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.

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

1 Why did Kyz-Zhibek not marry the men who came to ask for her hand?

- **A** They weren't kings or princes.
- **B** She wasn't in love with any of them.
- **C** They didn't bring expensive gifts.

2 Why didn't Bazarbai want Tolegen to marry Kyz-Zhibek?

- **A** Because their families were great enemies.
- **B** Because he had another bride for him in mind.
- **C** Because Kyz-Zhibek wasn't wealthy.

3 Which of the following is true about Bekezhan?

- **A** He was the son of Bazarbai.
- **B** He wanted Tolegen and Kyz-Zhibek to get married.
- **C** He was the leader of a tribe.

4 What happens in the end?

- **A** Kyz-Zhibek kills herself.
- **B** Tolegen walks out alone across the steppe.
- **C** 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.