



Cooltour through Mińsk Mazowiecki

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TAKE A WALK ALONG THE STREETS OF MIŃSK MAZOWIECKI

On a cooltural route you can discover the history of people and places important to our town. For visiting indicated places and giving correct answers for the questions you can gain virtual ducats, which can be exchanged for actual prize later on. You can start the walk at any desired point of the route.

A printed version of the game is available on our website:

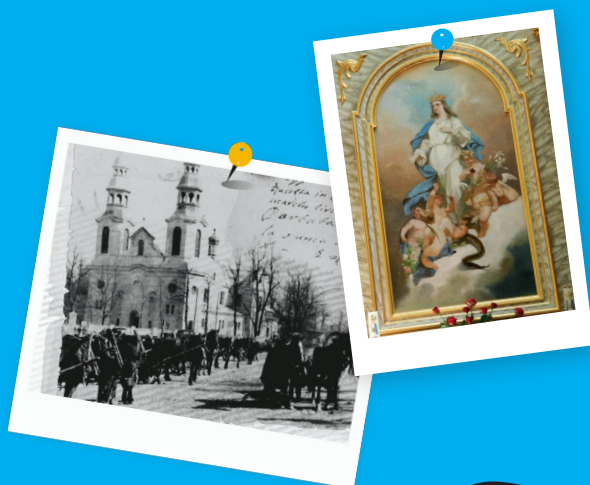
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Start
the game!



1.

Our city developed around this very Square. 600 years ago it was a place of trade fairs and important municipal ceremonies. The Square has preserved its original shape with streets leading out from all corners. Here you can feel like a former inhabitant of Mińsk. Check yourself how it felt to walk on so-called cobble stones.



QUESTIONS / TASKS

- A What does the monument with an eagle on the top commemorate?
- B On the other side of Warszawska street you can visit the Church under the invocation of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Its history dates back to the beginning of XVth century, when a knight Janusz from Gościącazyce of crest Prus III undertook initiatives to establish the town and a parish (Mińsk received city rights on 29th May 1421, the church was established in 1422). The existing building dates back to the XVIIIth century. Believers hold a special honor to the image of Angelic Virgin Mary also called Virgin Mary of Mińsk or Haller's Lady, painted on canvas by Jan Czesław Moniuszko, the son of Stanisław Moniuszko.
- C What architectural style is represented by the Church mentioned above? What are the main characteristics of that style?

YOUR ANSWERS

A

C



2.

Modern building of the library is visited by 15,5 thousand readers each year. You can borrow the latest books here, study in the privacy of the reading room, flip through the press with a cup of coffee, play board games in the playroom or listen to vinyl records. Linguistic bath is provided by Aquarium. Children like the meetings with books here so much that they do not want to leave the Children's Department.



QUESTIONS / TASKS

- A Check whose stars are inbuilt in the pavement in front of the building?
- B Take a picture with panda, the symbol of our library, because everybody here is trying to rescue endangered species.. of readers and libraries.
- C In front of the library you can see classicistic building of a former District Office. Can you find the Elevation Spot there?
- D What kind of stone flew in from the Museum of Alexandrian Library in Egypt? Have a look at the whole collection of Stones!

YOUR ANSWERS

A

C

D



3.

Our city has always been a cultural melting pot. The largest group of inhabitants, apart from Poles, were the Jews, they represented 40 % of the population. Jews had an important contribution to the development and culture of the town. After the war, among the very few people who came back was Roma Byczuk. You are standing now in front of her house. It is a place where her father Szoel Holcband had a warehouse of beer Brewery of Haberbusch and Schiel as well as other drinks. In 2007 on the Old Market Square in Mińsk Mazowiecki a monument commemorating victims of extermination was erected. Another living Memorial is the Jewish Cemetery. If you want to know more about Jewish community see the website: www.facebook.com/relacjepodajdalej



QUESTIONS / TASKS

- A What is the number of Roma Byczuk's house?
- B Can you name some symbols and terms connected with Jewish culture?

YOUR ANSWERS

A

B



4.

