

Catherine de Valois Activity Book

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Catherine’s Story

Word Bank

king queen princess father
Bavaria England France Wales
Bedford Paris London Agincourt
Edmund Owain Henry Tudur Glyndŵr
eight fourteenth 1420 1429
Roses

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King Henry

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Charles

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Isabeau

Word Search: Geography

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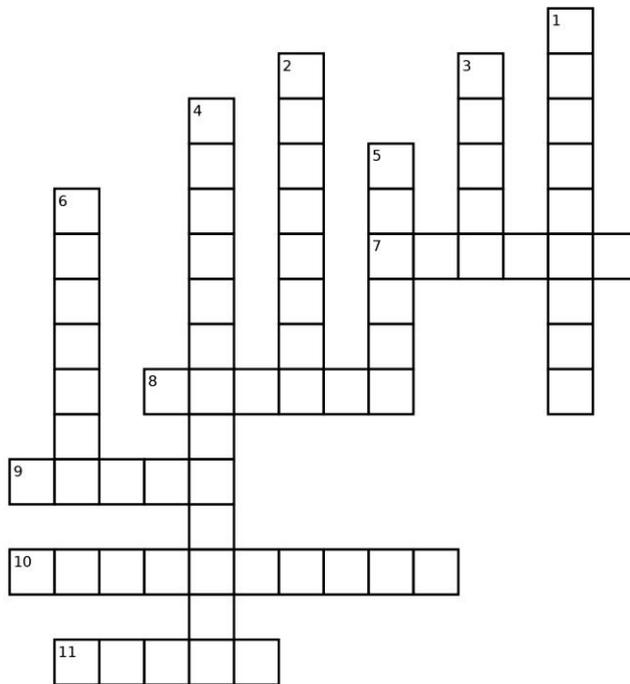
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Crossword Puzzle

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ANSWER KEY

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HENRY

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CATHERINE

ISABEAU

JOHN

MONTJOIE

EDMUND

JASPER

MARGARET

SECRET PHRASE: TUDOR DYNASTY

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LONDON

SPAIN

BEDFORD

NORMANDY

WALES

DUKE

KING

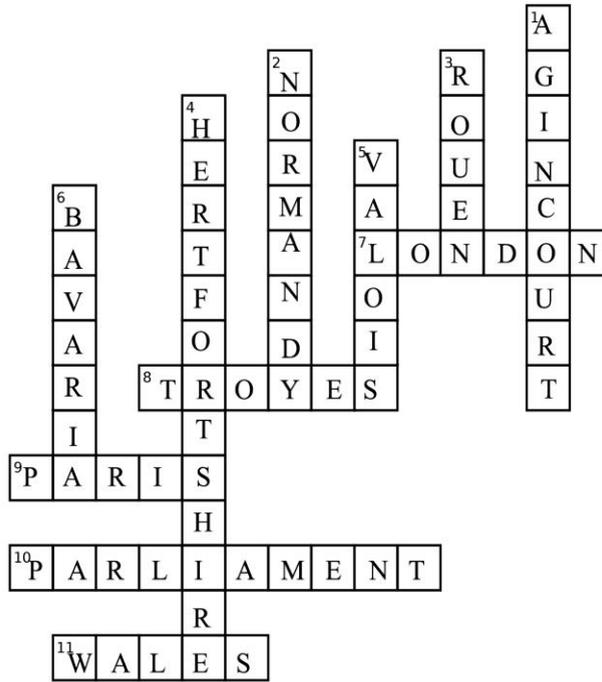
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Except from Chapter One of Catherine de Valois

Catherine knelt in prayer in the chapel royal at the palace of Hôtel Saint Pol, her hand playfully distracting her elder sister, the sixteen year old Isabella praying beside her in front of its grand altar.

“Virgo Dei Génitrix, María, deprecáre Iesum pro me,” finished Isabella. Rising she scolded the five year old Catherine, “Catherine, you know better than to distract me like that. How can my soul be readied to marry the duke of Orléans if you do not let me pray?”

“Must you go?”

“The wedding is in only two weeks, Catherine. Of course I must. Besides, I look forward to moving to Orléans. Surely it must be more peaceful than here in Paris.”

