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SIDAN 1

Facts About Crown Princess Victoria

Teacher Material

FACTS ABOUT CROWN PRINCESS VICTORIA

This book is about the Swedish Crown Princess Victoria. We learn what it is like to be Crown Princess. What does she do? What is it like to have a father who is king? How did she meet her husband? Can she lead a normal family life? These are questions that are answered in the book.

Family tree

Together in class, draw a family tree. Start with the King and Queen, Carl XVI Gustaf and Silvia.

Also, find facts about the first person of the Bernadotte family, Jean Baptiste.

A good job?

Is being Crown Princess a good job? Is it a dream job? Discuss in class. What are the pros and cons of this job?



EXERCISES WITH KEY

Questions

Look, the Princess!

1. Being Crown Princess is special? Two "jobs" are mentioned. What "jobs"?
Going to a party and a bridge-opening ceremony.
2. What does Victoria think of clothes?
She is not very interested in clothes. Her favourite shoes are clogs.

Like a fairy tale

3. Who becomes Crown Princess?
It is the daughter of the monarch (the King).
4. What are these years about: 1977, 2010, 2012, 2016?
1977: Victoria was born, 2010: She married Prince Daniel, 2012: Estelle was born, 2016: Oscar was born

In the old days

5. Find four differences between the old days and now.
1. The King ruled Sweden. 2. He wore clothes in silver and gold. 3. The children had to marry other royal children. 4. When the King died, his oldest son became king.

The people rule

6. What is a monarchy?
It is a country with a king or a queen.
7. What does it mean that a country is a democracy?
It means that the people rule.
8. How does a democracy work? Three things are mentioned. What three things?
1. The people elect politicians from different parties. 2. The largest party or parties form a government that rules the country. The prime minister is the leader of the government.
9. What does the king do? Give an example?
He visits the Head of State of different countries. When they visit Sweden, the king greets them.

The family at the castle

10. What is the Drottningholm Palace used for?
The King and Queen live there.
11. What is the Royal Palace used for?
It is used for parties and representation and is also a workplace.
12. What is the Solliden Palace used for?
It is used as a summer house by the Royal Family.
13. What is the Haga Palace used for?
Victoria and Daniel live there.
14. Something changed in 1980. What changed?
Before, only men could be monarchs, but from 1980, girls also can be monarchs.



A unique child

15. Who are Carl Philip and Madeleine?
They are Victoria's brother and sister.
16. The chapter is called "A unique child". What does that mean?
It means that Victoria is Crown Princess and she learned how to be a Queen.
17. What is the family name of the Royal Family?
It is Bernadotte.

In school

18. When Victoria began school, she could speak two foreign languages. Which languages?
She could speak English and German.
19. In school, Victoria had a problem. What problem?
She had trouble learning to read.
20. Victoria felt stupid, but that was not the problem. What was it?
She had dyslexia.
21. What is dyslexia?
It is when a person has trouble reading and writing.

The young Victoria

22. 18 was an important age for Victoria. Why?
She was old enough to stand in for the King.
23. Victoria worked very hard. Perhaps too hard. What happened?
She was very skinny. She suffered from an eating disorder.

Free and happy

24. What did Victoria do to recover from her eating disorder.
She went to the USA to study.
25. She could live more freely in the USA. Why is that?
She was not recognized by everyone.

Victoria's duties

26. There are no special studies for someone who will be queen. What has Victoria done?
She has studied and practiced, both in Sweden and abroad.
27. What does the Crown Princess Victoria's Foundation do?
Through the foundation, children with disabilities can have money for different activities.



A good trainer

28. How did Victoria meet her husband, Prince Daniel?
She started training at a gym and he was her personal trainer.
29. The Crown Princess cannot decide herself who she will marry. Who else decides?
The King and the government.

The big wedding

30. What happened in June 2010?
Victoria and Daniel got married.
31. Where was the ceremony held?
It was held in the Cathedral in the Old Town.
32. What are the figures 558 and 3 meters about?
558 guests were invited to the dinner and the wedding cake was 3 meters high.

A new family

33. What does Victoria want for her children?
She wants them to have a safe and calm childhood, living in peace and quiet.
34. Do you think that is possible? Why? Why not?
Student's own answer.
35. What was Victoria's childhood like?
She was taken care of by nannies and she missed her mum and dad a lot.

What happens now?

36. Victoria is very popular. How does that show?
Many Swedes want her to take over for the King already. They think she will be a great queen.
37. What do you think? Give a motivation.
Student's own answer.



Words and explanations

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| 1. Crown Princess | | a country with a king or a queen |
| 2. a trainer | | difficulties to read and write |
| 3. prime minister | | a royal family name |
| 4. recover | | a coach |
| 5. democracy | | leader of the government |
| 6. Bernadotte | | will be queen one day |
| 7. dyslexia | | the people rule |
| 8. monarchy | | get better |

True or false?

1. Victoria is Sweden's Crown Princess..... T
2. Victoria speaks more than two languages. T
3. Estelle is Victoria's mum..... F
4. Victoria is the oldest child of three. T
5. When you have eating disorders, you do not feel well..... T
6. Victoria is not married. F
7. Victoria will become Queen of Sweden. T
8. The King has dyslexia..... T



Words

What are the English words in Swedish? Pick the right words from the box and write them.

användbara

bröllop

del av

flera

flitig

förr i världen

hålla tal

kämpa

mager

mäktig

några

politiker

regera

regering

saga

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| 1. part of | del av |
| 2. a couple of | några |
| 3. wedding | bröllop |
| 4. fairy tale | saga |
| 5. in the old days | förr i världen |
| 6. powerful | mäktig |
| 7. rule | regera |
| 8. politician | politiker |
| 9. government | regering |
| 10. several | flera |
| 11. useful | användbara |
| 12. struggle | kämpa |
| 13. diligent | flitig |
| 14. skinny | mager |
| 15. give a speech | hålla tal |