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Male den Hellebardier aus und benutze dafür die angegebenen Farben.

Helper of the musketeers

A halberd is a pole weapon that was used during the 14th and 15th centuries. In modern-day German, the weapon is called Hellebarde. The halberd consists of an axe blade with a spike on a long shaft.

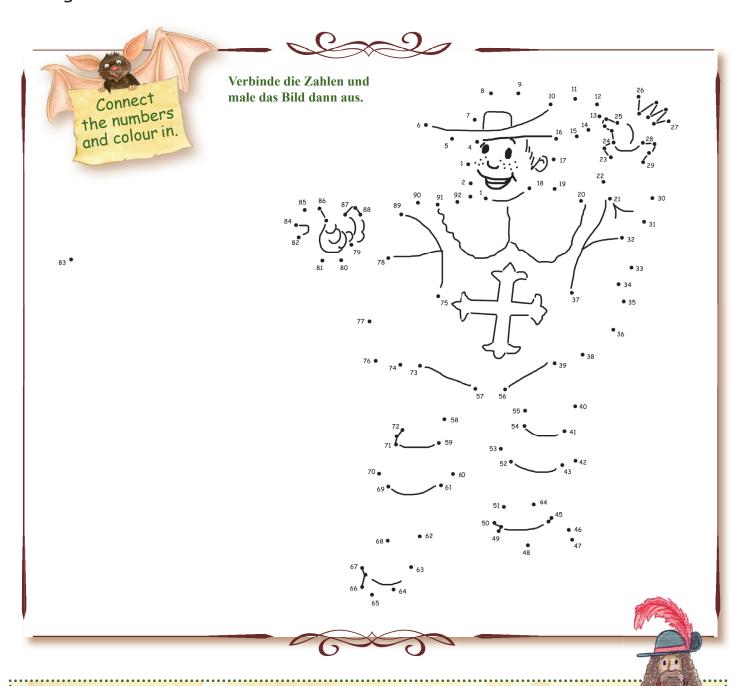
Among other tasks, the soldiers who used halberds, so-called pikemen, were needed to protect the musketeers in battle. Re-loading a musket was a very slow process so the musketeers needed protection from sudden attacks while they were defenseless.

You may have seen a halberd in a museum or on a tour guide. In some cities, tour guides in historical clothing offer trips around the city, carrying a halberd as part of their costume - it is mostly known nowadays as the traditional weapon of the nightwatchmen!

Vocabulary: halberd = Hellebarde; pole weapon = Stangenwaffe; blade = Klinge; spike = Dorn, Spitze; shaft = Schaft, Stange; pikemen = Pikenier (Soldat mit einer Stangenwaffe, d.h. Hellebarde, Pike); nightwatchman = Nachtwächter







"One for all and all for one."



This famous quote ist best-known for its appearance in the book "The Three Musketeers" written by the French author Alexandre Dumas. Many movies have been made about the four main characters of this story, the three musketeers Athos, Porthos and Aramis, and the poor young nobleman d'Artangnan who wishes to join the "Musketeers of the Guard" in Paris – a special company of musketeers serving the king of France.

The book was first published in 1844, a long time ago, yet the meaning of this motto is timeless. It reminds us that it is always important to help our friends and be there for each other.

Vocabulary: quote = Zitat; appearance = Erscheinen; nobleman = Adliger; to publish = herausgeben, verlegen (Bücher)