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Hello, this is Renée and Zoé-Alysha. Today it was a foggy and rainy day. But we started early in the morning: As always, we had cornflakes for breakfast, which were pretty good. We walked excitedly to the bus station, because today we were going to Dartmoor. All collected on the bus, we went by bus for 1 hour. Rainy weather awaited us, but plans are plans and our guides joined us on the bus for a short ride to a small village - Widecombe. The first thing you saw was an outstanding church. It was also beautifully decorated and religiously adorned on the inside. Our tour started with a short walk through the village and the fields. We saw green meadows, small churches, cows, horses and sheep. Everyone was excited, including us. The tour guide Simon also told us a little legend of Dartmoor. But we won't tell you about it until the very end. A great walk, we laughed with friends, shared stories, heard the history of Dartmoor and took lots of pictures. But we were all hungry for lunch. Back at the coach station we ate sandwiches but didn't have much time for that. At least not for Zoé and other classmates. Despite the weather, 25 brave students started off for a 30-minute hike on the moor to Haytor. It was extremely windy and cold, the rain paled our backs. We climbed rocks and got very wet. Do you know the famous Dartmoor ponies? Suddenly a herd of ca. 12 animals emerged from the fog with their very frisky lead stallion. Our guide told us to be absolutely quiet. It was a magic moment. Wet and exhausted we went to a small village called Totnes and had a good time there and drank coffee.

An now the promised legend:

A bad devil went to the church. Next to him he saw a man who wasn't paying attention and was playing cards. The devil got angry and caused a storm. Many people died and he threw this man with the cards into the moor and from the cards: diamonds, hearts, spades, clubs emerged fields in these shapes.

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images of Widecombe

on Dartmoor

Totnes