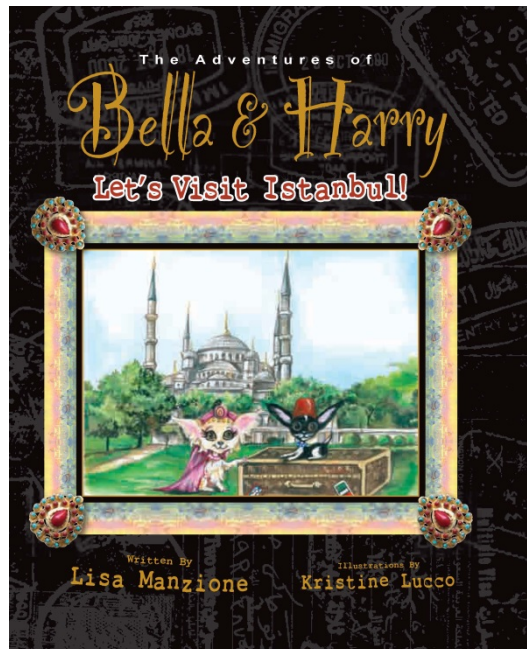


The Adventures of Bella & Harry:

Let's Visit Istanbul!

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Dear Teacher,

We hope you and your class enjoy reading about Bella & Harry and their visit to Istanbul. Here are some activities you may wish to do with your class.

Background Information for the Teacher:

The “Bella & Harry” series is an informative, interactive and exciting way to introduce children to travel, different countries, customs, history and landmarks. Traveling the world with these two cute and cuddly Chihuahuas will allow the young reader to gain an appreciation of the world and its cultural diversity.

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Activities:

1. **Compare and Contrast** - After reading *The Adventures of Bella & Harry: Let’s Visit Istanbul!*, students can use the attached Venn Diagram to compare and contrast Istanbul with a city in the United States. If you have read more than one adventure, you may want to compare and contrast those two cities as well.
2. **Comprehension** - Use the attached sheet to answer questions about the story.
3. **Vocabulary** - Use the attached sheet to match Turkish words with the correct definition.
4. **Crossword Puzzle** - Use the attached crossword puzzle to fill in the blanks.
5. **Writing Assignment** - Use the attached sheet to help your students express what they have learned.

Extensions:

- ~ Have a cultural day and try a variety of Turkish foods.
- ~ Use books and the internet to research Istanbul or Turkey.
- ~ Have students think of other places they would like to learn more about.
- ~ Create a newspaper article about Istanbul.
- ~ Have students create a model of a well-known building and research more about it.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Facts about Istanbul

Directions: Think back about the story and then answer the following questions.

1. Istanbul is located in which country? _____
2. What two continents does the First Bosphorus Bridge connect? _____

3. *Ortakoy* is a _____ in Istanbul.
4. When they reached the shore they saw a building called the Ortakoy Mosque. What is a *mosque*? (Hint: There are over 3,000 of them in Istanbul) _____

5. Describe what you might be served at a Turkish breakfast _____

6. What is *Topkapi Palace*? _____

7. _____ is another word for a *Sultan*.
8. Why might someone go to *The Grand Bazaar*? _____

9. How did the Blue Mosque get its name? _____
_____ *Bonus: How is this mosque different than most other mosques? _____
10. What was something you learned from the book that you found interesting? _____

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Istanbul Vocabulary Matching

Directions: Match the Turkish words and phrases to their meaning.

