

NAETINEM, Erasmus+ Project

Educational Activity
Toolkit for secondary school teachers



Name of activity:	National Identity and the Slovak Paradise region in Slovakia
Educational objective:	Acquainting the students with the Slovak Paradise region in Slovakia
Qualities in focus:	National identity and culture
Target group, age of the students:	14–15 years of age
Suitable for:	National History ,Geography and Civics
Teaching aids, preparation:	Pictures, videos, cultural sources
Time needed:	1 unit (45 minutes)
Description of activity:	<p>At the beginning of the lesson, we will briefly inform about the Slovak Paradise Region in Slovakia. The Slovak Paradise (Slovensky raj) features lively forests, wide meadows and plateaus, chasms, canyons, gorges, underground caves (as many as 350!) and garrulous waterfalls. This very popular north eastern region is a gem amongst Slovak National parks. There are 300 km of marked trails stretching through this enchanting paradise. Even if it might look so, most walking trails are not that challenging, elevation is not particularly high, but the walk still feels like an adventure. Crossing ravines is like an obstacle course full of wooden or metal ladders, bridges, creepers and chains. It's a highly addictive attraction! Most popular nature trails and tourists' points are called Prielom Hornadu (river Hodnad is responsible for creating a beautiful canyon), Tomasovsky view, Klasterisko with ruins of Carthusian monastery, Kysel, Sokolia dolina, Velky and Maly, Piecky and Sucha Bela. Visiting Slovak Paradise, even for couple hours will replenish all your inner forces. Narrow, almost touching chasms... diversity of fauna and flora... rich karstic forms, they all are a part of a sensational aesthetical natural experience. From the point of view of natural heritage, we will highlight how the Slovak Paradise mountain were formed. We will outline their connection with the Slovak culture and identity of the Slovak nation. We can present natural heritage on the attached videos and pictorial materials. The lecture will be conducted in English and we assume that the topic is appropriately designed for students who speak English. We can also provide a Slovak version of the text for Slovak language holders. We can encourage students to talk about Slovak national identity and the Slovak Paradise mountain.</p> <p>The last part of unit represents a feedback test, which determines the level of acquired knowledge.</p>

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Own reflections:	<p>At the beginning of the lesson, we will briefly explain the roles of natural heritage the Slovak Paradise in general and the impact on the national identity of the individual nations that live in each current state. From the point of view of history, we will highlight how the Slovak Paradise mountains in Slovakia were formed and created. We will outline their connection with the Slovak culture and identity of the Slovak nation. We can present the Slovak Paradise mountains on the attached videos and pictorial materials. The lecture will be conducted in English and we assume that the topic is appropriately designed for students who speak English. We can also provide a Slovak version of the text for Slovak language holders. We can encourage students to talk about Slovak national identity and the High Tatras mountains.</p>		
Enclosures:	<p>Presentation (.ppt), pictures (.jpg) https://www.slovakia.com/national-parks/slovak-paradise/</p>		