

Nicosia is calling...

Kyrenia Gate

Ages
11-12



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Dear Friends

We are very excited to meet you!
In your hands you are holding one of
the first four booklets of the NICOSIA IS
CALLING series.

Have fun by following the activities, reading,
exploring and learning about the particular areas
of Nicosia within the walls:

- Arabahmet Neighbourhood
- Chrysaliniotissa Neighbourhood
- Kyrenia Gate
- Paphos Gate

How did the idea come about for these booklets?

Well, it all started when the Master Plan (turn your booklet upside down to find out what this is) renovated some very beautiful and important areas of Nicosia within the Walls.

In order to assist you in getting to know these renovated areas, the Association for Historical Dialogue and Research decided to bring together a group of teachers from primary and secondary education, across the existing divide, to cooperate and produce useful and creative educational materials for you, your teachers and parents.

Today,
we will get
to know the
Kyrenia Gate and
surrounding area!



Activity 1

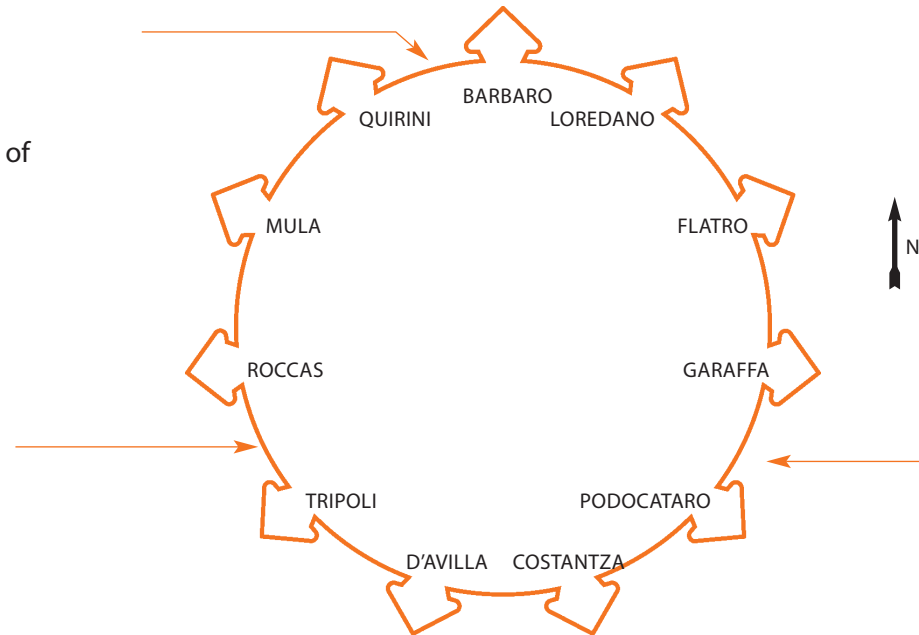
Kyrenia Gate - Walls and gates

We are standing before Kyrenia Gate.
Until the first decades of 1900, this gate
comprised one of the three entrances to the
within the walls city of Nicosia.

The other two entrances were Famagusta Gate at the eastern side of
the walls and Paphos Gate at the western side.



1.1. Place the three gates on the map of Nicosia:



1.2. Look again at the map and complete the sentence:

Kyrenia Gate is located between bastion
and bastion

Activity 2

Kyrenia Gate - Walls and Gates



2.1. Look, think and write the reasons for which the engineers, who constructed the walls decided to build the gates at those particular points?

The city walls have 11 bastions named after the contributors who were local noble families and Venetian officers. Each contributor was in charge of the building of the bastion that bore his name.



2.2. Why do you think the bastions were constructed?

Activity 3

Kyrenia Gate - Parts of the gate

Observe carefully the side of the gate that faces the within the walls city (inner elevation):

3.1. What is your general impression of the gate?

3.2. Which letter does it remind you?

3.3. What is, in your opinion, the most interesting thing about the gate?

3.4. How many parts can you identify?

The following words will help you complete the gaps:

- inscription • square room • dome • wooden grilled door
- side supportive walls



3.5. Look carefully at the gate, take photos and note every little detail so that you can describe it in the best way possible to other people who have not yet seen it.

Activity 4

Kyrenia Gate - Gates elevations

4.1. Observe carefully the gate all around:

- The outer elevation is the side of the gate facing the outside of the walled city.
- The inner elevation is the side of the gate facing the walled city.

There are many differences between the two elevations.

With your group members, try to find and write the 3 differences:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4.2. Look carefully at the gate and complete the photo below by drawing the missing part of the arch:



Activity 5

Kyrenia Gate - Masonry

5.1. What materials did they use to built the Kyrenia Gate?

Look at the gate and circle the correct words below:

stone wood copper glass
iron flowers titanium

5.2. Look at the stones. What do you observe regarding their:

shape:

colour:

size:

5.3. Why do you think they used such big and heavy stones? Discuss it with your group members.

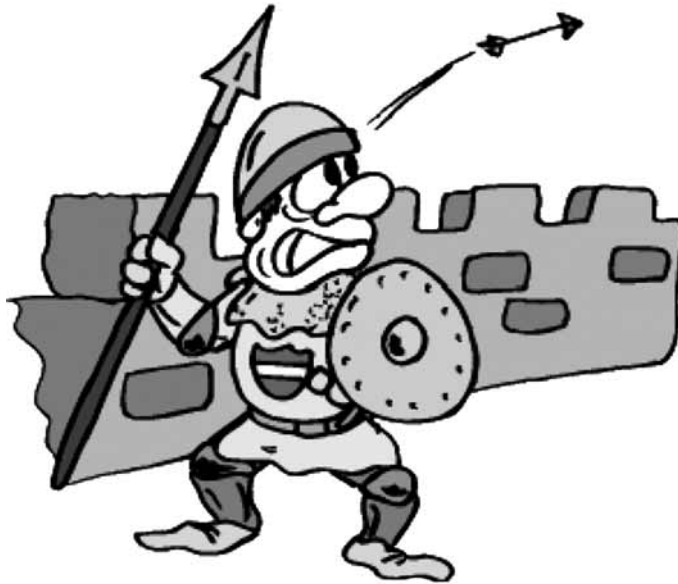


Activity 6

Kyrenia Gate - Function

6.1. Is this kind of fortification useful today? Why?

6.2. How is the Kyrenia Gate used today? Why?



Activity 7

Kyrenia Gate - Let's explore the corridor of the gate

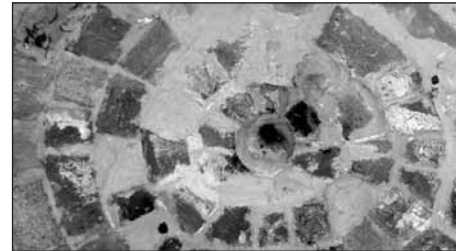
7.1. Walk through the gate. What have you discovered inside?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

7.2. Who enters the walled city on a regular basis?
Justify your answer.



**Activity
8**

Kyrenia Gate - The surrounding area



8.1. Find the point where the photographer stood when he/she took this picture.

Look around and write what has changed and what has remained the same:

8.2. Which professions can you spot around? (The photo gives you a 'sweet' idea).

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Congratulations!

You have completed the exploration of the Kyrenia Gate with the help of this booklet. Now you know many new things.

There are, however many more things for you to discover about the gates and the walls of Nicosia, so do not stop searching, researching and discovering.

Things you can do...

- ✦ Take some photos for your personal and school archive.
- ✦ For further reading and information look on website:
www.hisdialresearch.org

Best wishes

"The Nicosia is Calling" team



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