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Interview with...

*Comenius project
"U-KNIGHT-EUROPE"*





ELEONORA D'ARBOREA

A Sardinian Heroine

WHEN AND WHERE WERE YOU BORN?

*I was born in the 1340s in
Sardinia or in Spain.*



WHO WERE YOUR PARENTS?



*My father was Mariano IV of
Arborea and he was from
Sardinia.*

*My mother was Timbors de
Roccaberti. She was Spanish*



DID YOU HAVE ANY BROTHERS
OR SISTERS?

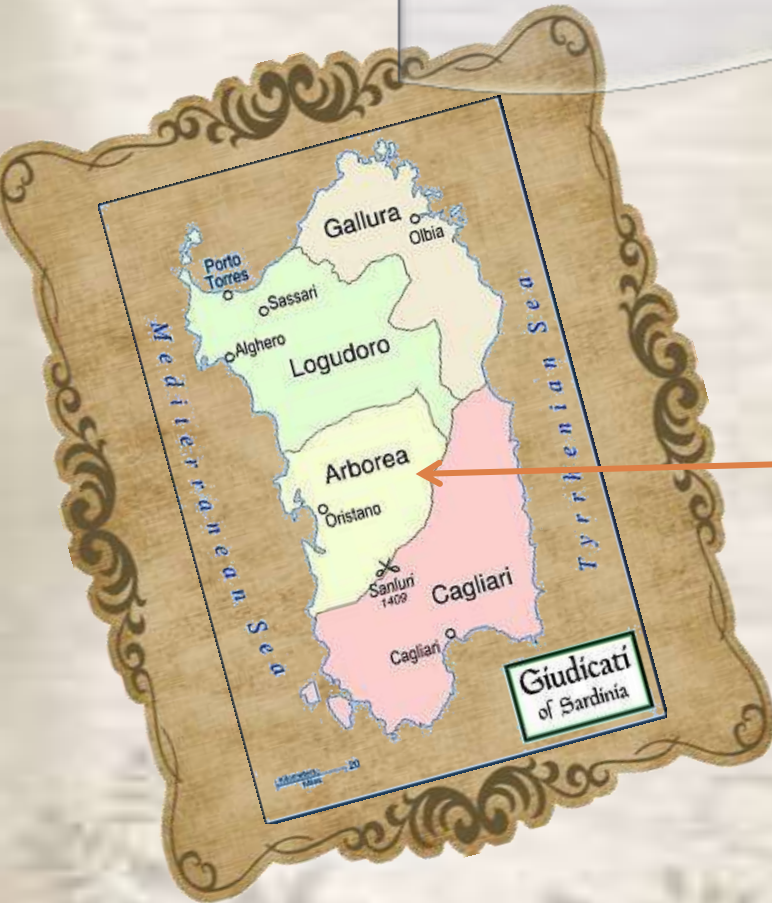


*Yes, I had a brother and
two sisters. One of them
died very young from the
plague.*

WHAT DID YOUR PARENTS DO?

They were a sort of kings.
You must know that Sardinia, between the 800s
and the 1400s, was divided into four independent
states ruled by a "Judge".
My father was the "Judge of Arborea" from 1347
till 1376.

The **kingdom of Arborea** was located in the
southwestern part of the island, with the capital
at Oristano.



WHAT JOB DID YOU
DO?

*I became the Judge of Arborea in
1383, after my brother's death.
I was the first and only woman
Judge.*



WHAT DID YOU LOOK LIKE?

I was thin and not very tall but I was so strong and brave. I was beautiful and generous, too. I had black hair and black eyes.



WERE YOU MARRIED?

*Yes I was married to Brancaleone Doria,
a nobleman, from Genoa. He was lovely.*

*And I had two sons, Federico and
Mariano.*



My wedding -
painting



WHERE DID YOU LIVE?

*I lived mainly in Oristano.
But I was at war very
often to defend the
independence of Sardinia.*



My homes in Oristano



WHY WERE YOU FAMOUS?

I had a mission. I tried to unite all of Sardinia in one independent state. I fought for Independence from the Crown of Aragon, Spain.



Map of Sardinia during my reign



*Then, in 1395 I completed a
LAW CODE, called "Carta
de Logu".*

*It was written in Sardinian
language.*

*It was a special
humanitarian code.*

*During my reign,
the peasants owned
the land they
worked on.*



*They grew crops and raised
animals, following rules.
Everybody had enough to eat.*



Crops

- Wheat
- Barley
- Grape-vine



Animals

- sheep
- goats
- horses

WHAT DID YOU DO FOR
THE WEAK AND THE
DEFENCELESS?



*In the “CARTA de LOGU” I
combined JUSTICE and LOVE.*

♣ *I defended the women’s rights*

♣ *I took care of the poor,*

♣ *the sick*

♣ *and the children with no
parents.*

♣ *I was eco-friendly, by making
laws protecting birds.*

DID YOU LIKE BEING
A KNIGHT?



Yes, indeed.
Being a knight in spirit is such a hard
task,
I studied Latin, Music and Geometry.
And I often travelled.

I learnt a lot from books and travels and
they were so useful for my mission. As a
knight, I learnt to use weapons.

COULD YOU RIDE A HORSE ?



*Yes, I could.
When I was younger, my
father used to hunt with
falcons and I enjoyed
going with him on
horseback.
Falconry was popular
with both lords and
ladies*

WHAT DID YOU DO IN
YOUR FREE TIME?

*I used to read,
embroider and make
tapestry.
I loved watching
tournaments.*



DID YOU HAVE
YOUR OWN COAT-
OF-ARMS?



*Yes, of course.
It was a tree with leaves
and roots on a silver
background.*



Thank you and good bye!

HOW DID IT END UP?

Eleonora died from the plague in 1404.

Unfortunately, some years after her death, her reign became part of the new Spanish Empire.

One falcon bears her name.

*Eleonora's
falcon*



**The legend of
Eleonora d'Arborea
lives on**

THE END