

Watch the first two and a half minutes of The Homing Instinct.

What can you see here that is in the story King of the Sky?

What is different?
]What did you learn that was new?

TASK

Copy or cut these sentences out, read each sentence carefully and decide which of the following headings they belong to:

Pigeon Racing
Homing Instinct
Pigeons in wars

Pigeons have been given medals for their bravery in wars.



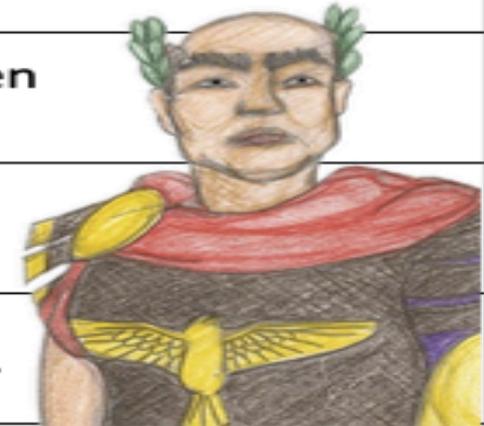
The weather on the race day can be dangerous to pigeons.

Racing pigeons have bands attached to their legs so you can tell how long they have taken.

In 1918 a pigeon called Cher Ami delivered a message that saved 194 US Soldiers.

Birds are taken from their home lofts and then have to race home.

Racing pigeons are trained by being taken further and further away from their home.



Julius Caesar used pigeons to send messages.

Pigeons have been used in war since ancient times.

Pigeon races can be from 100 km to 1000 km long.

A bird belonging to the queen of England won a race in 1990.

Have you learnt some new facts about pigeons?

What is the most interesting fact?

Can you share a pigeon fact with someone at home?

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OPTIONAL EXT. TASK

Research a famous pigeon!

Use the *Research Questions* to find out about Mary of Exeter.

Can you make a poster about Mary and her adventures, showing what you have learnt?

Mary of Exeter – Research Questions

Use the Internet to find out answers to these questions. You could start with this website:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_of_Exeter

- 1. Why is Mary of Exeter famous?**
- 2. When was she alive?**
- 3. What was her greatest adventure?**
- 4. Where can people remember her today?**



What else can you find out about this famous pigeon?