

Nicosia is calling...

Pafos 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
Pafos Gate and
surrounding area!



Activity 1

Pafos Gate - Outside the gate

We are outside the Venetian Walls of Nicosia. These walls were built in 1568-9. The decision to build them was made by the Venetian authorities due to the Ottoman threat against the island.

The money was provided by the rich families of the city. The workers were peasants and poor people living in the town. They were paid for their work and therefore the project reduced unemployment and poverty rates of the time.



1.1. Name some buildings/places, that you recognize from the point we now stand:

1.2. Look around you. What new, modern additions can you spot in the area? (Additions that were not there at the time the Walls were built)

On the walls I see :

In the moat I see:

In the surrounding area I see:

Activity 2

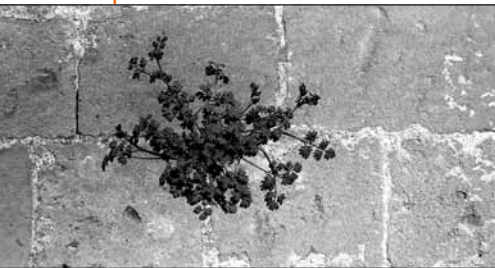
Pafos Gate - Architectural elements



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.

2.1. Go and have a closer look of the walls. Touch them if you want. Describe the walls

(You may use words such as: strong, high, yellow local stone, cement)



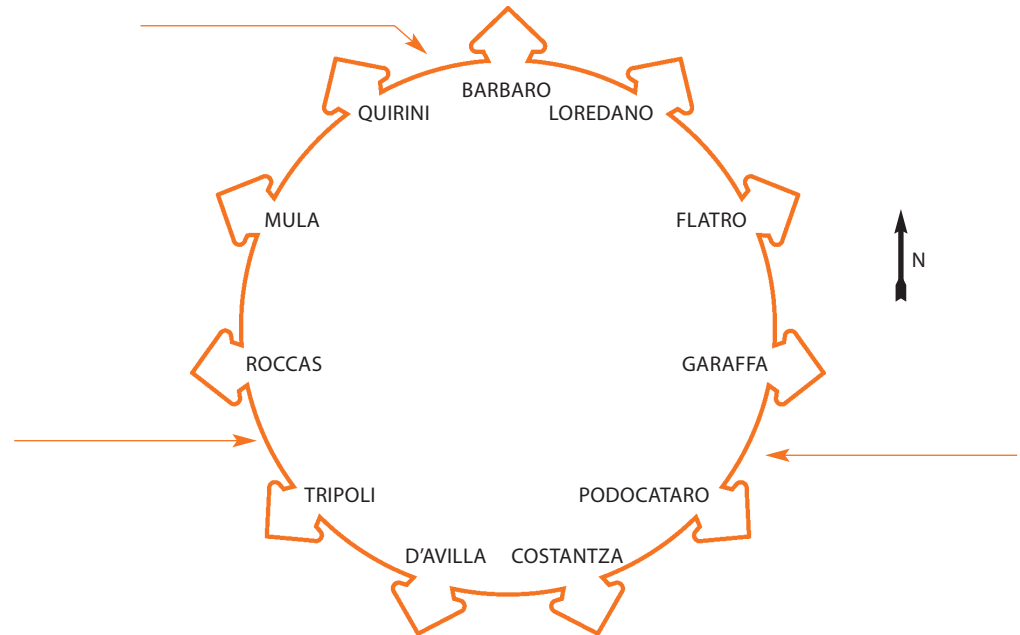
Activity 3

Pafos Gate - The Bastions

Until the first decades of 1900 this gate was one of the three entrances to Nicosia Wall Town.

The other two entrances were: the Famagusta Gate at the eastern side of the walls and the Kyrenia Gate at the northern side.

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



3.2. Look at the map. Which bastion is next to Pafos Gate?

Activity 4

Pafos Gate - Inside the gate

Move towards the gate and enter the tunnel leading to the city of Nicosia.



4.1. What is your first impression when you enter the tunnel?
Please describe:

"The gate was shut at dark and remained closed until the following day"



4.2. Why do you think that this happened?

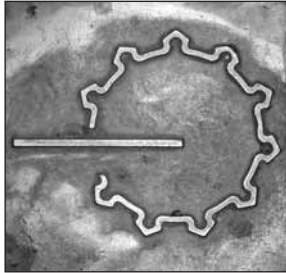


Pafos Gate - Inside the gate

4.3. Look at the floor carefully.

Find this contemporary drawing on the floor. What is missing?

Draw it:



Who do you think put it there and why?

4.4. How many of your footsteps make up the length of the tunnel?

4.5. How many of your footsteps make up the width of the tunnel?

4.6. Estimate the height of the tunnel:



Identify what this photo shows.
What is it?

Activity 5

Pafos Gate - A trip to the past

Walk through the tunnel and see the city expanding before you.
Now turn around and take a good look at the gate from the inside as it is now.



Look at the gate
in previous times.

← Photo A

Photo B →



5.1. Which of the two pictures is older? Photo A or B?
Explain your answer.

5.2. In the photos circle those objects that help us locate the time period.



Pafos Gate - A trip to the past

5.3. Find differences and similarities between the view of the gate now and before. Look at Photo A, in particular.



← Photo A

DIFFERENCES

SIMILARITIES

5.4. Look at the people in the Photo A who were entering the city at that particular point in time. What do you think they were going to do in the "within the walls" city?

5.5. Look around you. Can you see any people entering the "within the walls" city today? How do they prefer to travel?

Activity 6

Pafos Gate - Puzzles

6.1. Find the hidden words

A	G	G	H	I	W	F	N	P	S	R	I
N	B	A	S	T	I	O	N	R	T	T	O
N	P	T	Y	U	I	F	W	V	G	N	M
I	E	V	E	N	E	T	I	A	N	S	B
C	A	Q	O	T	F	H	L	J	H	V	C
O	C	D	P	R	U	S	L	S	G	H	J
S	E	R	O	C	C	A	S	S	F	V	C
I	B	H	J	C	I	T	Y	W	S	F	X
A	C	O	O	P	E	R	A	T	I	O	N
S	O	M	O	A	T	S	F	E	C	V	B

6.2. Match the photos with their titles
Write the correct letter in the little square.



A



B



C



D



F



G

KYRENIA GATE

KASTELIOTISSA

PAFOS GATE

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

UN POST AT PAFOS GATE

FAMAGUSTA GATE

**Nicosia
is calling**

Congratulations!

You have completed the exploration of the Pafos 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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