“I wish I could say you are wrong – but father is worse all the time and mother.” Catherine stopped suddenly, unwilling to admit to her sister that she knew about their mother’s love affairs.

“Yes – mother’s reputation for being with men other than father continues to worsen, especially when father is sick.”

“Do you think it’s true what they say, Isabella? Do you think demons are behind what he says and does when he gets violent? Are demons why he cannot remember things after he regains control?”

“I do not know, Catherine. But I know that we are all afraid to be anywhere near him when he gets like that; mother even gave him a mistress who looks like her for the times when he does not recognize her.”

Catherine pouted, “I wish there was something we could do for father.”

“Well, I am doing what I can – I’m getting married and leaving Paris,” asserted Isabella.

“But you will be leaving me alone! Please do not leave me alone with him!” pleaded Catherine.

“With Joan, Michelle, Louis, John, and Charles around, I hardly think you will be alone!” reasoned Isabella with a laugh.

“But it’s not the same,” begged Catherine.

Isabella’s gaze softened, “I know – but it needs to be. I will be happy with the duke, I promise. And who knows? Maybe the king will grant permission for a nice long visit!”

Catherine fell into her sister’s arms, “I hope so!”

“Veni veni, Emmanuel captivum solve Israel, qui gemit in exsilio, privatus Dei Filio. Gaude! Gaude! Emmanuel, nascetur pro te Israel!” sang Catherine happily through the halls of Hôtel Saint Pol, much to the delight of her mother as she studied reports on the civil war between the Armagnacs representing house Valois and the Burgundians led by their duke, John the Fearless for control of France. Playfully the eight year old Catherine stuck her head into her mother’s suite, “Joyeux Noël, Mama!”

Isabeau held her arms wide invitingly, “Joyeux Noël, ma petite! Do you like your new dresses and your books?”

Catherine hugged her mother warmly, “I more than like my presents! Merci beaucoup, Mama!”

Queen Isabeau kissed Catherine tenderly, “You are very welcome!”

“What are you doing, Mama? It’s Christmas!”

“Do you know how the Burgundians killed your uncle Louis two years ago?”

“Yes. Is it true you used to go to bed with uncle Louis sometimes?”

“That’s not a proper question for a princess, Catherine. Why do you ask?”

“Because everyone says you did and because I want it to not be true!”

“Maybe someday we can talk about that, but I think you are a little young to understand.

All I can tell you right now is that I loved your uncle and that your father scares me sometimes when he is sick – just like he scares you!”

“Oui, Mama,” accepted Catherine. “Please tell me we can go celebrate now! What is so important anyway?”

“War, ma petite. Our family, the Valois, we are at war with the Duchy of Burgundy off to the east.”

“Why?”

“Well, sometimes people fight when they disagree. En France we love to grow things and make wine. But in Burgundy, they are more like the English in how they live. Even though it does not make sense, sometimes that is the only reason people need to go to war.”

“So why are you here instead of celebrating, Mama? Isabella would have wanted you to celebrate Christmas and go to mass with us!”

“I will – when I am done here.”

“What is so important you cannot come right now?”

“Well, as you probably know, I am very different from a lot of women. I am from Bavaria where things are more equal between women and men. My mother taught me to be very strong and brave and to take charge of things when things needed to be done. So I am right now – taking care of things, in how our country is run – because your father is not well. Isabella knew that. She knew just how important it is that I run the country until your brother is old enough to rule as king. She knew and believed that women are often better rulers than selfish men who only want power for themselves and not so they can help the people. Does that make sense, ma petite?”

Catherine nodded vigorously, “But does that mean you have to work for all of Christmas?”

Isabeau held Catherine tightly, “No, no, not at all. As a matter of fact, I am almost done. Can you give me five more minutes?”

“Oui!” smiled Catherine.

“Très bien!” applauded Queen Isabeau. “Now go practice your song for a little bit, s’il te plaît and I will be there before you know it!”

Happy, Catherine danced and sang, “Veni, O Sapientia, quae hic disponis omnia, veni, viam prudentiae ut doceas et gloriae. Gaude! Gaude! Emmanuel, nascetur pro te Israel!”

The story continues in the next scene of “Catherine de Valois” as the French court herald “Montjoie” comes to King Charles VI with news from London.

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