

# The Adventures of Bella & Harry:

## Let's Visit Malta!

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The Adventures of Bella & Harry is a children's book series chronicling the escapades of a pup named Bella, her little brother Harry and their family, who travel the world exploring the sights and sounds of new, exciting cities.

The "Bella & Harry" series is an informative, interactive and exciting way to introduce children to travel, different countries, customs, history and landmarks with the educational value of the books cleverly disguised amidst dozens of illustrated pages.

Traveling the world with these two cute and cuddly sibling Chihuahuas will allow the young reader to gain an appreciation of the world and its cultural diversity.

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### **Activities:**

1. **Comprehension:** Use the attached sheet to answer questions about the story.
2. **Vocabulary:** Use the attached sheet to match Maltese phrases with the correct definition.
3. **Drawing:** Have your students draw three things they might have seen in Malta.
4. **Crossword Puzzle:** Use the attached crossword puzzle and fill in the blanks.
5. **Compare and Contrast:** Have students use the attached Venn Diagram to compare and contrast Malta with a city in the United States. If you have read more than one adventure, you may want to compare and contrast those two cities as well.
6. **Writing Assignment:** Have your students use the attached sheet to express what they have learned.

### **Extensions:**

- Choose a landmark in Malta and research more about it.
- Use books and the internet to research Malta or Europe.
- Have students think of other places they would like to learn more about.
- Create a newspaper article about Malta.
- Look up and research other countries that begin with "M".
- Have a cultural day and try a variety of Maltese food.
- Have students create a journal pretending they are visiting Malta and have them document what they see and do.
- Look up and research different breeds of dogs.

Please direct any questions to [Info@BellaAndHarry.com](mailto:Info@BellaAndHarry.com)

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## Facts About Malta

**Directions:** Think back about the story and answer the following questions.

1. What can you tell me about Malta?

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2. What did Bella and Harry see in Saint John's Co-Cathedral?

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3. Harry visited the Dungeons in which city?

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4. Why does the Maltese Cross have eight (8) points?

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5. What temple was visited on the way to Valletta?

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6. Who built Saint John's Co-Cathedral? What city is it located in?

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7. What is a hypogeum? Do you remember the name of the one Bella & Harry visited?

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8. What foods might someone eat during a visit to Malta?

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9. What did Bella & Harry do in Mdina?

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10. What was something that you learned about Malta that you found interesting?

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## Maltese Vocabulary Matching

**Directions:** Match the Maltese words and phrases to their meaning.

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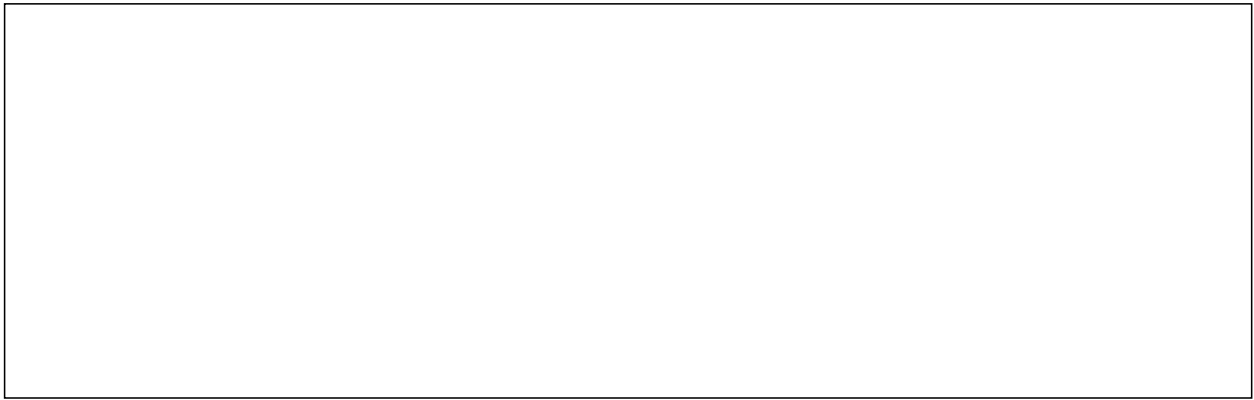
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**Directions:** Draw and label three things you might see if you were in Malta.

