

Nicosia is calling...

Pafos Gate

Ages
14-16



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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

The Venetian Walls of Nicosia - The Bastions

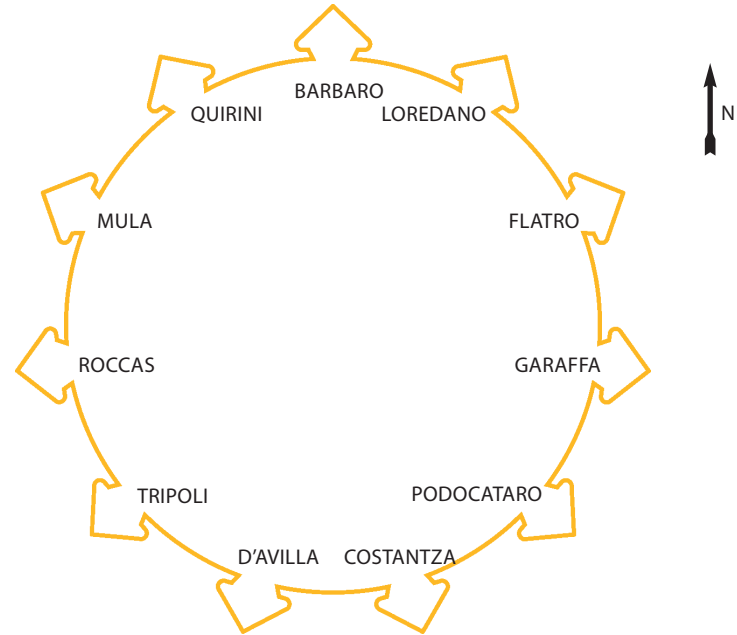
It was back in 1565 that the Venetians had decided to fortify the city of Nicosia against the rising threat by the Ottoman Empire.

So, Giulio Savorgnano, an architect and engineer, arrived on the island to design new fortifications for the city according to contemporary defense methods.

The new walls that Savorgnano designed had the shape of a star with eleven bastions that were almost finished by 1570.

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

1.1. During the period that the construction of the walls took place, unemployment and poverty rates were reduced. How do you think this was related to the project?

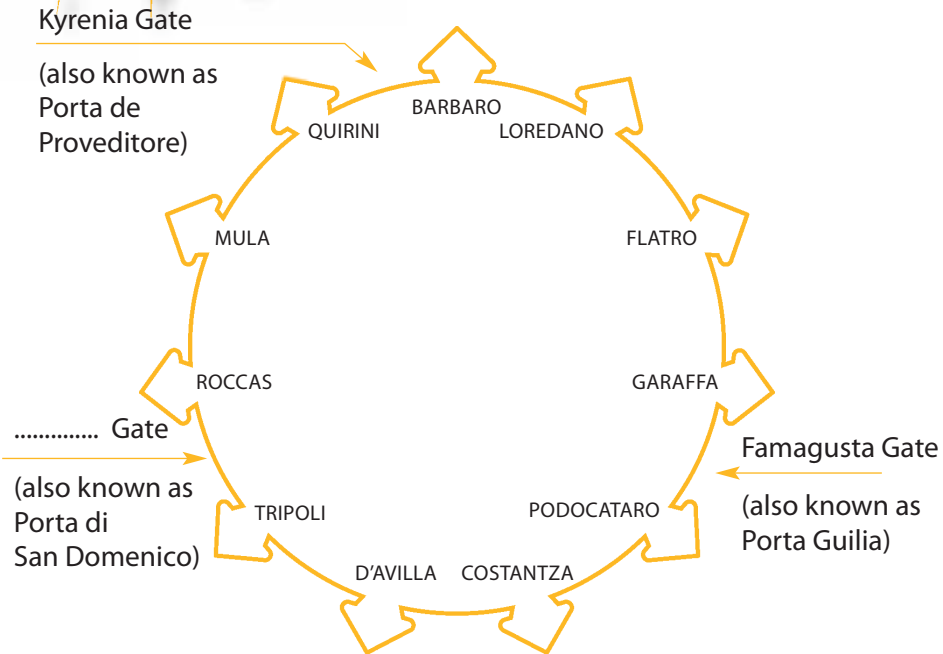


1.2. Look at the Roccas Bastion and complete:
The bastion's height is approximateley metres.
It is made of
The eleven bastions were built in order to

Activity 2

The Venetian Walls of Nicosia - **The Gates**

2.1. Place Pafos Gate on the map of Nicosia



2.2. Go and have a closer look of the walls. Which elements of the walls made them strong?

2.3. The walls are not used today for the defense of the city. When do you think they stopped being used for defensive purposes and why?

