



Sang Nila Utama was a prince of Sumatra, who wanted to find a suitable place for a new city. While hunting, he spotted a deer and started chasing it. He came to a large rock overlooking the sea and an island. It was the island of Temasek.

When he set sail to visit Temasek, a storm blew up and the ship began to sink. Sang Nila Utama threw his heavy crown overboard and the sea became calm, allowing him to reach Temasek safely.

He saw an animal with a red body, black head and a white breast which was probably a lion. He then renamed the island 'Singapura' (Singa means lion and Pura means city) and ruled over it from 1299 to 1347 AD.

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