READING: King Richard III of England



King Richard II of England lived 500 years ago. According to legend, he used to do terrible things and people hated him. So after he died, they threw his body into the river. But many people didn't believe the legend. They thought the king's body was at the bottom of a staircase in Old Greyfriars Church in Leicester.

Philippa Langley is a member of the Richard II Society, a group of people with a great interest in the King. In 2011, she went to Leicester to look for Old Greyfriars Church, but it wasn't there.

In its place, there was a huge car park. There weren't any signposts, so Langley tried to imagine where the entrance to the church once was. Suddenly, she had a very strange feeling. She knew the King's body was under her feet! Langley didn't have any money to excavate the car park but the members of the society helped her. A year later, she had enough money to start looking. What did she find in that exact place? The bones of King Richard III! Scientist examined the bones and compared them to the DNA of a man called Michael Ibsen, the 17th great-nephew of Richard. They were definitely the king's bones.

In March 2015, the city moved Richard to Leicester Cathedral and built a monument to remember him. How did Langley know exactly where to find him? It's a mystery.

1- Read the text and choose the correct answer below:

a- Richard III

b- According to legend, Richard's body was in

c- Langley hoped to find

d- Langley stood above the

e- Now the King's bones are in

2- Answer the questions:

a- Why is Philippa Langley a member of the Richard III Society?

b- How did Langley know the location of the King's bones?

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c- Why did Langley wait a year to excavate the car park?

d- What is the connection between Michael Ibsen and Richard III?

e- How did scientists discover the identity of the bones?

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