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*She made
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*Maltese History Word Search
Maltese History Crossword*



*"Il-Battalja
tal-Emu
tal-1932".*

A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

Dear Students, Educators, and Members of our School Community,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the first edition of Mitt Kelma Storja, a newsletter born from our newly established History Club, an initiative designed to ignite curiosity and celebrate the richness of both local and global heritage. This project reflects our school motto, "Nothing but the best," not only in academic excellence, but also in the quality of thought, exploration, and dialogue we encourage within our community.



Rooted in **Ignatian values**, this newsletter invites our learners to reflect deeply, seek understanding, and act with compassion. Through the study of history, cartography, coinage, art, and music, students are encouraged to look beyond facts and dates and instead connect with the human stories that shaped the world. Such engagement strengthens the habits of careful thinking and thoughtful action that lie at the heart of Jesuit education.

This initiative aligns closely with our school's **Vision**: to create a learning environment that nurtures curiosity, fosters creativity, and empowers students to become compassionate, resilient citizens prepared to thrive in a dynamic world. By capturing the work of the History Club in a concise, versatile, and accessible one-page newsletter, we ensure that knowledge is shared widely, creatively, and meaningfully across our school community.

Moreover, Mitt Kelma Storja supports our **Mission**, to help students think carefully, learn new skills, and become strong, kind leaders. In offering a multilingual platform, we are also celebrating diversity and reaffirming our commitment to making every student feel welcomed and valued, regardless of background. By working together and honouring our differences, we prepare our young people to succeed in an increasingly interconnected world.

I look forward to seeing how this publication evolves month by month, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to all students and educators contributing to this exciting new chapter. May this newsletter inspire us to look to the past with wisdom, to understand the present with clarity, and to imagine the future with hope.

**NOTHING BUT THE BEST,
TODAY AND ALWAYS.**

Warm regards,

Bernardo Riolo

"MARELLI XI STORJA!" AND TITLED "IL-BATTALJA TAL-EMU TAL-1932".

- Rebecca Micallef

Wara l-Ewwel Gwerra Dinjija, madwar 20,000 emu infiltraw ir-raħal ta' Campion fl-Awstralja tal-Punent u bdew jeqirdu ucuħ kbar ta' raba'. Il-bdiewa xejn ma ħadu gost bihom u, iddisprati, talbu ġħajnuna militari. F'Novembru tal-1932, waslet l-Artillerija Rjali Awstraljana b'suldati armati b'taġħmir militari u eluf ta' munizzjon. Izda, ma kinux jafu bl-is-

trategija impekkabli tal-emu. L-emu nqasmu f'gruppi zġħar u bdew jiġru f'forma ta' zigzag biex jevitaw il-balal neżlin bħax-xिता. Sparar bla waqfien qatel biss ftit, u l-operazzjoni waqfet fit-8 ta' Novembru. It-tieni attentat f'Diċembru falla wkoll. Riżultat: umiljazzjoni nazzjonali. Reb-bieħa? L-emu.



MALTA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ROYAL FAMILY

- Sofia Rudolph

Malta has been ruled by several foreign powers over the centuries, and Britain was one of the most influential. Royal visits became a symbol of that relationship. King Edward VII visited Malta in 1903 and 1907, becoming the first reigning British monarch to set foot on the islands.

During the Second World War, King George VI came to Malta in 1943 to inspect the devastated colony, shortly after awarding Malta the George Cross for extraordinary bravery. The war left deep scars: heavy bombing, starvation, around 1,300 deaths, 30,000 buildings damaged, and

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economy in collapse—recovery was slow. After the war, Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip lived at Villa Guardia-

mangia, Pietà, while Philip served in the Royal Navy. Elizabeth later called Malta her “second home.”

THE NIGHT WITCHES. “SHE MADE HISTORY”

- Amy Marie Beach

In the dark sky over Nazi territory, a flimsy wooden plane glided like a ghost. Then came the sound, a sudden whoosh as bombs fell. German soldiers swore witches were hunting them at night.

By day, they sewed their own uniforms; by night, they flew dangerous bombing missions. Officially the Soviet 588th Night Bomber Regiment, the all-female unit became known as the

“Night Witches.” From 1941 to 1945, they flew substandard planes without radios, parachutes, or armour, often returning repeatedly in a single night. Their silent attacks destroyed morale, denied German soldiers sleep, and played a key role in psychologically weakening Nazi forces. Armed with courage and silence, the Night Witches whispered fear into the dark.

CARAVAGGIO - PITTUR JEW KRIMINAL?

