

## True or False

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Using the information in *Vampires*, verify whether the following information is true or false. Check your answers in the book. List the page number where you found your information beside your answer.

Statement 1	Vampires disguise themselves as birds while hunting.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 2	Modern legends of vampires began in Egypt.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 3	Early vampires were not pale. Their skin was slightly yellow.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 4	Long ago, humans used vampire stories to explain natural events. They thought vampires caused illness and bad weather.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 5	According to myths, sunlight burns and kills vampires.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>



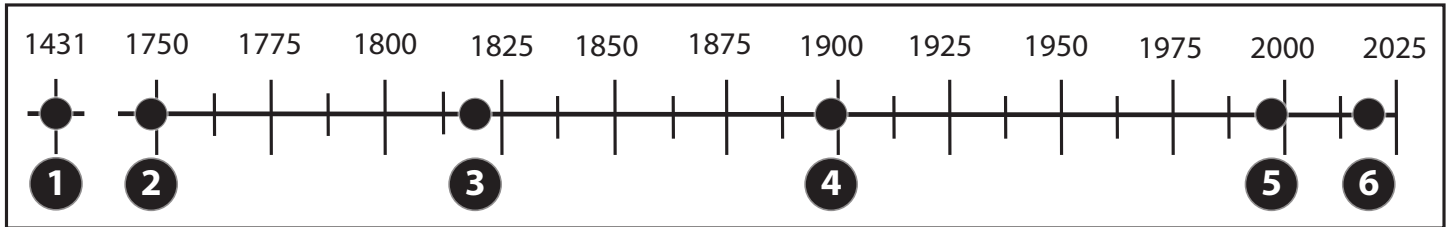
## Make a Timeline

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Number the events below in the order they should appear on the timeline. Write the number in the box beside each event. Check your answers with pages 28–29 of the book.



Bram Stoker writes the novel *Dracula*, establishing many “standard” vampire traits.

The first episode of the TV series *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* airs. The show would help popularize the image of the friendly vampire commonly used in recent movies, TV shows, and books.

The first English work of fiction about vampires, *The Vampyre* by John Polidori, is published in London.

Pope Benedict XIV declares that vampires are not real, calling them “fallacious fictions of human fantasy.”

Archaeologists excavating a grave in Italy find a skeleton with a brick in its mouth to stop it from rising from the dead.

Romanian prince Vlad Tepes is born. Bram Stoker would use elements of his life when writing *Dracula*.



## Fill in the Blanks

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Use the information found in *Vampires* to help you complete the following activity.

1. Hundreds of years ago, in some parts of Europe,  were used to make sure that bodies suspected of being vampires would stay in the ground.
2. In addition to being bitten, other myths and stories say people can turn into vampires by being , getting a disease, or being born with teeth.
3. In some myths, vampires are afraid of , which also keeps away insects that suck blood.
4. Although many ancient cultures have myths about shape shifting, the connection between vampires and  mostly came from the book *Dracula*.
5. As the vampire sleeps, its  and nails grow.
6. Vampires don't have a  or shadow.



Complete the statements by writing the correct number in the box.

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| 1. One of the most well-known portrayals of a vampire was by Bela Lugosi in the film <i>Dracula</i> , which was released in this year.  | <input type="text"/> | 1,200 |
| 2. Bats can eat up to this many mosquitoes an hour.   | <input type="text"/> | 2     |
| 3. In the this century, vampires were first mentioned in poems and books.   | <input type="text"/> | 1931  |
| 4. Strigoi have this many hearts.   | <input type="text"/> | 40    |
| 5. In the novel <i>Dracula</i> , Dracula's castle was also home to this many other vampires known by critics as either his brides or as "the weird sisters."                                  | <input type="text"/> | 1700  |
| 6. Some vampires do not look like humans. They have no bones. They look like a shapeless bag of blood. If a vampire lives for this many days, it changes. The vampire gains bones and a body. | <input type="text"/> | 3     |



## Write a Letter

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Think about what it would be like to meet a vampire. Write a letter to a friend describing an imaginary encounter with this legend. What did it look like? What did it do? What did you say to it?



## Quiz

Test your knowledge by answering these quiz questions.

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**1** When did Bram Stoker write *Dracula*?

**2** Where do vampires sleep, according to vampire stories?

**3** What was the first movie to show a vampire being harmed by sunlight?

**4** What are the physical characteristics of strigoi?

**5** Where is Bran Castle?

**6** What was the first English work of fiction about vampires?

**7** On what do vampire bats usually feed?

**8** What is a group of vampires called?

**9** How many mosquitoes can a bat eat in an hour?

**10** What is the origin of the word “vampire”?



## Key Words Match-Up

Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word.

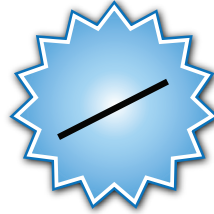
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### KEY WORD

stake	mythical
prey	fallacious
folklore	legends
mammal	reflection
fangs	nocturnal

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- active at night
- an image produced by a mirror or other shiny surface
- fictional stories that people pass down over the years
- having to do with fictional stories or myths
- an animal that is hunted and eaten by a different animal
- not correct or based on a wrong argument
- an animal that gives birth to live babies, has fur or hair, and produces milk
- a pair of large, sharp teeth
- a piece of wood with a pointed end
- well-known stories from the past that are often untrue

