

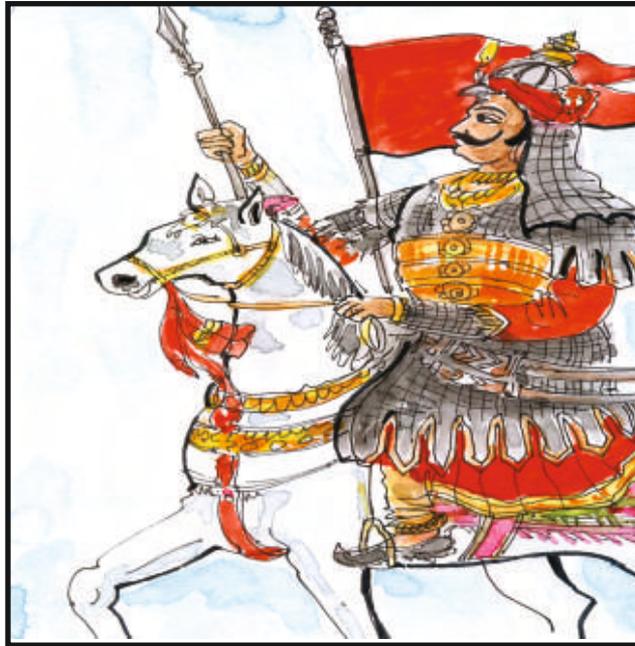
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Maharana Pratap

- Rajasthan is known for its valour and sacrifices.
- Is there anyone amongst you who has not heard of Maharana Pratap?
- The text that follows, describes Maharana Pratap, the great king of Mewar, Rajasthan.

Let's read:

Maharana Pratap (or Pratap Singh) was born in Kumbhalgarh Fort of Mewar on 9



Maharana Pratap

(1540-1597)

May 1540 (3rd day of the Jyeshtha Shukla Phase- *ज्येष्ठ शुक्लपक्ष तृतीया*). This fort is 85 kms away from Udaipur city. He was the eldest son. His mother was Maharani Jayawantabai. His father was Maharana Uda Singh II, the founder of Udaipur city.

Pratap Singh (Maharana Pratap) was brave and bold right from his boyhood. Both the courtiers and the public were proud of his qualities. He mastered the art of horse riding, weaponry and warfare tactics very early in his life.

Pratap Singh (Maharana Pratap) got married at the age of 17. His first wife was Ajabde Panwar. In 1559 he was blessed with his first son, Amar Singh.

In 1567 Pratap Singh (Maharana Pratap) was only 27 when the Mughal forces captured Chittor. The entire royal family left for Gogunda. Pratap wanted to fight against the Mughal but the elders somehow convinced him not to do so.

When Udai Singh II died in 1572, he appointed his son, Jagmal, as his successor before his death. The royal courtiers and senior nobles did not accept it. They crowned Pratap Singh as the next Maharana in Gogunda.

Maharana Pratap never accepted Akbar as the king of India. Akbar, therefore, decided to capture Mewar. He sent his Army General, Raja Maan Singh of Jaipur to overcome Chittorgarh. Maan Singh had a larger army than that of Maharana Pratap. Maharana's army waited for the Mughal army at the narrow Haldighati pass. It was the only route to Gogunda.



The battle was fought on 18 February 1576. Maharana Pratap and his army fought bravely. He and his favourite horse Chetak were wounded. Maharana's men forced him to leave the battle field. The Mughal army also decided not to fight in the hills. With the help of Bhamashaha, Maharana Pratap re organised his army. He recaptured much of the lost territories of Mewar.

Maharana Pratap died of injuries sustained in a hunting accident at Chavand on 29 January 1597 at the age of 57.



Pratap Gaurav Kendra has been built beautifully in Udaipur to glorify the legendary life of Maharana Pratap. People can go there and see it free of cost.

Glossary

- weaponry : all the weapons of a particular type
- warfare : the activity of fighting a war.
- capture : to take control of something.
- convince : to persuade somebody to do something.
- accession : the act of taking a very high position, especially as a ruler of a country
- successor : a person that comes after somebody and takes his place
- courtier : a person who is part of the court of a king
- noble : a person who belonged to the highest social class.
- crown : to put a crown on the head of a new king.

Activity I

A Tick the correct alternative

1) Maharana Pratap was born in

- a) 1640
- b) 1440
- c) 1540
- d) 1740

2) The name of Maharana Pratap's horse was

- a) Pawan
- b) Ramprasad
- c) Chetak
- d) None of the above



B. Say whether the following statements are **True** or **False**. Write **T** for **True** and **F** for **False** in the given brackets.

- i) Udaipur was founded by Udai Singh II ()
- ii) Pratap Singh was brave and bold right from his boyhood. ()
- iii) Mughal forces captured Chittor in 1567 ()
- iv) The great battle of Haldighati was fought on 18 February 1576 ()
- v) Maharana Pratap died in the battle field. ()

C. Complete the following statements-

- i) Kumbhalgarh Fort is 85 kms away from
- ii) Both the courtiers and the public were proud
- iii) The entire royal family left
- iv) The royal courtiers and senior nobles crowned Pratap Singh as the
- v) Maharana Pratap never accepted Akbar as the

D. Answer the following questions in 10-15 words each -

- i) Who was the son of Maharani Jaywantabai and Udai Singh II?
- ii) At what age did Maharana Pratap marry?
- iii) When did Udai Singh II die?
- iv) Who was the Army General of the Mughal army?
- v) Do you find Maharana Pratap a great king? Give two reasons.

