

Grade 9

The Promised Land

Name _____

Task 1. Read the text and identify true and false facts.

- surround • capture
- respect • train
- military theory • advice
- conflict • justice
- wisdom • fertile • soil
- living conditions
- society • achieve • goal

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Asan Kaigy is one of the most famous figures in Kazakh history. He was a musician, a poet, a philosopher and an advisor to the great khans. What makes him even more interesting is the mystery that surrounds him: his story is part fact, part legend.

Asan Kaigy was born some time in the 1360s. His father was a hunter; he captured eagles and taught them how to hunt for him. It was probably because of his father's work that Asan developed such a great respect for nature.

Asan also knew how to hunt, and he was well-educated and trained in military theory. He lived through troubled times, and gave advice to the khans during conflict and peace time. Throughout his life, Asan created a philosophy about values like justice and wisdom, based on what he saw in the real world. He really cared about the Kazakh people and worried about their future.

When he was quite old, Asan travelled around the whole of Kazakhstan on his camel. He had a quest: he was searching for 'Zheruyik', the promised land. Asan believed this was a real place, with clean water, fertile soil, plenty to eat and good living conditions. He knew, if he could find it, his people could be happy and safe, and they could live in peace.

Asan was over 100 when he died, but he never found the promised land. However, the legend says that he could only die when he had finished the work he was supposed to do on Earth and that in difficult times when people might be in danger he will come back. So that is why people believe that maybe he was never meant to find Zheruyik. Maybe, the idea of a perfect place and a perfect society is one which we must all work towards every day, like Asan Kaigy did. We might never achieve our goal, but every day will be better than the one before.

1. Asan Kaigy learned to respect nature from his father work.
2. Asan was well-educated and trained in medicine theory.
3. Asan Kaigy looked for the lost Ireland which was called The Promised Land.
4. "Zheruyik" was never found.
5. Asan Kaigy died when he was young.
6. The legend says that in difficult times Asan Kaigy will come back.

Task 2. Choose the correct item.

- 1 The story of Asan Kaigy is one of the most mysterious **figures/legends** from the 14th century.

- 2 Asan was a well-educated man who used his **wisdom/justice** to give advice.
- 3 Asan believed he could find a perfect place that had fertile **water/soil** and plenty to eat.
- 4 Although he searched, he never found the promised **society/land**.
- 5 They say he might come back if people are ever in **danger/quest** again.

Task 3. Complete the sentences (Можно использовать банк слов под упражнением)

9.4.7.1 9.4.8.1 Complete the sentences.

Use: *quest, troubled, fertile, living, mystery, goal.* **You can use your dictionary.**

- 1 They lived in times and nobody was safe.
- 2 You have to work hard if you want to achieve your
- 3 Long ago, it was common to go on a to discover new places.
- 4 There are still people around the world that have to put up with awful conditions.
- 5 Plants need water, light and soil to grow well.
- 6 Historians are still trying to understand the that surrounds Asan Kaigy.

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achieve /ə'tʃi:v/ (v)	қол жеткізу	достигнуть
advice /əd'vaɪs/ (n)	кеңес	совет
capture /kæptʃə/ (v)	алу, алы	захватывать
conflict /kɒn'flikt/ (n)	созге келу, шатақ шығару	конфликт
fertile /fɜːtaɪl/ (adj)	қунарлы	плодородный
figure /fɪɡə/ (n)	сурет / тұлға	фигура / личность
goal /ɡəʊl/ (n)	мақсат	цель / гол
justice /dʒʌstɪs/ (n)	әділеттілік	правосудие / справедливость
living conditions /lɪvɪŋ kən'dɪʃənz/ (pl n)	өмір сүру жағдайлары	условия жизни
military theory /mɪlɪtəri 'θiəri/ (n)	әскери теория	военная теория
philosopher /fɪlə'sɒfə/ (n)	философ	философ
respect /rɪ'spekt/ (n)	Құрмет	уважение
society /sə'saɪəti/ (n)	қауымдастық	общество
soil /sɔɪl/ (n)	топырақ	почва
surround /sə'raʊnd/ (v)	қоршау	окружать
train /treɪn/ (n)	пойыз	поезд
wisdom /wɪzdəm/ (n)	даналық	мудрость

