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1. What do you know about Saint Nicholas? How do you celebrate him in your country?

2. The plaque that you see in the following picture can be found in the bridge. Find differences between the two pictures, circle the differences. Who is the main character of the legend?





3. Write the following numbers in the right order so that they represent the year, day and the exact time when the foundation stone of the Charles Bridge was laid down.

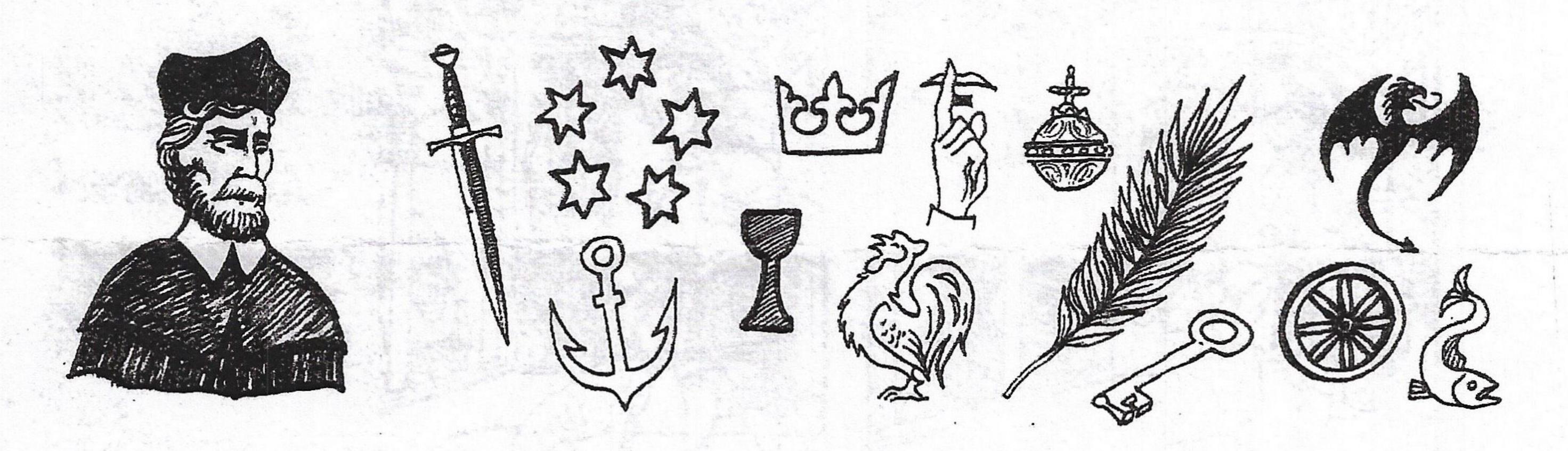
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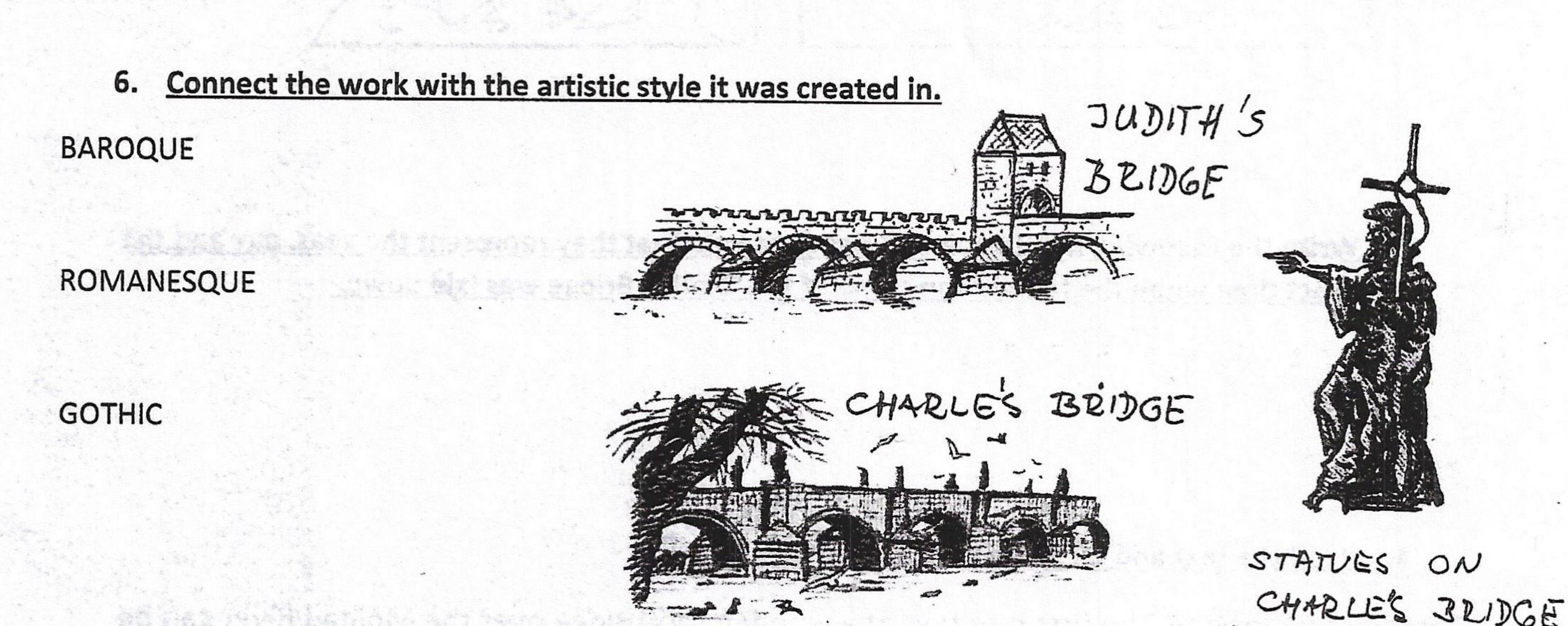
4. Read the text and fill in the verb in correct form.

Three Prague bridgesThe first mention of a wooden footbridge over the Moldau River can be found in the legend of St. Wenceslas (Sv. Václav). It ______ (seem) that in the 10th century it was already possible to cross the river by foot. But the wooden footbridge was often destroyed by frequent Prague floods. Judith, the wife of the king Vladislav, was instrumental in the construction of the first partly stone bridge which _____ (carry) her name and thus

is known as the Judith Bridge. It was built between the years 1158 and 1173. Unfortunately the bridge ______ (destroy) by the big spring flood in 1342. Charles IV decided not to renovate the old bridge but to build a new, stronger and more solid one. He consulted astrologists in order to find out the best date for the foundation of the bridge. He _____ (give) the exact day and time. The foundation stone was then laid down in 1357 on the 9th July at 5:31am. Notice that the numbers are magical, because they ______ (read) the same forward and backwards. The construction of the bridge took a long time and it was most probably completed in 1411. The bridge now carries the name Charles Bridge and for centuries it was the only bridge connecting both sides of the Moldau River. Only in the 19th century when the industry ______ (develop) heavily, it was necessary to build other bridges. Let us hope that the astrologists _____ (choose) the date well and the Charles Bridge will face successfully all the misfortunes that might come in the future and it will not be necessary to build a third bridge on the same spot.

5. Circle the attributes of St. John of Nepomuk





7. Design your own baroque building