- Emily Cardona

Kulhadd sema' bil-kapulavur ta' Caravaggio 'Il-Qtugh ir-Ras ta' San Ġwann', imma kont taf dwar il-ħajja kaotika li kellu l-artist? Twieled fl-1571 bħala Michelangelo Merisi fil-villagġ ta' Caravaggio. Kellu karattru partikolari għax kien jitlagħlu malajr u bl-ikrah, ma kinitx tkun l-ewwel darba li gġieled ma' xi ħadd fit-triq. Apparti minn hekk, spiss kien iġorr xabla bla liċensja u ġie mressaq l-qorti minn tal-inqas 11-il darba. Fl-1604 Cara-

vaggio għamel waħda tinkiteb! – Fil-fatt vera ġiet miktuba. Kien ġewwa ristoranti, u malli l-wejter għablu l-qaqoċ li kien ordna, kellu xi jgħid miegħu u wadd-ablu platt għal wiċċu (povru wejter). Jigri minn post għall-ieħor minħabba li dejjem kien mfitteq mill-awtoritajiet, fl-1607 ħarab lejn Malta fejn pitter wħud mill-kapulavuri tiegħu...U bla dubju, ġie arrestat hawn ukoll.



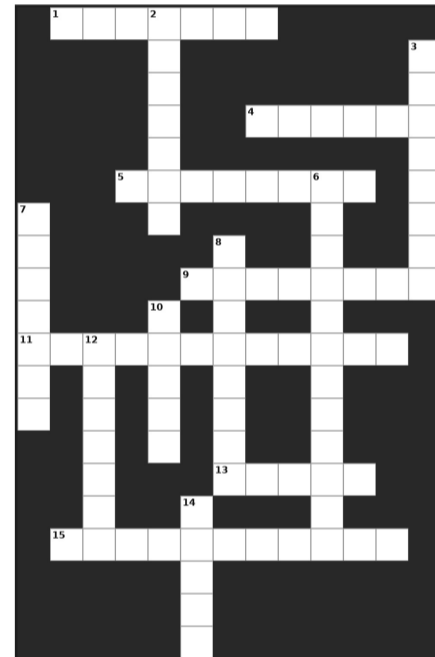
MALTESE HISTORY WORD SEARCH

Find all 20 words in the grid. Words may run forwards, backwards, vertical, diagonal.

X	D	A	E	L	G	N	E	S	L	Z	N	E	I	X	R	A	T
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H	R	I	K	E	O	K	N	I	G	H	T	S	Q	H	D	A	D
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G	A	D	I	V	V	N	Q	X	O	M	B	H	Q	J	P	N	E
E	H	C	Y	Q	D	H	C	N	E	R	F	Z	P	Q	B	Q	I

MALTESE HISTORY CROSSWORD

Fill in the grid using the clues. (Across and Down)



WORDS TO FIND

- BIRGU
- BRITISH
- COSPICUA
- FRENCH
- GEORGE CROSS
- GREATSIEGE
- HAGARQIM
- HALSAFLIENI
- HOSPITALLERS
- INDEPENDENCE
- KNIGHTS
- MALTA
- MDINA
- MEGALITHIC
- PHOENICIANS
- REPUBLIC
- ROMANS
- SENGLEA
- TARXIEN
- VALLETTA

Tip: Circle words as you find them. Created for a History Club activity.

ACROSS

- Colonial rulers after 1800 until independence
- They made Malta a municipium in antiquity
- Malta became this in 1974
- Fortified capital built by the Knights after 1565
- Another name for the Knights of St John
- The 'Silent City' and old capital
- Underground prehistoric hypogeum

DOWN

- Megalithic temples complex in the south of Malta
- Bormla; part of the Three Cities
- Malta achieved this in 1964
- Order of St John who ruled Malta from 1530
- Prehistoric temples site overlooking the sea
- Vittoriosa; key harbour town during the Great Siege
- The 'Invicta' city on the Grand Harbour
- Mediterranean island nation at the heart of many empires

Tip: Use pencil first. Words do not include spaces. Created for a History Club activity.

THE PEOPLE'S PRINCESS: LADY DIANA

- Amber Carabott

Lady Diana was widely admired around the world, both during and after her lifetime, for her warmth, compassion, and empathy. She married Prince Charles,

Prince of Wales, on 29 July 1981, and became a devoted mother to Prince William and Prince Harry. Diana transformed public attitudes through her humanitarian work, famously hugging an HIV-positive child and challenging social stigma. By speaking openly about her struggle with bulimia, she helped raise awareness of

mental health issues. A fashion icon, she wore her iconic revenge dress to a gala at the Serpentine Gallery in 1994, the same night Prince Charles publicly admitted his affair. Her death in a Paris car crash in 1997 shocked the world and, though ruled an accident, continues to prompt public speculation.



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