

## Worksheet 2

# The Lost Sword

## *Studying the Saints*

*"I'll make it easy for you Max," said Clive. "Think of someone who wore her hair short – like a man – rode into battle in armour, defeated the English, restored the French king to his throne – and finally was captured, tried as a witch and sentenced to burn at the..."*

St. Joan of Arc is renowned throughout history as one of youngest feared leaders.

**Task 1:** Locate the missing facts about Joan of Arc from the passage below:

Joan of Arc, also known as the 'Maid of \_\_\_\_\_', is the patron saint of \_\_\_\_\_ where she is considered a national heroine. Born in \_\_\_\_\_, when Joan was about 12 years old, she claimed to begin hearing \_\_\_\_\_, which she believed were sent directly from \_\_\_\_\_. The voices told her to cut her \_\_\_\_\_, wear men's \_\_\_\_\_ and set out on a mission to free her country from being invaded by the \_\_\_\_\_. She led the French troops to many victories and her leadership brought immense fear to her enemies. She was later honoured for her brave and formidable service but in \_\_\_\_\_ she was captured and sold to \_\_\_\_\_. After being tried for \_\_\_\_\_, she was burned at the \_\_\_\_\_ on May 30, 1431 at the tender age of \_\_\_\_\_. In 1456, Joan was pronounced innocent of the charges against her and canonised a saint in 1920 by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Task 2:** Compose a brief informative text about a famous saint of your own choice e.g. Australia's first saint Mary MacKillop. Include details about when and where they were born, relevant childhood experiences, how they claimed to receive God's 'calling', special achievements in their life and facts about their canonisation.

**Task 3:** Design a fact file about someone you consider to be a 'modern day saint'. Who is this person? Are they still alive? Why do you consider them to be saint-like?

### Extension Activities:

*'St. Denis is where all the kings of France were crowned,' said Clive.*

- Research the history of French Royalty. When did they rule? Who was the first king? Who was the last? How were they appointed?
- Who was St. Denis? When was the St. Denis Basilica built? What role does it play in the history of French royalty?