Activity II

- A. Fill in the following blanks by choosing the correct word from the box given below -**



fight	nobles	crowned
blessed	larger	riding

- i) He mastered the art of horse, weaponry and warfare tactics.
- ii) Mughal army was than Maharana Pratap's army.
- iii) In 1559, he was with his first son, Amar Singh.
- iv) Pratap wanted to against the Mughal.
- v) The royal courtiers and senior did not accept it.
- vi) They Pratap Singh as the next Maharana.

- B. Complete the following statements :**

- i) Udai Singh II appointed Jagmal as his
- ii) Maharana's army waited for the Mughal army at the Haldighati.....
- iii) Maharana Pratap and his army fought
- iv) Maharana Pratap and his horse suffered
- v) Mughal's army decided not to fight in the
- vi) With the financial help of Bhama Shaha, Maharana Pratap re organised his

C. Match the words in **column A** with their meanings in **column B**:

A	B
1. warrior	take by force
2. capture	persuade someone to do something
3. successor	a brave fighter
4. crown	suffered something unpleasant
5. sustained	a person that succeeds another
6. convince	formally declare someone to be a king

Activity III



Look at the following sentences -

1. Maharana Pratap **mastered** the art of weaponry.
2. They **crowned** Pratap Singh as the next Maharana.
3. Maharana Pratap **was** the eldest son of Maharana Udai Singh II.

- These are Affirmative Sentences.
- In these sentences, the actions/events happened in the past.
- The **bold** verbs are the simple past tense form (or the second forms of the verb).
- The past of verb 'be' is **was/were**.

Read a few more sentences which indicate that the actions/events took place in the past

1. **Last year**, we **were** in 5th class.
2. I **attended** the class **yesterday**
3. Priti **bought** a new frock **last week**.
4. Neha **came** here **an hour ago**.

Were, attended, bought, came are the verbs in the simple past tense. **Last year, yesterday, last week, an hour ago**, etc indicate past time.

A. Now fill in the blanks by choosing the correct verbs given in the box below:

left	was	accepted
had	were	re captured

- i) Hemuch of the lost territories of Mewar.
- ii) Maharana Pratap brave and bold.
- iii) Mughal Army General larger army than that of Pratap.
- iv) Maharana Pratap neverAkbar as the king of India.
- v) Both the courtiers and the public..... proud of his qualities.
- vi) The entire royal family..... for Gogunda.

B. Write the Present Tense of the following verbs used in the text that you have read -

Example :	was	is
i)	were
ii)	married
iii)	convinced
iv)	had
v)	fought
vi)	left

C. Now, write 5 things you did yesterday after going back home from school (Remember to use the Simple Past Tense).

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

D. Fill in the following blanks with the correct Simple Past Tense form of the verbs given in the brackets below:

- i) His first wife(be) Ajabde Panwar.
- ii) Pratap(want) to fight against the Mughal

- iii) Maharana Udai Singh II(die) in 1572.
- iv) Akbar(send) Raja Maan Singh to attack Mewar.
- v) Maharana Pratap's army..... (wait) for the Mughal army at Haldighati.

Activity IV



A. The teacher reads out the following paragraph. Listen to him carefully and answer the questions that follows

India produced great personalities and patriots. They include Maharana Pratap, Mahatma Gandhi, Shivaji, Swami Vivekanand, Deendyal Upadhayaya, Dr. Shayma Prasad Mukherjee and so on. Maharana Pratap was a great king. Mahatma Gandhi made the British quit India. Shivaji was a great patriot. Swami vivekanand proved the supremacy of Indian way of life in the United States of America. Deendayal Upadhayaya and Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee were also great patriots.

- a. Who was a great king?
 - i) Mahatma Gandhi
 - ii) Swami Vivekanand
 - iii) Maharana Pratap
 - iv) Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukharjee

- b. Swami Vivekanand proved the supremacy of the
 - i) British way of life
 - ii) Asian way of life
 - iii) European way of life
 - iv) Indian way of life

B. In pairs, say these words aloud:

key	bee	meal	teach
sit	hit	silk	dip
set	red	get	beg
bat	bad	had	hat
last	father	arm	past
ball	caught	taught	fought
full	wool	good	foot

Activity V



You are impressed and inspired by the bravery of Maharana Pratap. You would like to write a letter to your friend about him.

Write the letter using the following format-

21, Pratap Nagar

Jaipur

24 September 20__

Dear Asha

I am well and good here. And I hope you to be the same there.

Today, my school teacher taught us a lesson on Maharana Pratap. I was inspired by the patriotism of Maharana Pratap after I finished reading the lesson. I would like to share my thoughts with you on him.

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I hope you would like to read more about this great king.

With best wishes

Your loving friend

Anju