

1. Nostradamus

Following the apocalyptic events which happened in the United States on September 11th, predictions of the tragedy from the 16th century prophet Nostradamus started appearing in newspapers and on the internet. This week's worksheet takes a look at the predictions and their author with a follow up discussion. There are two pages to print. Click here to get your copies.

<http://www.insideout.net/warehouse/worksheets/September/IO016S-nostradamus.pdf>

Level: Higher Intermediate and upwards

How to use the lesson:

1. Ask your students what they know about Nostradamus.
2. Give each student in the class a copy of the worksheet and ask them to read the text as far as the quatrains.
3. Before they look at the quatrains, ask them to look at the questions on page 2 and discuss them in pairs or small groups. They will need to refer to the quatrains to answer question 2.
4. Discuss the answers in open class.

Answers

There are no suggested answers as the topic is subjective. Question 2's answers depend on the interpretation of the quatrains.

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

Here are three sites that tell you more about Nostradamus and the internet hoax.

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/2424/nostybio.html>

a short biography of Nostradamus

<http://www.snopes2.com/inboxer/hoaxes/predict.htm>

a more detailed account of the hoax

<http://www.dreamscape.com/morgana/titan.htm>

prophecies of Nostradamus