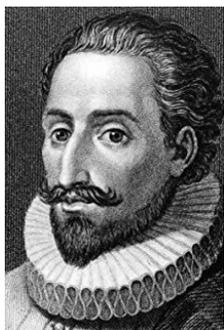


KARTA PRACY DO ZAJĘĆ Z JEZYKA ANGIELSKIEGO DLA KLAS STARSZYCH SZKOŁY PODSTAWOWEJ

Don Quixote – “fighting against windmills”



Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, author of *Don Quixote*, was born in the middle of the XVI century in Alcala de Henares, a small village close to Madrid. He signed up to the Spanish Armada and fought against the Turks in the Lepanto battle where he was injured and had to leave.

When he was returning to Spain by boat, pirates attacked them and he was captured as a prisoner. They then took him to an African city, Argel, where he spent five long years.

Later he was married and began to write plays, but he wasn't lucky to make a living as a writer.

Cervantes had a lot of financial problems and because of that he was sent to prison again. It was during these months where he began to write the play which has given him eternal fame, “**The ingenious gentleman Don Quixote of the Mancha.**”

The book tells a story about adventures of **Don Quixote** and his servant, **Sancho Panza**. Don Quixote's greatest love are books, which he reads all the time. He's especially interested in old, historical stories about kings, knights and wars. His friends and family think that he's crazy when one day he decides to become a knight and sets off to a journey on his thin horse. Don Quixote wants to fight against bad people and protect the poor and oppressed. He takes a simpleton from the village, Sancho Panza, as a servant, and they travel together from one place to another and have lots of adventures. They fight with windmills, try to save poor people and help everyone. Unfortunately, no one wants their help and both Don Quixote and Sancho are considered as completely crazy. Today these characters are symbols of naïve, errant people who still have good intentions and fighting against windmills means something useless, stupid, with no chance of success.

True or False?

- Cervantes used to be a Spanish soldier. _____
- He was three times in prison. _____
- He made a lot of money as a writer. _____
- When you fight against windmills it means that you can't win. _____
- Sancho Panza was a knight. _____
- Don Quixote and Sancho stole from poor people. _____
- Don Quixote was in prison for five years. _____
- Cervantes became famous thanks to his book. _____



Match the opposites to these words:

poor _____ eternal _____ naïve _____ errant _____ simpleton _____ ingenious _____ oppressed _____ servant _____

stupid / correct / rich / temporary / brain / master / free / cynical

Answer the questions:

- Where was Cervantes born? _____
- What did he do in Lepanto? _____
- What did he do in Africa? _____
- Why was Cervantes in prison again? _____
- What was Don Quixote's passion? _____
- What did he want to do as a knight? _____
- What is the symbol of stupid action? _____

Write 3 words from the text in each category:

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Preposition
0. boat	0. signed up	0. small	0. to

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