2.4. Look at the surrounding area. What are the differences between the time when the walls were built and now?

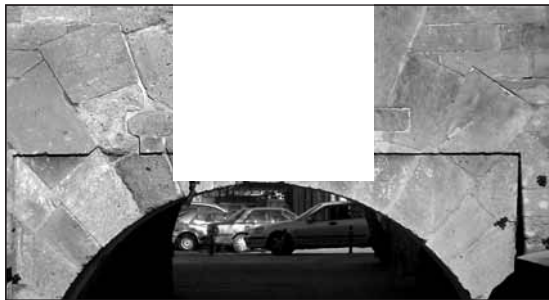
Activity 3

The Venetian Walls of Nicosia - Pafos Gate

Stand in front of the corridor leading to the gate's opening and observe it carefully.

3.1. Which part of the construction is part of the original construction and which part was built later? Explain:

**3.2. Have a closer look at the outer face of the gate's entrance.
Draw the 'keystone' missing from the photo.**



The keystone is of great importance to the stability and strength of the construction.

**3.3. Enter the tunnel leading to the within-the-walls city.
Look, think, discuss and complete:**

The corridor of the gate is divided in parts.

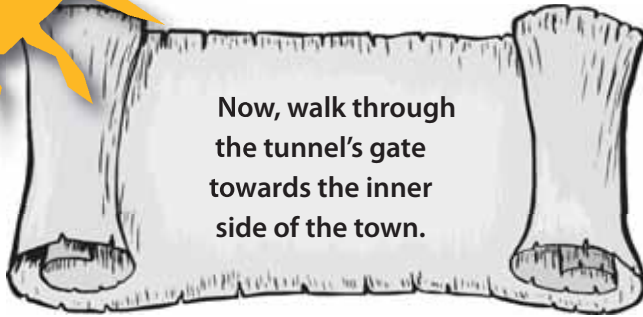
It was made very narrow in order to

The doors of the gate are made of

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

Activity 4

Pafos Gate - the inner side



Now, walk through
the tunnel's gate
towards the inner
side of the town.

4.1. When you reach the end of the tunnel look over the gate and find a marble stone with a signature.

Why do you think the Sultan decided to have his signature on the top of the gate?

4.2. Look around and find the two ramps, at the left and right of the gate. What did the Venetians use them for?

(Think: What kind of defensive weaponry was so heavy that needed a corridor like that in order to move it to the top of the walls?)



Activity 5

Pafos Gate - Travelling back to time

5.1. The picture shows how the gate looked in the early 20th century.
Find differences and similarities between the view of the gate now and before.



DIFFERENCES

SIMILARITIES

5.2. Who is entering the gate in the picture?

5.3. Why did these people come to Nicosia at that time?
Who else traveled there?





Activity 6

Pafos Gate - The surrounding area

Have a look at the surrounding area today.

6.1. Who lives and works here?

6.2. Find evidence in the surrounding area that show:

a. the multicultural character of the area

b. the commercial character of the area

6.3. What changes would you suggest in order to make the area more attractive?

6.5. Look at the buildings around the area.

Try to find a building that was built around 1400, one that was built around 1900, and one which was built in mid-twentieth century. The hints given below will help you

	Name of building
<p>➤ Around 1400</p> <p>It was a part of a medieval building. Nowadays people use it for lectures, theatre plays and other similar occasions.</p>	
<p>➤ Around 1900</p> <p>It was a place of worship for people following the Latin rite. It is still a Catholic church.</p>	
<p>➤ Around 1950</p> <p>It is a modern shop where people still go and buy what they need for their everyday meals.</p>	



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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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