
Alive Activity 5

Legends, Heroes and Heroines

Publish a Book



Setting the Context

Europe is rich in traditions and cultures, and there is increasing emphasis on safeguarding these as unique parts of European life. Legends and stories of heroes and heroines are a great way to begin to identify the similarities and differences between our own traditions and those of other European countries. The same process could be used for traditions such as folk cures and old wives tales, traditional music or traditional recipes.



Time

This activity should take you no longer than ten hours of research and preparation.



Researching Activity

Students can compile legends and stories of heroes and heroines in their own country. If they have a partner school they could ask them to do the same and then exchange stories with each other. Alternatively the students could research stories from other countries on the web, in local libraries or from people of other nationalities living locally.



Preparing Publication

When the stories are finished they are published on the Web and/or as a booklet and students can prepare to introduce the texts to other classes or to a particular group who could be invited to review them.



Sample Activities for Book Review

- » Decide on audience
- » Distribute the text for review
- » Develop questionnaire for discussion
- » Host and facilitate a book club review session



Sample Activities On the Day

- » Welcome participants
- » Read some of the stories
- » Ask questions and facilitate discussion
- » Thank you speeches