At the beginning of 1920s Mińsk was the only city in the district which had a Cinema. In 1919 it was called "Iluzjon", later it changed hands and its name for "Polonia" and after that it was named "Apollo". A pianist Jadwiga Żaboklicka worked there- she was so called TAPER- she used to make background music to displayed scenes. In 1929 fire department established the Cinema "Strażak". Film screenings there were free of charge, as well as shows to celebrate some important events and readings. After the war there was also a cinema "Bałtyk" in front of which you are standing now. In the 1960s, film screenings, meetings with critics and lottery of stills took place there. In the second half of 1940s that building was a place of show trials which victims were the soldiers of Polish Underground. It was a method of public accusations of whole social and political group by making public processes excluding the forms of the rule of law of country and criminal procedures. A court hearing with the participation of defendants in the show trials became propagandist attacks on social group that was deemed hostile towards the country.



2.

Once you cover all ten points of the route and mark correct answers come with the completed flyer to either The Museum of Mińsk Region-7th Lublin Uhlan Regiment Museum Division, Public Library or the City Hall and pick up a prize.

QUESTIONS / TASKS

- A Do you know the name of the Cinema in our town now?
- B Ask your parents or grandparents if they remember what movies they saw in the „Bałtyk” cinema

YOUR ANSWERS

A

B



5.

„The Factory of Machines and Iron Castings K. Rudzki and Partnership” operated in the city at the beginning of XX century. It produced bridges, turbines, water pipes and artillery shells. The founder of the factory was Konstanty Rudzki- an engineer and industrialist, philanthropist. A primary school for young workers, library and Cinema were built next to the factory. During the Second World War it was a place of a labour camp. In 1944 Germans demolished the factory. After the Second World War it was rationalized. Now it is the Factory of Lifting Equipment which exported lifts for many ports all around the world. It was the Rudzki Factory which introduced welding in the construction of bridges and steel design for the first time. Also the first in the world welded bridge on the Stodwa river near Łowicz, Chabarovski Bridge from 1969, which was the longest bridge in Europe at that time, was built there.





TOURIST INFORMATION POINT



THE TOWN HALL OF MINSK MAZOWIECKI

KONSTYTUCJI 3 MAJA 1
05-300 MINSK MAZOWIECKI

CITY HOUSE OF CULTURE

WARSZAWSKA STREET 173
05-300 MINSK MAZOWIECKI

CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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05-300 MINSK MAZOWIECKI

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QUESTIONS / TASKS

- A What are these buildings called? Their steel constructions were made in Rudzki Factory.
- B Imagine that you are a big locomotive running on tracks, it is really noisy

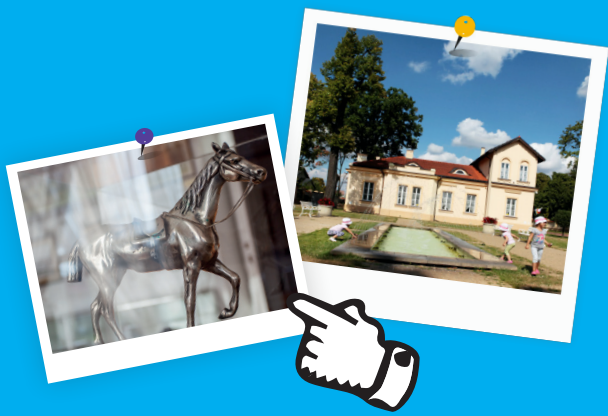
Think and
answer

YOUR ANSWERS

- A _____

6.

This beautiful garden is a place where dr Jan Hubert's villa is located. It is a museum of 7th Lublin Uhlan Regiment that resided in our town. Come inside and check what kind of weapon they used, what type of clothes they would wear and what the office of their commander looked like. Do you know that stables of 7th Lublin Uhlan Regiment took care of Marshal Józef Piłsudski's favourite horse? Kasztanka was buried in the area of barracks (now it is Special Forces of Military Police with their Training Center)



QUESTIONS / TASKS

- A Do you know what Piłsudski's favourite dog was called? a) Pies b) Kasztanek c) Burek
- B What character was dr Hubert a prototype in „Homeless people” by Stefan Żeromski? The writer was a relative to doctor's wife and was a frequent guest at their villa.
- C Find a stone of memory inbuilt in the pavement in front of the Museum's gate.

YOUR ANSWERS

- A _____
- B _____

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High School of Polska Macierz Szkolna commonly called Macierzanka is the oldest school in our town. In 1916 it was a 4-year School for Men, in 1929 it was combined with female middle school- Siedmioklasowa Pensja Żeńska Marii Grochowskiej (from 1910).

