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9. What does 'Vlad Tepes' mean in English and why was Vlad given this name?

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10. What did Vlad do in 1462 as a warning to his Ottoman enemies?

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11. What happened to Vlad after he died?

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**1897**
2. What was Prince Vlad III more commonly known as?  
**Vlad the Impaler**
3. Where and when was Vlad III born?  
**1431 in Transylvania**
4. What was 'the Order of the Dragon' and why was it set up?  
**It was an organisation set up to defend Christian Europe against the Turkish Ottoman Empire.**
5. What happened to Vlad and his brother Radu in 1442?  
**They were captured by the Ottoman Sultan, Murad II after attending a diplomatic meeting with their father which turned out to be a trap.**
6. Why did Vlad return to Wallachia in 1448?  
**To reclaim his father's seat after he learned he and his older brother had been assassinated a year earlier.**
7. Who did Vlad fight against to reclaim his father's throne?  
**Vladislav II, the boyars and his younger brother, Radu, who was supported by the Ottomans.**
8. What happened to Vlad in 1456?  
**He was proclaimed voivode or ruler of Wallachia.**
9. Why was Vlad given the name 'Vlad Tepes'?  
**His favourite method of torture involved impaling people on stakes in the ground and leaving them to bleed to death.**
10. What kind of ruler was Vlad? Give at least two examples to support your answer.  
**He was cruel, bloodthirsty and determined to stamp out any opposition. He left a field full of thousands of impaled soldiers in a field as a warning to his enemies; he invited all the poor and homeless people to a banquet and burnt them to death; he nailed turbans to his Ottoman visitors' skulls.**
11. How was Vlad viewed by the people he ruled over? Support your answer with evidence from the text.  
**They didn't think much of him; they left his body in a ditch to rot and his enemies decapitated his dead body and displayed his head of a pike in Constantinople.**