Stories of Venice in Cyprus

The CVAR provides a list of historical events and ideas with images to stimulate the inspiration of competition participants. While every entry must conform to the theme of the competition which is the relationship of Venice and Cyprus, a participant is not expected to strictly follow the below list.

1. **1472 November**: Caterina Cornaro aged 18 sets sail from Venice to Cyprus to be married to the King of Cyprus, leaving her family and way of life for a foreign land.

   ![Image of Caterina Cornaro's wedding](image1)

2. **1472**: Caterina Cornaro’s wedding to Jacob II “the bastard”, King of Cyprus in Famagusta. A royal wedding.

   ![Image of Caterina Cornaro's wedding](image2)
3. **1473**: Suspicious death of Jacob II (possibly at the hands of Venetian agents) and mourning of the pregnant Caterina Cornaro who now acts as Regent

4. La Reine de Chypre (the Queen of Cyprus). An opera

5. **1474 August**: Suspicious death of Jacob III, still a baby, son of Caterina Cornaro who now becomes Queen of Cyprus, devastated by her loss

6. **1474 – 1489**: Life of Cypriots during the reign of Queen Caterina Cornaro. A queen adored by the people of Cyprus for her caring and affection to them

7. **1474 – 1489**: The royal court during the reign of Caterina Cornaro

8. **1474 – 1489**: A day in the life of the Queen of Cyprus, Caterina Cornaro. State matters / entertainment / royal visits
9. **1474 – 1489**: Venetian merchants and commerce between Cyprus and Venice. How were products harvested and exported to Venice / shipping routes

10. **1489**: Caterina Cornaro is forced to hand over the crown of Cyprus to the Venetian Republic

11. **1489**: Departure of Caterina Cornaro from Cyprus at the great dismay of her people

12. **1489**: Caterina Cornaro received by the Doge on her arrival in Venice

13. **1489 – 1570**: Cyprus a Venetian island. Life and days of medieval Cyprus under Venetian rule

14. **1489 – 1570**: Hawk hunting and other sports in medieval Cyprus under Venetian rule
15. 1489 – 1570: The Venetian watermill in the village of Kalopanagiotis. Operation of the watermill/construction of the watermill

16. 1489 – 1570: Construction of a Venetian bridge in Cyprus

17. 1489 – 1570: A Venetian villa in Cyprus, an animated reconstruction/life at the villa/interior of the villa

18. 1489 – 1570: Life of luxury around the harbour of Famagusta, one of the richest towns of the Mediterranean

19. 1489 – 1570: Fashion and dress in Venetian Cyprus

20. 1489 – 1570: Carnival celebrations in Venetian Cyprus

21. 1550 – 1570: Construction of the fortifications of the coastal town of Famagusta

22. 1567: Giulio Savorgnan and Francesco Barbaro design the new walls of Nicosia. Their plan requires for the destruction of a large number of buildings falling outside the new perimeter
23. **1567 – 1570**: Construction of the new walls of Nicosia. Hard labour for the Cypriot workers

24. The Tragedy of Othello, the Moor of Venice – Shakespeare

25. **1570 June**: Landing of the Ottoman army in Cyprus under Lala Mustapha Pasha

26. **1570 August**: Siege of Nicosia: general or from the point of view of the Venetians or the point of view of the Ottomans
27. **1570 September**: Fall of Venetian Nicosia to the Ottoman army

28. **1570 September**: The Latin Cathedral of St. Sophia becomes a mosque. The first adhan/azan haunts a ravaged city of Nicosia

29. **1571**: Marco Antonio Bragadin the defender of Famagusta. The Ottoman siege

30. **1571 – 2021**: Story of the coin of Marco Antonio Bragadin: how a coin made in Famagusta during the Ottoman siege found itself in the contemporary museum of the CVAR

31. **1571**: Fall of Famagusta to the Ottoman army

32. **1571**: Maria Synglitiki – a young woman who chose death to slavery

33. **1571**: The end of Venetian Cyprus, now an Ottoman island

34. **1571**: The Lion of St Mark is replaced by an Ottoman cannon ball on the Venetian Column in Nicosia

35. **1901**: A sad ending for the last Lusignan/Venetian Palace in Nicosia. Demolished by the British forces