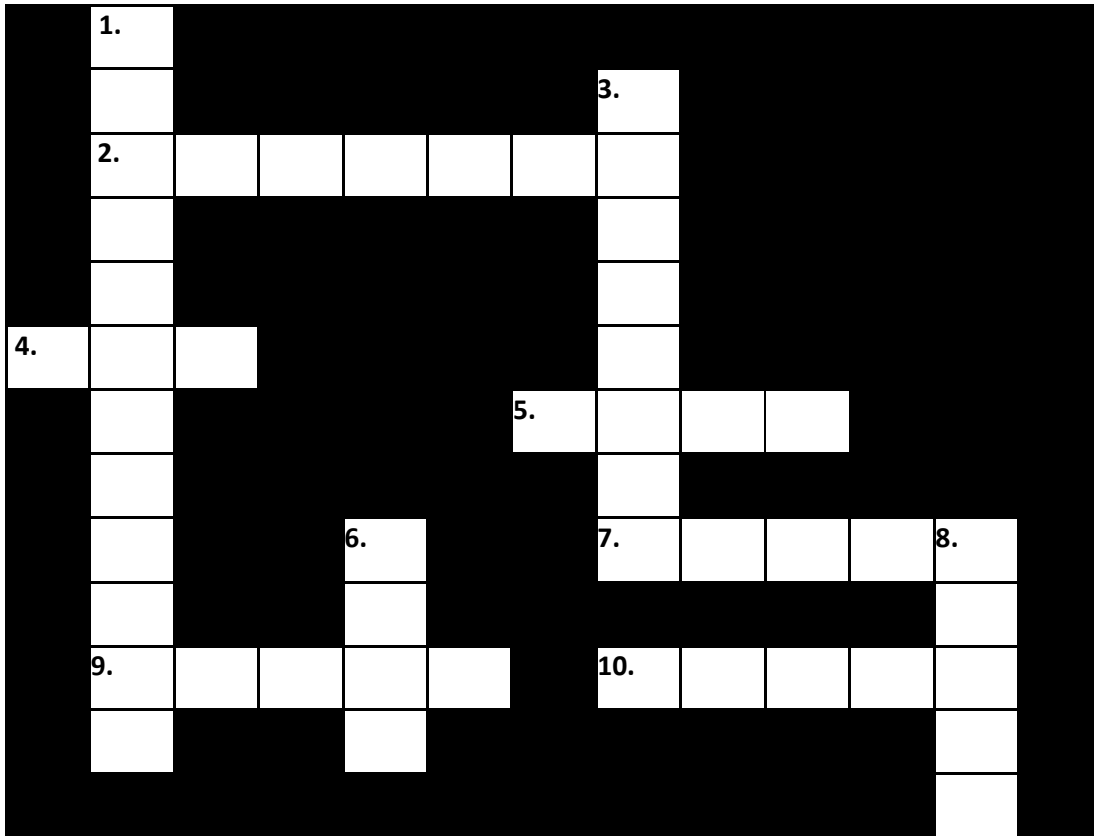


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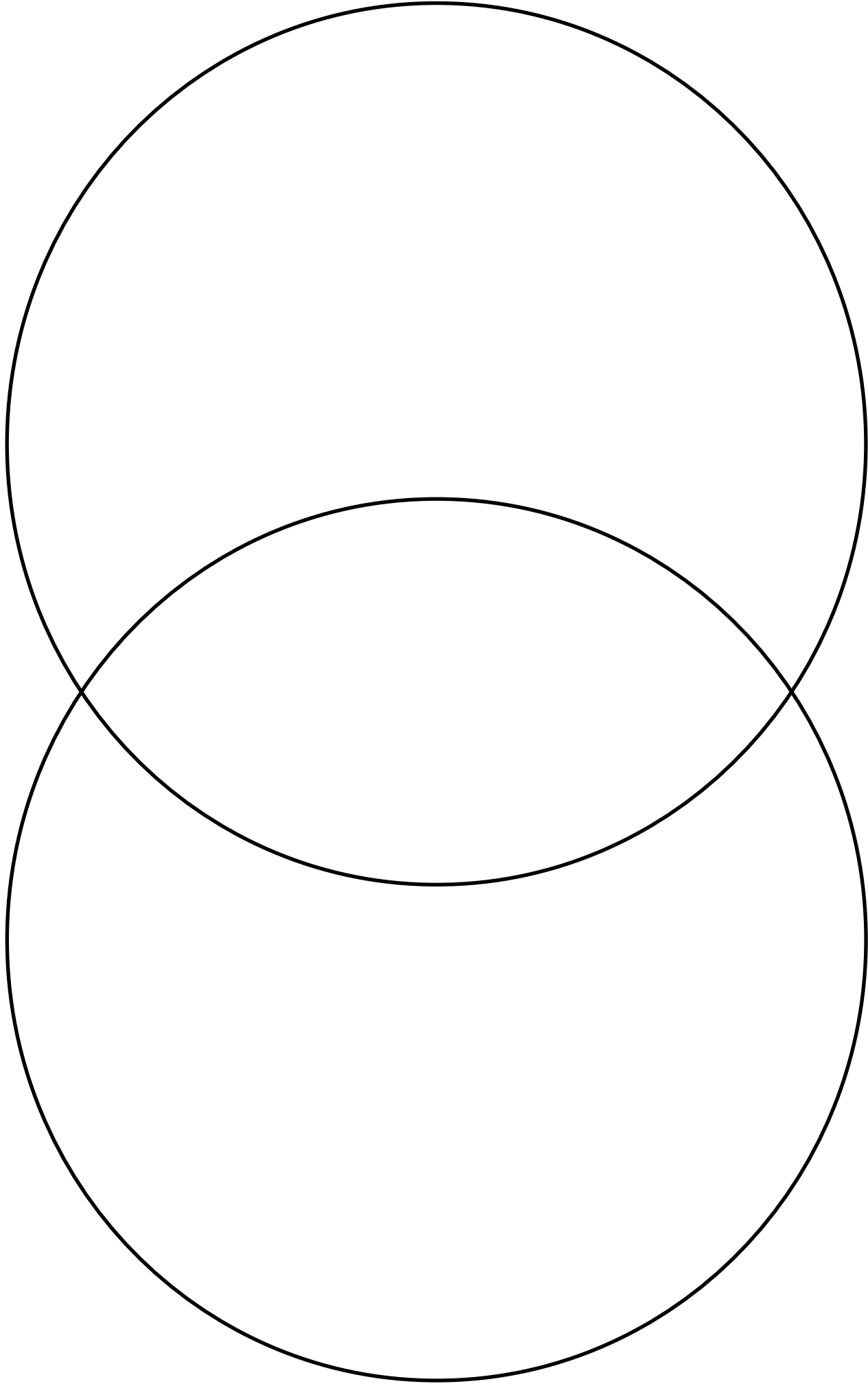
#### ACROSS

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4. Malta is located in the Mediterranean \_\_\_\_\_
5. Bella and Harry visited Fort Saint \_\_\_\_\_
7. The Maltese \_\_\_\_\_ was brought to Malta by the Knights of Saint John
9. The Maltese Cross has \_\_\_\_\_ points
10. Bella and Harry walked along the city walls of this city

#### DOWN

1. The streets of Mdina were made of \_\_\_\_\_
3. Malta is also referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_ of Malta
6. Saint John's Co-Cathedral is dedicated to Saint \_\_\_\_\_ the Baptist
8. The Republic of Malta is an island - \_\_\_\_\_

# Venn Diagram



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## Summarize the Story

**Directions: In your own words, summarize the story. Remember to include the important facts and information that you learned.**

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## Answer Key

### Facts About Malta

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The Republic of Malta is an island-state (country) located in the Mediterranean Sea. It is believed to be over 7,000 years old. Valetta and Mdina are the main cities.

2. What did Bella and Harry see in Saint John's Co-Cathedral?

Tombstones, statues and other pieces of art.

3. Harry visited the Dungeons in which city?

Mdina.

