DL U6 Translations

Easy

Flamenco is considered the most representative and most typical genre of music and dance in Spain, and many foreigners think of flamenco when they are asked about their idea of Spain. Its origins go back centuries, and it is undeniable that the rhythm and sounds have been influenced by Arabic music. Flamenco artists such as Paco de Lucía are internationally recognised. It mustn’t be forgotten that it is not only gypsies that sing and dance flamenco: nothing could be further from the truth.

Medium

The fifteenth century saw the arrival of the first conquerors in America from Spain, and the decades that followed became a fierce and bloody battle for the domination of the most crucial locations and riches that the continent could offer. While the local chiefs were fighting for power among themselves, the different areas were dominated and converted to Catholicism. Some of those generals are now considered heroes in Spanish history, but you have to wonder whether they were just killers in search of gold and personal glory. It must be remembered that history is subjective, and it all depends on the point of view.

Hard

In the eighth century Arabs invaded the south of Spain and over a few years conquered most of the Iberian Peninsula. On arriving in different cities, many mosques and palaces were built, and the Moors started to think of Spain as an integral part of their kingdom. The Spaniards had great difficulty reconquering the lost territories, but eventually the last Moors were expelled in the fifteenth century. Arab culture was very advanced, and the Muslim empire could boast of some of the best philosophers, thinkers and doctors of the time. Nowadays, many buildings from the time are still standing, and their cultural value, as well as their beauty, is immeasurable. It is even said that the last Arab king cried when he looked at Granada before he was forced to leave it.