GRACE VALLEY INDIAN SCHOOL- ALAIN
GRADE 4 READING SKILL
MY HISTORY IS MY IDENTITY

Read the article and respond to the questions.

H.H Sheikh Zayed

H.H. Sheikh Zayed was the ruler of Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). He played an important role in creating a union between the seven emirates of the UAE and he is still known today as 'The Father of the Nation'. H.H. Sheikh Zayed was a very important and powerful man.

H.H. Sheikh Zayed's Early Life

H.H. Sheikh Zayed was born on May 6th, 1918 and was the youngest of his father's four sons. He was named Zayed after his famous grandfather known as 'Zayed the Great' who had been the ruler of Abu Dhabi from 1885 - 1909. H.H. Sheikh Zayed spent many of his younger years living in the emirate of Al Ain and enjoyed hobbies such as falconry, camel riding and archery.

Ruler of Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi began to export (sell) their oil to other countries after discovering it in the 1950's - 1960's. They realised that they could make lots of money for their country by selling the oil. Abu Dhabi knew that they needed a strong leader to help them build and develop the country using the money that they would make. The important Al-Nahyan family, who were the ruling family in Abu Dhabi, decided that H.H. Sheikh Zayed would make a great leader and so they made him ruler of Abu Dhabi.

The Emirates Unite

Abu Dhabi knew they needed to have a strong leader to help to develop the country after their discovery of oil. H.H. Sheikh Zayed was named ruler on August 6th, 1966. Using all the new money that Abu Dhabi had made he began to build roads, hospitals and schools. H.H. Sheikh Zayed also wanted to unite the emirates, resulting in Ajman, Dubai, Umm Al Quain, Fujairah and Sharjah becoming the United Arab Emirates on the 2nd of December 1971. Ras Al Khaimah joined in February 1972. The important Al-Nahyan family, who were the ruling family in Abu Dhabi, decided that H.H. Sheikh Zayed would make a great leader and so they made him ruler of Abu Dhabi

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1. What year was H.H. Sheikh Zayed born? Tick one.
   - 1918
   - 1981
   - 1928
   - 1908
2. Which emirate was H.H. Sheikh Zayed the ruler of? Tick one.
   - Dubai
   - Abu Dhabi
   - Al Ain
   - Sharjah
3. Draw four lines and complete each sentence.

Education was simple in Sheikh Zayed's life...	...so Sheikh Zayed was made ruler by the Al-Nahyan family.
Sheikh Zayed spent many of his younger years living in Al Ain...	...and consisted of basic lessons in reading, writing, and learning about Islam.
The UAE was formed on the 2nd December 1971...	...where he enjoyed hobbies such as camel riding, falconry, and archery.
Abu Dhabi needed a strong leader after they found oil...	...and celebrates its union on National Day each year!

4. What are some of the hobbies that H.H Sheikh Zayed liked to do in his spare time?

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5. What event led to the formation of the United Arab Emirates (UAE)?

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