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| 1. _____ Hayir | A) Good-bye |
| 2. _____ Lutfen | B) Girl dog |
| 3. _____ Kiz kopek | C) Boy dog |
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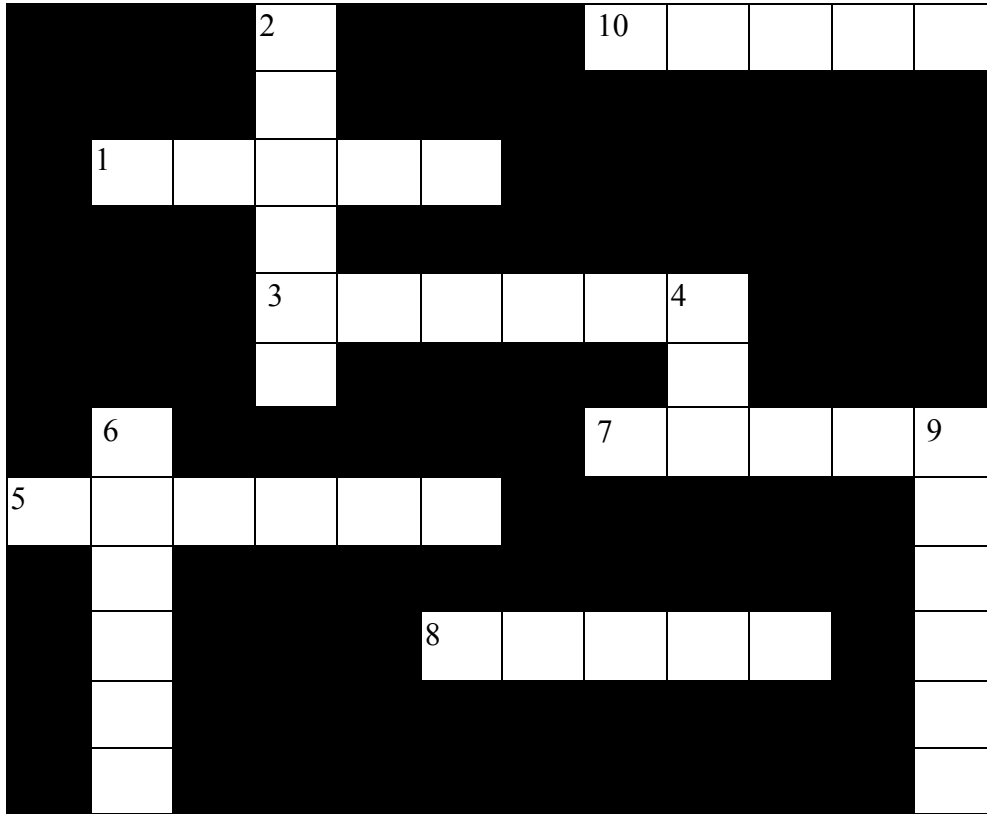
Pretend you are in Istanbul. Draw and label three things you might see if you were there.

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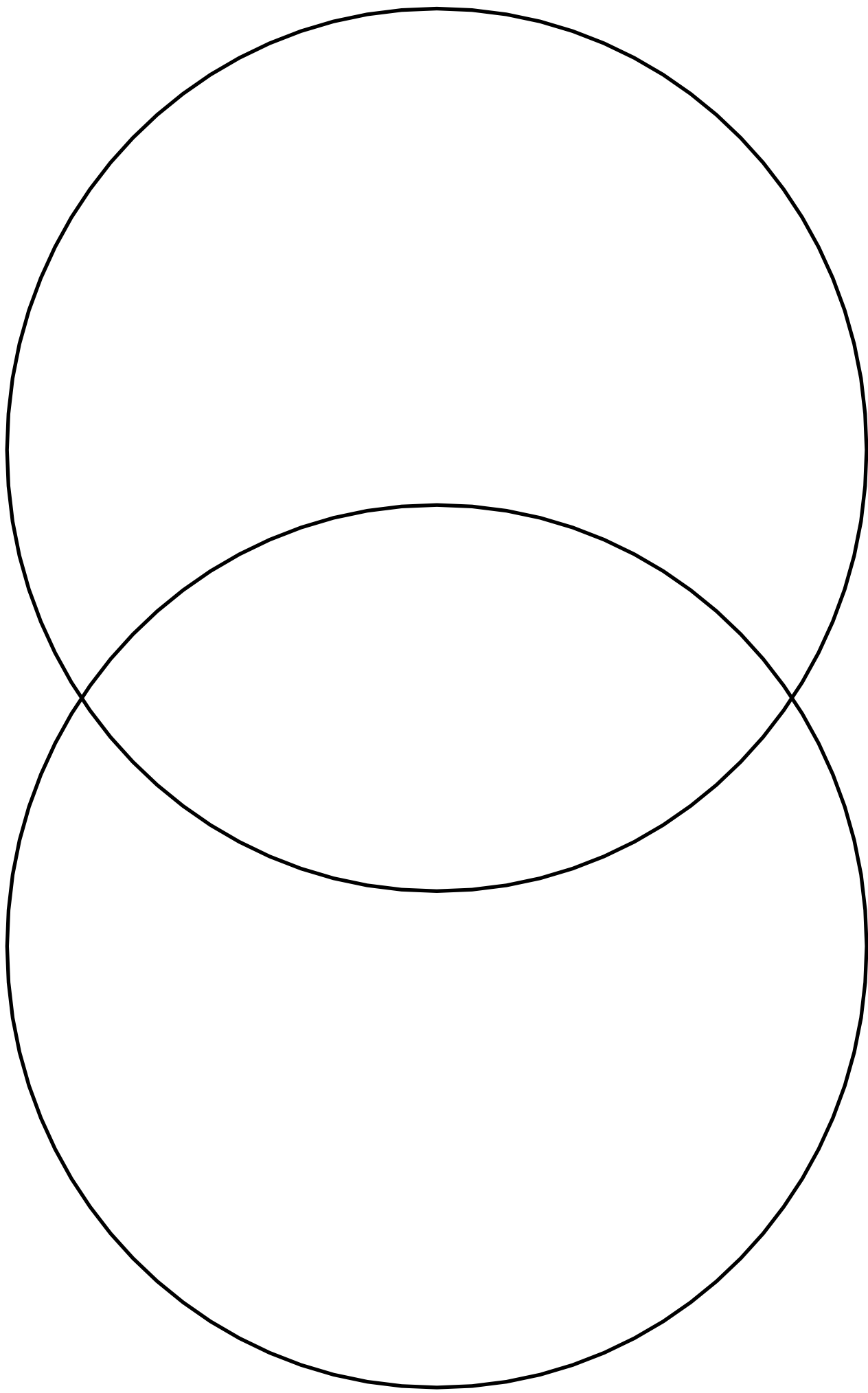


