

Level : 4ms...

The hero

**Abdelkader Ibn Muhieddine** known as **El Emir Abdelkader** was an Algerian religious man and a military leader. This great hero was born in 1807, in Guetna near Mascara, where he grew up and learnt the Quran as well as other subjects.

El Emir was a political leader and a brave warrior. He successfully faced the French army and saved the Christian community of Damascus from a massacre, in 1860. So, this intervention, which is now called the human rights, brought him admiration and awards from around the world.

This hero won many battles against the French army. Among his most famous battles are The Battle of Maktaa, The Battle of Sig and The Battle of Sidi Brahim. The French army feared El Emir because they were attacked unexpectedly by his army. He defended his land and protected the Algerian values, language and religion to keep the Algerians unified against their enemy. However, El Emir's rebellion ended up and he was forced to surrender. In 1848, he was transferred with his family and followers to the Château d' Amboise.



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**Part One:(14 pts)**

**A/ Reading comprehension: (7pts)**

**Read the text carefully and do the following tasks.**

**Activity One: Read the text then match the titles with their corresponding paragraphs (3pts)**

Titles	Paragraphs
a- El Emir's intervention •	• Paragraph 1
b- Introduction to El Emir's life •	• Paragraph 2
c- El Emir's battles •	• Paragraph 3

**Activity Two: Read the text then answer the following questions (2pts)**

- 1- Who is El Emir Abdelkader ?
- 2- Why did the French army fear El Emir ?

**Activity Three: Choose the right word (2pts)**

- 1- Brave =.....
  - a) Intelligent    b) Courageous    c) Shy    d) Nervous
- 2- Win =.....
  - b) Lose            b) Succeed        c) Give        d) Fail

**B/ Mastery of the language: (7pts)**

**Activity One: Spot the mistakes and write the corrected sentence: (2pts)**

El Emir wos an wise men and a famous writor.

**Activity Two: Combine the following phrases using the following connectors: (3pts)**

( **whereas / so / because** )

- 1- El Emir Abdelkader was fighting .....he loved Algeria.
- 2- My favourite hero is El Arbi Ben Mhidi .....my sister's is Lala Fatima Nsoumer.
- 3- I wrote a nice paragraph about heros of Algeria, .....I got good grades.

**Activity Three: In each list, pick out the word with a different vowel sound(2pts)**

- 1- / a: / car - star - cat - far
- 2- / ɔ: / court - cot - caught - bought
- 3- / i: / cat - great - read - speak
- 4- / i / sit - big - fill - find

**Part Two: Written Expression (06 Pts)**

Your friend from England wants to know about famous Algerian figures.

- Use the following chart to write a short biography (about 5 to 6 lines) to give him information about this great man.

**Name:** Malek Bennabi.

**Date of birth:** January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1905.

**Place of birth:** Constantine, Algeria.

**Job :** Writer, philosopher, university lecturer.

**Books:** Wrote more than 25 books:

- *Les Conditions de la Renaissance* (1948)

- *The Question of Culture* (1954),

**Date of death :** October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1973.

