

STATE and CAPITAL

HISTORY LESSON FOR STUDENTS V, VI GRADES

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BULGARIA**

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Task 1

Read then mark each one as **T** (true) or **F** (false)



The coat of arms of Bulgaria is an upright golden crowned lion on a dark red field, facing the right heraldic side, placed on a shield. On both sides there are lions-shield-bearers, and above it a royal crown. Under the shield there is a pedestal of oak twigs with golden fruits and a motto ribbon with tricolor edging, on which is written the national motto "Unity makes strength".

The crown is inspired by the crowns of the kings of the Second Bulgarian Kingdom. The lion represents strength, courage and generosity.



The national flag of Bulgaria has a rectangular shape and consists of three colors: white, green and red, located horizontally from top to bottom, and the color fields are the same shape and size.

White is a symbol of spirit, peace, freedom, purity and hope. **Green** symbolizes our nature, green forests and fields. **Red** symbolizes the blood of those who died for the freedom of Bulgaria



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1. Bulgarian's flag is all one colour. _____
 2. The different colours on the flag represent different things. _____
 3. The Bands on the flag are of different sizes. _____
 4. Bulgaria has its own coat of arms. _____
 5. There are two lions on the coat of arms. _____
 6. The lions represent different area of Bulgaria. _____
 7. The crown belongs to King Ivan Asen II. _____
 8. Bulgarian's motto is "Unity is Power". _____

Task 2

SOFIA THE CAPITAL CITY

Read the tekst then mark each one as **T** (true) or **F** (false)



SOFIA – THE CAPITAL CITY

Sofia is the capital of Bulgaria. In Greek, Sofia means “wisdom”. Sofia has its own coat of arms. It’s in the shape of a shield and has four equal sections, each showing one of the capital’s symbols.

Sofia’s coat of arms

The first corner shows St Sofia after whom the city was named. Another shows Vitosha mountain which overlooks Sofia. There is also a temple dedicated to Apollo the Healer and a picture of the mineral springs in the city.

In the middle of the shield is the Bulgarian state symbol – a lion. On top of the shield, there is part of the fortress wall of ancient Serdica. There are also two trees on either side of the shield, which guard the city and represent the greenery and vitality of Sofia.

Below the shield you can see the motto of the capital. It says, “Ever growing, never ageing!” On 17th September every year Sofia celebrates its special day – the holiday of the sister saints Faith, Hope, Love, and their mother, Sofia!

1. In Greek, the word “Sofia” means „unity”. _____
2. Sofia has no coat of arms. _____
3. The shield has three different symbols. _____
4. You can see St Sophia on the shield. _____
5. There is a temple on the coat of arms. _____
6. The state symbol of Bulgaria is the lion. _____
7. Sofia doesn’t have its own motto. _____
8. Sofia has its own celebration each year. _____

Task 3

In each of the sentences below one of the underlined words or phrases has a grammar mistake .
Circle the letter of the item with the error in each sentence.

1. Sofia is (A) the second oldest capital cities (B) in Europe.
2. Like any others (A) capital city, Sofia is the cultural centre of the country (B).
3. There are a lot of pollution in Sofia so living (A) in the capital is not always pleasure (B) .

Task 4

Choose the correct item (A or B) to fill in each gap.

“Mila Rodino”, meaning “Dear Motherland” or “Dear native land”, is the national anthem of Bulgaria. 1)..... national anthem is a patriotic song that is recognized as one of 2) official national symbols. 3) the 19th and 20th centuries, with the rise of the nation-state, most 4)..... choose a national anthem. The Bulgarian anthem is based 5) the music and text of the song “Gorda stara planina” by Tsvetan Radoslavov.

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| 1. A | A | B | An |
| 2. A | the | B | their |
| 3. A | During | B | After |
| 4. A | countries | B | country |
| 5. A | out | B | on |

Task 1

Read the riddle. Guess what it is?

RIDDLE

I have trees, but I am not forest. I have flowers, but I am no garden.

I have people and dogs, but also horses and hens.

I have carts, even cars, but I have no tram.

What am I?

(village)