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Venn Diagram



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5. Describe what you might be served at a Turkish breakfast. **Menemen (eggs, onions, peppers and tomatoes), simit (bread topped with sesame seeds and shaped into a ring before baking), cheese, yogurt and honey.**
6. What is *Topkapi Palace*? **It's a museum, but was once a place where Sultans lived.**
7. **King or ruler** is another word for a *Sultan*.
8. Why might someone go to *The Grand Bazaar*? **To shop for things such as carpets, hand painted ceramics, etc.**
9. How did the Blue Mosque get its name? **It has blue tiles on the inside of the walls.**
*Bonus: How is this mosque different than most other mosques? **It has six minarets (tall slender towers with balconies where people are called to prayer several times daily).**
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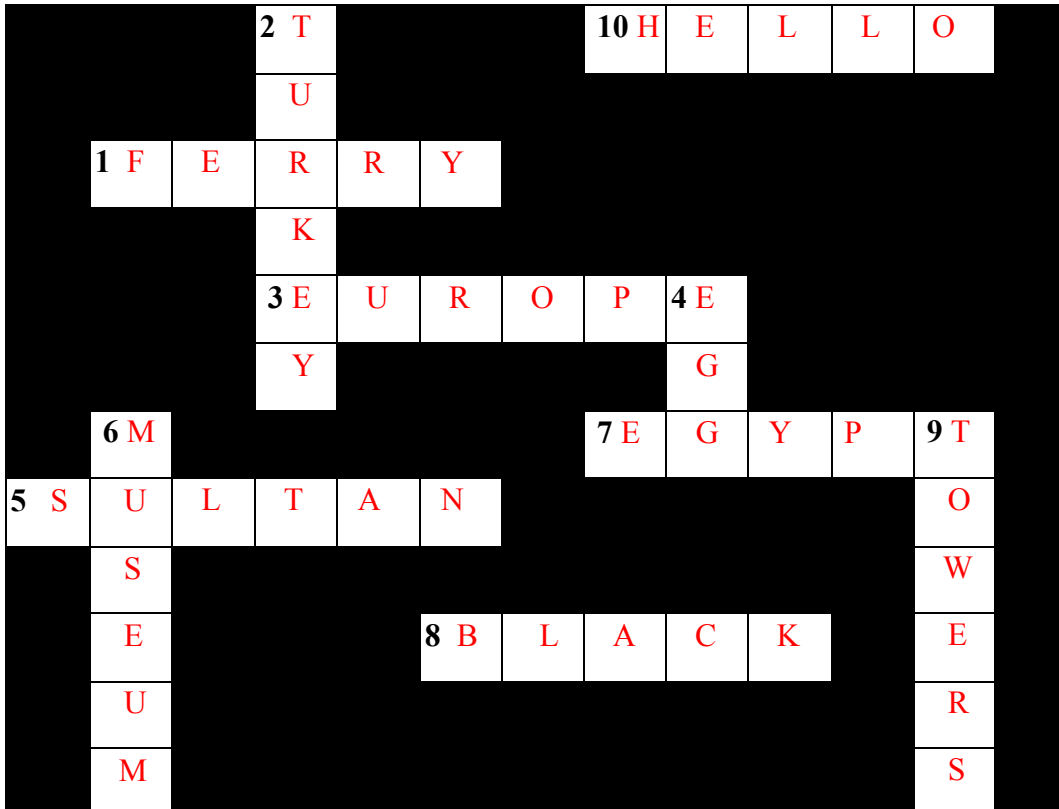
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