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Zespół Erasmus+ w Zespole Szkół Ogólnokształcących i Zawodowych im. Jana Pawła II w Gromniku

Quest on the tracks of history

Place: Tarnów- knightly town on the junction of two trade routes: Hungarian and Ruthenian, one of the most beautiful towns of the renaissance period, the Tarnowski family ancestral home, the first independent hometown of the hetman Tarnowski, the town of Józef Bem, rev. Michał Heller, Wilhelm Sasnal; the residence of company Tarnowskie Azoty.

Subject area: short history of the town

How to look for the treasure ?: You must find the hidden letters

Time: 90 – 120 minutes

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The beginning of our expedition takes place next to the monument of the king Władysław Łokietek [19]. That was his privilege, given to Spytko from Melsztyn in 1330, which gave birth to the town. The sixth letter of the king's surname (or an alias) is the eleventh letter of our password.

From that monument we are going eastward along Wałowa Street. We are passing by the old Savings and Loan building, in front of which four Polish poets are sitting on a bench. Nearby, on the background of the Katyń Victims Square with the tomb of The Unknown Soldier in the centre, there is a replica of the tram stop [15]. It's worth taking a while to learn about the history of trams in Tarnów.

Maybe you will need this knowledge later/in the future :)

Still going along Wałowa Street eastwards, we're coming to its junction with Goldhammera and Rybna Streets. This is a symbolic border between Christian, up till now, and Jewish part of the town. Cultural and spiritual dualism of pre-war Tarnów is found in the person of a poet and a playwright, whose statue is sustained by the quoin of the building no. 29.

From here, across the Ghetto Heros Square, we are going to the mikvah, the old ritual bath. This is a building, where the first transport of prisoners to KL Auschwitz set off on 14th June 1941. The monument opposite the bath was built to their memory. You must find a surname of the architect who designed that building. The third letter of his surname is our seventh letter in the password.

Going back to Wałowa Street we are going straight to the monument of Gen. Józef Bem. This tireless soldier, Polish and Hungarian national hero, was born in Tarnów. His ashes rested in this place, too. They were buried in the mausoleum in the Strzelecki Park. You must try to guess, looking at the board standing next to that place, which word in Hungarian language means "monument". The last letter of that word is our number two.

Let's go on, to the right along the fragment of the rampart. The passage in it is at the same time the entrance to the square, where the synagogue stood in the past. In the middle of the square there is Bimah [6], the last part of Tarnów temple, which has remained till now. The writing on the board explains its use. There is also information about some book. Its second letter is our eighth.



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Now, we have to leave the square going through the metal gate, down Żydowska Street, then turn right next to the Florentine House [5]. Going straight, you will pass the Pilzneńska Gate on the left. It's the historic location of one of the town gates. But we are going straight through the narrow aisle between the buildings. This is Zakątna Street. Just before going down to Bernardyńska Street, where the Small Stairs leads, there is an oak. In front of that tree you will see the board with the acronym (abbreviation). The letter in the middle of that acronym is our third letter in the password.

We are going on, down the stairs, across the street, which got its name from the monastery located on that street [11]. Leaving the monastery on the left side, we are going down Franciszkańska Street, through the passage and after the Lovers' Bridge we are going to the promenade along the creek. The first letter of the creek's name is our sixth.

Going back to the street level, slightly before the second bridge, we are just opposite the wooden church, whose beginnings date back to 15th century. Inside the church you may see a painting of the Holy Mother, famous for her graces.

Now, we have to go back to the city centre. When we pass the market square, a famous "Burek", we must turn left. Currently the square has the name of Gen. Bem. Here, in the building number 8 the future hero was born [16]. But let's go further westwards along Bema Street to Urszulańska Street, which will lead us to Krakowska Street. There we must turn left and go down to Petofi's Square. The fourth letter of his military role at the side of Gen. Bem is our number nine. Behind the Seklerska Gate you will find two wooden sculptures, one of them is sacred to the honourable citizen of Tarnów. His name's first letter is our number four.

Now let's go back to the Old Town, up the Krakowska Street. On the right you'll see the Museum of Ethnography with the first permanent Romany exhibition in Europe. Going up towards the cathedral [1], we are passing by the replica of a tram. Trams like this one were running in Tarnów in the past. They were called "Ladybird". You must find out how to say "ladybird" in Polish and the seventh letter in that Polish word is our tenth letter in the password.

Now we should enter the cathedral but we must remember, that there is timeless adoration inside. On the right from the enter we will see a tomb monument of the duke Sanguszko. His first name's last letter is our last letter in the password, as well. Going to the north aisle you should pay attention to the tomb monuments of the Tarnowski and Ostrogski families behind the altar. They are ones of the biggest and most beautiful in Poland. The most interesting for us is the monument of the Three Johns in the west side of the north aisle. The first letter from the town's name written there is our number one.

The last place we must see is a town square and a town hall in the middle of it [2]. At the very top, at the spike of the town hall you will see a coat of arms of the Sanguszko Dukes. The second letter in the name of that coat of arms is our number five. Remember, you must find out a Polish name for it.

Have a nice trip ☺

[...] numbers of the places at the map of the Old Town

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