4. Why does the Maltese Cross have eight (8) points?

The eight (8) points of the cross are for the areas (or lands) that each of the knights came from. It is also believed that each point of the cross has a special meaning, or code.

5. What temple was visited on the way to Valletta?

Bella and Harry visited the Mnajdra Temple.

6. Who built Saint John's Co-Cathedral? What city is it located in?

It was built by the Knights of Malta and it is located in Valletta.

7. What is a hypogeum? Do you remember the name of the one Bella & Harry visited?

It is an ancient underground burial chamber. Bella and Harry visited the Hal Saflieni Hypogeum.

8. What foods might someone eat during a visit to Malta?

Imqaret (a pastry filled with dates); gbejniet (sheep's cheese); zalzett tal-Malti (Maltese sausage) with galletti (Maltese crackers); bigilla (bean dip) with Maltese bread and olive oil.

9. What did Bella & Harry do in Mdina?

They walked on the cobblestoned streets and on top of the city's walls. Harry also visited the Mdina Dungeons.

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Pretend you are in Malta. Draw and label three things you might see if you were there.

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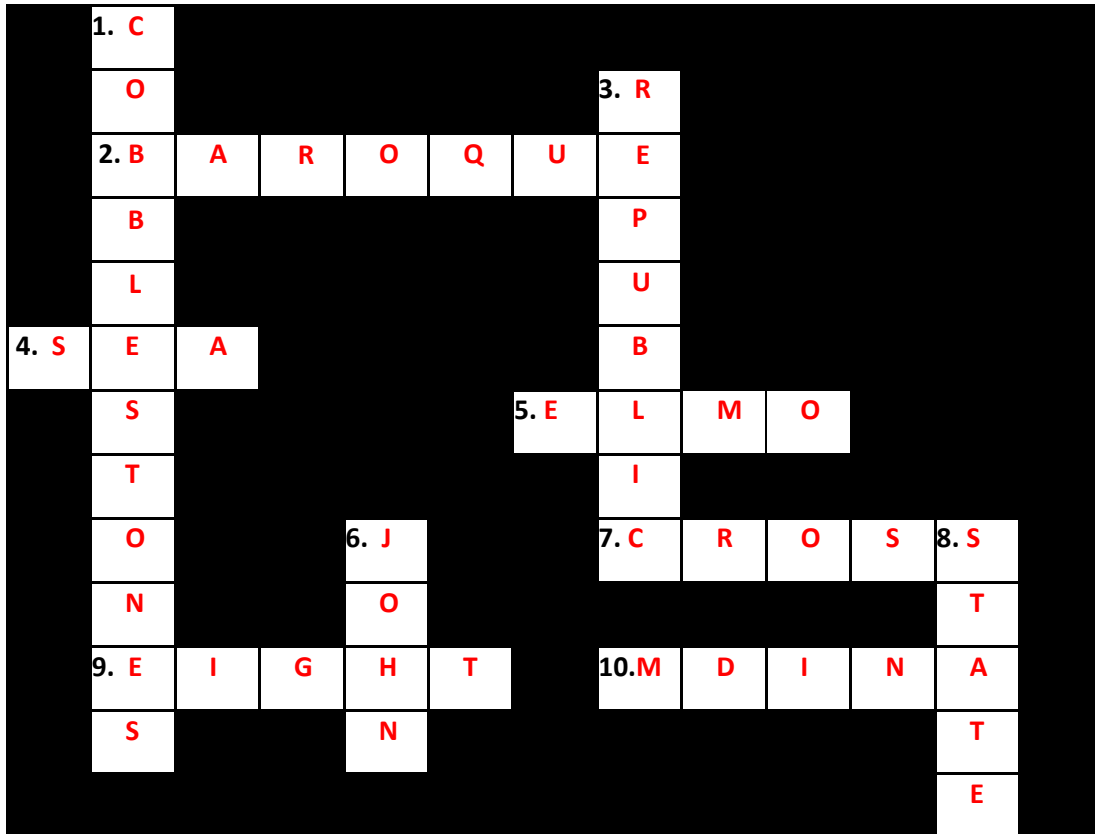
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