

Legend
Hill of Crosses
WORKSHEET

Reading task. Part I.

I. Read the legend '**Hill of Crosses**'. Choose the most suitable heading from the list A – G. There is **one extra** heading you do not need to use.

- A. The origin of the tradition
- B. A miracle
- C. A famous place
- D. A disaster
- E. A confusion
- F. A long trip
- G. A journey

1.

A man had a beloved only daughter. One day she fell gravely ill. They tried so many medications that had been brought by many people. However, drugs didn't help. Child's health was getting worse and day after day the death was nearing.

2.

One night father was nursing his sick daughter and at midnight he was so tired and exhausted that he could not help himself and finally fell asleep next to the child. He had a dream that an extraordinary woman in light clothes appeared and said 'If you want your daughter to get better, you should make a wooden cross. It must be carried by you to the hill of the castle near Meškučiai town. Your daughter will overcome the illness when you have placed the cross on the hill.' Having said that the woman vanished.

3.

When the man woke up, he could not understand if he had been dreaming or had been thinking about that. He decided to make a beautiful cross and to place it on the hill as soon as possible. The cross was made and sanctified in order to get the daughter recovered. Father's health was not good enough and the cross was heavy. Despite that he brought the cross to the hill of the castle because he had made a promise. The trip took 13 hours. When the cross had been placed, he kissed it. It was the first cross on the hill.

4.

On his way back home he met his beloved daughter and wife, who were going to meet him and enjoy the sudden recovery. Father couldn't believe his eyes seeing such a miracle. He couldn't understand if it was real or not. It turned out that the time father left home his daughter's health was getting better and better and when he reached the hill, the daughter recovered from illness.

5.

Many people heard about the miracles happening on the hill. They began to act in the same way after they got sick. They promise to make and place a cross on the hill and the next day they get recovered. However, if they don't keep the promise, they fall ill again.

6.

In that way many crosses have been placed on the hill since then from all Lithuania and abroad. Despite the fact that many crosses are destroyed by the storms, there are so many of them left like in a dense forest. That's why the hill is well known in Lithuania.

Reading task. Part II.

II. Find words in the text to match these definitions.

1. Seriously (paragraph 1)
2. Disappeared or stopped being present or existing, especially in a sudden, surprising way (paragraph 2)
3. Made something or someone holy (paragraph 3)
4. An unusual and mysterious event that is thought to have been caused by a god because it does not follow the usual laws of nature (paragraph 4)
5. Tell someone that you will certainly do something (paragraph 5)
6. Having parts that are close together so that it is difficult to go or see through (paragraph 6)