

Task 1. Read and watch the text “Kyz- Zhibek”

Kyz-Zhibek is a beautiful folk poem from Kazakhstan with a similar story to Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. In 1934, the composer Yevgeny Brusilovsky and the poet Gabit Musirepov based the first ever Kazakh opera on the poem. Sultan Khodzhikov also made a film of the story in 1972. Years later, the Astana Opera, which opened in 2013, put on an extremely successful production of Brusilovsky's opera.

KYZ-ZHIBEK



Task 2. Read the extract and choose the correct answer (A,B or C)

- Why did Kyz-Zhibek not marry the men who came to ask for her hand? ...
 - They weren't kings or princes.
 - She wasn't in love with any of them.
 - They didn't bring expensive gifts.
- Why didn't Bazarbai want Tolegen to marry Kyz-Zhibek? ...
 - Because their families were great enemies.
 - Because he had another bride for him in mind.
 - Because Kyz-Zhibek wasn't wealthy.
- Which of the following is true about Bekezhan? ...
 - He was the son of Bazarbai.
 - He wanted Tolegen and Kyz-Zhibek to get married.
 - He was the leader of a tribe.
- What happens in the end? ...
 - Kyz-Zhibek kills herself.
 - Tolegen walks out alone across the steppe.
 - Kyz-Zhibek and Tolegen get married.

Task 3. Complete the graphic organiser below with the adjectives the writer uses in the story to describe the characters:

CHARACTERS	
Kyz-Zhibek	intelligent,
Tolegen	
Bekezhan	

Task 4. Choose the correct preposition:

- 1 The tribe is famous **for** / **by** its customs. ...
- 2 The sad news came **like** / **as** a shock. ...
- 3 The yurt was full **of** / **with** children. ...
- 4 She was tired **after** / **between** her long walk. ...
- 5 People lived very differently **on** / **in** the past. ...
- 6 He loved his friend **as** / **like** a brother. ...

Task 5. Put the events in the order they happened

- 1 **a** Kyz-Zhibek and Tolegen met and fell in love. ☐
- 2 **b** Kyz-Zhibek woke up from a horrible dream. ☐
- 3 **c** Bekezhan decided to kill Tolegen. ☐
- 4 **d** Kyz-Zhibek jumped off a cliff and died. ☐
- 5 **e** Tolegen decided to go and meet Kyz-Zhibek. ☐
- 6 **f** Bekezhan told Kyz-Zhibek that Tolegen was dead. ☐
- 7 **g** Bekezhan and his friends killed Tolegen. ☐