Many actors, journalists and writers graduated from that school. For example: Jerzy Duszyński considered the first beau of Polish post-war Cinema, Krystyna Guciewicz- a poet and journalist, the author of Poetic Emergency Rooms in the National Theater, Małgorzata Gutowska-Adamczyk- writer and the author of bestselling saga "Cukiernia pod Amorem", Tomasz Karolak- an actor who played in movies "Testosteron", "39 i pół", "Listy do M.", "Rozdzinka.pl"



QUESTIONS / TASKS

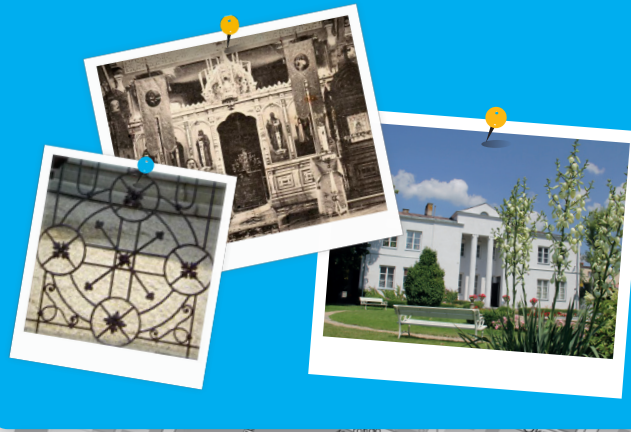
- A What road leads to this school?
- B Macierzanka is:
a) the name of a plant used in herbal medicine
b) the name of the first principal of the school

YOUR ANSWERS

- A _____
- C _____

8.

The property belonged to Pelagia Józefa Gebriela Maria from Dernałowicz zubiński. Now it is a Museum of Mińsk Land with collections related to history of the town and region, photos, memories, documents and maps. Genealogical tree of the Mińscy family, history of the town in pieces of art and history of volunteer department are the permanent elements of an exhibition there. You can also find there reconstructed prewar teacher's flat and watchmaking workshop. The Palace of Zubińska was the main scene of action of the novel "Niebieskie nitki" by Małgorzata Gutowska-Adamczyk.



QUESTIONS / TASKS

- A Do you know what the surname of watchmakers' family was?
- B Find a piece of the fence presented in the photo- it is a gate preserved from the fence of the Orthodox church of Our Lady of Protection located in our town at Okrzei and Kościuszki Streets. It was constructed in 1904 for 50 thousand rubels paid to Russian regiment. It was demolished in 1936. On 22 nd January 2018 a new orthodox parish was erected in our town.

YOUR ANSWERS

- A _____

9.

In 1912 Championship of Cycling of Polish Kingdom took place. The distance was about 107 km. The resident of Mińsk-Feliks Rawski won the competition covering that distance within 3 hours and 26 minutes. For the last few years the citizens of our town have seen a competition of cyclists in Memorial of Feliks Rawski. They can also take part in a competition of riding on 10 meters long rail- Feliks Rawski rode by bike 60 meters on a rail to win a bet with his friends.



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QUESTIONS / TASKS

- A In order to accomplish a part of Memorial Rawski route go to the Haller Roundabout and solve the puzzle: This is what „Rolnik” looked like- the first shopping centre in Mińsk Mazowiecki - Agricultural Trading House at the very beginning was a shop with agricultural machines and tools. In the course of time it became a trade centre where you could buy everything: musical instruments, shoes, toys, cosmetics, accessories to the first computers. The building was demolished in 2000.
- B What building is there now in the place of „Rolnik”? Take a photo.

YOUR ANSWERS

- B _____

10.

The beginnings of history of the palace date back to 16th century. The last owner of the palace was the Dernałowicz family. Now it is the Cultural Center. You can find there many cultural and tourist attractions. A lot of parties for children, concerts and festivals take place there. Visit a stylish room of the Dernałowicz family, see the machine on which Jan Himilbach was creating his stories, find out what kind of perfumes the author of Piwnica pod Baranami - Piotr Skrzynecki - was using.



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QUESTIONS / TASKS

- A What talents did Józefa Doria -Dernałowicz have?
- B There is one more monument in the park. It is a wooden house, the main office of the Third Age University in Mińsk Mazowiecki and Musical Society. Do you know what it is called by the residents of our town?
- C There is a legend connected with the palace about a secret underground passage. Where could it lead to?

YOUR ANSWERS

- A _____
- B _____
- C _____

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