

Miguel de Cervantes

A biography.

A. Read the text and answer the **True/False** questions

1. Miguel de Cervantes was a Spanish novelist, playwright and poet. He is best known for his **novel** Don Quixote, the most famous **figure** in Spanish literature.

2. Cervantes was born in 1547 in a town near Madrid. In his early twenties, he studied for a few years and then he became a **soldier**. In 1571, he fought in the sea **battle** at Lepanto and received a **wound** that permanently **crippled** his left hand. He was proud of his **role** in the famous **victory**.

3. In 1575, he **set out** for Spain with his brother, Roderigo. Turkish pirates **captured** the ship and the brothers were taken to Algiers as **slaves**. Two years later, Roderigo was freed on **ransom**. Five years later, in 1580, the family raised money for his ransom too. Cervantes returned to Madrid and began to write.

4. In 1585, his first **major** work, Galatea, received little attention. For twenty years he lived like a **nomad**. His short stories, Exemplary Tales, contained some of his best work about love, ideals and **gypsy** life. He wrote Don Quixote while he was in prison at Argamasilla in La Mancha. Readers loved the everyday language. The **international acclaim** of the novel did not change his financial situation and he remained poor for the rest of his life.

5. In 1606, he moved permanently to Madrid. He died poor on April 23, 1616.

B. **True or False?**

If false correct the wrong information.

1. Cervantes is best known for his excellent poetry.
2. Cervantes created the most famous figure in Spanish literature.
3. He received a permanent injury when he was a soldier.
4. His first work, Galatea received a lot of attention
5. His novels made him a very rich man.

C. VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Κύκλωσε τη λέξη ή φράση που είναι συνώνυμη ή πιο κοντά στο νόημα με την υπογραμμισμένη.

1. Cervantes set out for Spain with his brother.
a. left for, b. wrote about
2. The brothers were taken to Algiers as slaves
a. sailors b. soldiers
3. Roderigo was freed on ransom
a. ship b. money
4. For 20 years he lived like a nomad
a. slave b. someone who travels from place to place
5. Galatea was his first major work
a. famous b. important

D. Answer the question.

What kind of books do you like to read? Who is your favourite author? Τι είδους βιβλία διαβάζεις; Ποιος είναι ο αγαπημένος σου συγγραφέας; (3-5 προτάσεις)

ΛΕΞΙΛΟΓΙΟ

Διαβάστε καλά το λεξιλόγιο πριν κάνετε τις εργασίες.

Novel=μυθιστόρημα

Figure= προσωπικότητα, πρόσωπο

Major= σπουδαίο, σημαντικό

Soldier= στρατιώτης

Wound= τραύμα, πληγή

Slave= σκλάβος

Nomad= νομάς, άτομο το οποίο περιφέρεται, αλλάζει τόπο διαμονής

International acclaim= διεθνή αναγνώριση

Gypsy=τσιγγάνος

Set out= ξεκινώ, αρχίζω

Ransom=λύτρα

Capture= αιχμαλωτίζω

Battle=μάχη

Victory=νίκη

Crippled=ανάπηρος