

Questions for the Story of St. Nicholas the Cats

Instructions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences as you will be sharing this story with your cartography team.

1. What was the condition of Cyprus in 328 A.D.?
Cyprus was almost totally deserted.
2. What was the name of the woman from Constantinople that sent a shipment of cats to Cyprus?
St. Helena from Constantinople was the woman that sent the shipment of cats to Cyprus.
3. What was the reason the cats were sent to Cyprus?
The cats were sent to Cyprus to eat the poisonous snakes.
4. What was the name of the building constructed on the site where the cats were initially delivered from Constantinople?
St. Nicholas was the name of the building constructed on the site where the cats were delivered.
5. What is the stewardship required of all people who own or care for animals?
People are supposed to provide food, water, and some type of shelter for their animals.
6. What is a monastery?
A monastery is a place where nuns or monks live and worship God.
7. What was the reason the monks were required to feed the cats both morning and evening?
The monks were required to feed the cats in the morning and in the evening so they would not continually consume the snakes' poison.
8. What event took place at the monastery of St. Nicholas of the Cats in 1983?
The Monastery of St. Nicholas of the Cats was revived by nuns after many years of neglect.
9. According to legend, what group of cats are Cypriot cats descended from according to legend?
Present day Cypriot cats are descended from the cats brought by St. Helena from Constantinople.
10. What is the story location clue for the Story of St. Nicholas the Cats?
St. Nicholas of the Cats is located south of the city of Limassol on the southernmost tip of Cyprus. It is located east of Aphrodite's Rock.