Vocabulary: Important dates

1. *How much do you know about Anne of Kyiv, the daughter of Yaroslav the Wise?*

1.Anne was Yaroslav's ...

a oldest daughter.

b middle daughter.

c youngest daughter.

2.She lived...

a in the tenth century.

b in the eleventh century.

c in the twelfth century.

3. How many languages did she know

a three

b four

c five

2. *Read the text and check your guesses from Exercise 1.*

ANNE
OF KYIV
QUEEN OF FRANCE

Not far from Paris there is a city called Senlis. In the city there is an old monastery with a church. There you can see a monument of a woman in a crown who is holding a small model of the church in her hands. This is the monument to Anne of Kyiv, the Queen of France. She was the youngest daughter of Yaroslav the Wise, the Grand Prince of Kyiv. She was born around 1024 and grew up in Kyiv. She was very beautiful and clever. In 1051 Henry I, the King of France, sent his men to Kyiv and asked Anne to marry him. She and her parents agreed and in spring 1051 she travelled to France. She didn't like the country at first but she liked the king and they got married on 19th May 1051. Their first son Philip was born on 23rd May 1052. Henry and Anne had three more children - Emma, Robert and Hugh. Anne was well-educated. She could read and write in five languages but her husband and many of his barons couldn't. They just signed all papers with a cross! As

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a queen, Anne often signed official documents and she did it in her native language. In fact, her signature is the oldest example of old Ukrainian handwriting!

Anne called her first son Philip. That was a Greek name and the royal families of Europe didn't use it as a name for their princes. Anne was the first to do so. Five more French kings had the same name.

When Henry I died on 4th August 1060, Philip was only eight. He was very young and his mother often helped the young king to make decisions and to rule the country. She spent a lot of time in the city of Senlis not far from Paris. In 1065 she ordered the building of a church and a monastery there. She lived there for some time. Anne died in 1075. All the French kings after Henry I were related to Anne of Kyiv. In 2005 Ukraine gave a gift to the city of Senlis. It was a monument to Anne of Kyiv, the Queen of France. In 2013 the Ukrainian Cultural Centre of Queen Anne opened in Senlis.

3.Read the text again and answer the questions.

0 When was Anne of Kyiv born? She was born around 1024.

1 Who did she marry?

2 How many children did they have?

3 What language did Anne use to sign official papers?

4 How many Kings of France had the name Philip?

5 How old was Philip when he became king?

6 When did Anne die?

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