The Origins of Dracula:

One of the most memorable characters in English Literature originated in the Late Middle Ages. Vlad III Dracula (1431-1476) was a fifteenth-century prince of Walachia, a region in present-day Romania. Famous for his brutal treatment of his enemies, Vlad earned himself the nickname “Vlad the Impaler” because he liked to impale his foes.

In his 1897 novel *Dracula*, the Irish author Bram Stoker immortalized Vlad as a blood-sucking monster who, while still human, had brutally murdered thousands of his subjects.

