

TASQUES ACADÈMIQUES DURANT EL PERÍODE DE CONFINAMENT

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READING

NESSIE, THE LOCH NESS MONSTER

Loch ('lake' in Scottish) Ness is situated in Scotland. It is 36 Kms long and between 2 - 4 Kms wide. It is also very deep, nearly 230 metres at its deepest point.

Some people say there is a monster called "Nessie" living in Loch Ness. For centuries there have been sightings of large animals in the lake. As early as 565 AD, Saint Columba said he saw a monster in the lake. People also saw monsters or "floating islands" in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Many people today do not believe there is a monster in Loch Ness, but many others think it is real. Some even say that the monster could be the devil himself.

A road to the lake was opened in 1933. Many people could then visit the area, which became a popular tourist attraction. Since that time, more than 4,000 people claim they have seen the creature. There are photographs, films and even recordings of the sounds made by Nessie under the water which suggest that the monster exists.

Mr Campbell, a man who has observed the lake for over 50 years and says he has seen the monster many times, described it as "a huge animal with a small head, a thin six-foot long neck, a big hump, about 30 feet long from nose to tail, and dark brown or grey-black in colour".

During the Second World War, an Italian newspaper reported that a bomb attack on the lake had killed the beast.

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Every year more and more people claim they have seen Nessie. The monster usually appears in calm sunny weather. Perhaps this is because Nessie wants to get a sun-tan!

Some people say they have seen not one but several creatures. A £100,000 underwater camera took photographs of large animals twelve separate times in August 1972. So it could be that there is a group of these animals in the lake.

Many unanswered questions remain. How did the creatures get into the loch? How did they survive for so many years? Why haven't any dead monsters been found? However, one thing is sure; there is something very strange in Loch Ness.

ACTIVITIES:

1. MATCH COLUMN A AND COLUMN B:

A

- 1.– Saint Columba saw the monster
- 2.– A road leading to Loch Ness was opened
- 3.– Nessie is
- 4.– Loch Ness is

B

- a.– about 30 feet from one end to the other.
- b.- 230 metres deep.
- c. – in the 6th century.
- d.- in the thirties.

2. MAKE A QUESTION:

The underlined part is the answer.

1. Nessie lives in Loch Ness.
2. 4000 people have seen the monster.
3. Loch Ness is 36 kms long.
4. In August 1972 a camera found animals in the lake.
5. People believe in Nessie because they have seen pictures.

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3. FIND THE SYNONYMS:

A

1. loch
2. monster
3. believe
4. picture
5. huge
6. large
7. popular

B

- a. well-known
- b. photograph
- c. enormous
- d. big
- e. think
- f. lake
- g. beast

4. SAY WHETHER THE SENTENCES ARE TRUE OR FALSE . Correct the false ones:

1. People described the monster as a floating island in the past.
2. You can see Nessie when it is foggy and rainy.
3. Scientists have not found any evidence of the existence of Nessie.
4. Nessie was seen for the first time in the 16th century.

5. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WITH COMPLETE SENTENCES

(Number 1 is about the text and 2&3 about you).

1. Where is Loch Ness and why is it famous?
2. Have you ever seen a monster or a strange creature? Explain if YES o NO.
3. How would you react if you saw a monster?

