 Champions League Final is considered to be one of the greatest goals in the competition's history.

Real Madrid have won a record 11 Champions League trophies and 32 La Liga titles.

By Jonathan Adedeji

### Emperor Penguins

Emperor penguins are the biggest penguins in the world. Mammy Emperor Penguins lay one egg in a year. The daddy penguins mind the egg until the mammy comes back with food. Baby penguins get their food from their mammy. Emperor Penguins can stay under water for a very long time

By Said El Sakka and Hamdy Arafa

### Bugatti

The Bugatti is the fastest road car in the world! It has a top speed of 254 miles per hour.

A Bugatti Veyron is very sleek and smooth. Some have no roof and some have.

Bugatti cars are built in Germany and can be found in lots of countries around the world so keep an eye out!

A Bugatti has up 1000 brake horse power!

If you are interested in buying one it will cost around €2000000 so you better start saving!!

By Hugh Doyle