

THE LEGEND OF SANT JORDI



❖ Read and complete the legend of Sant Jordi.

The 23rd of April, “**Diada de Sant Jordi**” (or Saint George’s Day in English) is one of the most important days in the Catalan calendar.

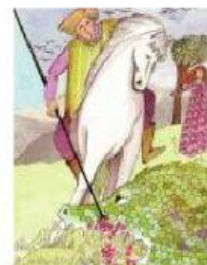
You are going to start reading the **Legend of Sant Jordi**, a story known all over Catalonia, and even though several versions can be found, the basis is the same.



According to legend, there was a terrifying located in the village of Montblanc, south-west of Barcelona. The dragon was always, so the people in the village gave him one animal a day to keep it from attacking the village. However, one day the dragon ate the last of the, and then it started eating the people of the village too. In order to satisfy the hunger of the dragon, the of the village decided to **randomly** chose a person every day to be sacrificed to the **beast**.

Words paragraph 1: animals, people, dragon, hungry.

One day the princess’ name came up, and although that made the very sad, he sent her to the dragon. But just when the dragon was about to eat the princess, a brave and knight, known as, rode into town and killed the beast with his **spear**, saving her life.



Words paragraph 2: Sant Jordi, handsome, king.



From the of the dragon, there grew a,
and Sant Jordi took a red rose and gave it to the princess as a
sign of his love. in the village was very happy
because the dragon was dead and they live **peacefully** ever after.

Words paragraph 3: rose bush, blood, everybody,

This is why on Sant Jordi's Day men give a rose to their loved ones (usually girlfriend or wife, and also to mother and sisters).

Thousands of  are sold on Sant Jordi's Day, and although they are traditionally red, you can buy them in all kinds of colors (and prices!). Traditionally, the rose always comes with a wheatear and a Catalan flag either on the wrapping or the ribbon. And you? Are you going to buy any roses on **Sant Jordi's day**?