

THE TRUTH ABOUT VAMPIRES



Here is a questionnaire you have to fill in, using the information offered on 2 websites. To help you understand what is on these websites, two interactive quizzes giving definitions of difficult terms and expressions has been set up at:....

Be careful! A comment on your answers is given at the top of the exercise: read it to get all the information you need.

1. The origins of the myth:

(click on the link to the web page and open it in another window)

1. *Where does the name of Dracula originally come from?*

2. *Who first wrote about it?*

3. *What is the meaning of this name?*

4. *Right or Wrong? Answer and try to justify by quoting from the website.*

- The “real” Dracula has common points with the fictional Dracula.
Right Wrong

- Bram Stoker was inspired by the life of Vlad the Impaler to create his character.
Right Wrong

- Bram Stoker was the first writer to talk about vampires.
Right Wrong

2. Characteristics of the vampire Dracula:

(click on the link to the web page and open it in another window)

Right or Wrong? Answer and justify by quoting from the website.

- Dracula can't be killed.

Right

Wrong

- He is stronger at night than during the day.

Right

Wrong

- He can enter a room whenever he wants.

Right

Wrong

- He feeds on meat such as wolf or bat.

Right

Wrong

- He can take different shapes.

Right

Wrong

- He can't go out in the sunshine.

Right

Wrong

3. Vocabulary:

Translate these words into French. You can find the answers to these questions in the 2 quizzes.

- to make up:
- a footnote:
- accurate:
- to shape-shift:
- mist:
- dust
- soil:
- shadow:

These web sites were dealing with a specific vampire : Dracula. Since the book was written, lots of people have written other stories about vampires, giving them many more characteristics. Do you know any of them?

Ex: vampires usually sleep in coffins.