

SKYPE MEETING “MY TOWN” 30TH OCTOBER 2018

Gerakina

traditional song and story about a local girl called Gerakina who was in love and accidentally fell into a well and died

Enjoy the song and dramatization:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=yBuNkpd7JNl

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=We10utlx8AA> (0:48'-3:00')



10 facts about our town

This is our town Serres, a town of 80,000 people, in the North of Greece.



Serres, ancient Siris, has a history of 2,500 years old and monuments from Neolithic, Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman periods. Enjoy a tour of our town here!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2chgd_Aflzo

Serres is built in a large plain near river Strymonas and lake Kerkini, next to a mountain.



The symbols of our town are Strimon River and The Lion of Amphipolis.

Serres has been burnt down by fire five times the last 200 years.



This is a photo of our town in 1914 after the last and greatest fire of 1913. The town was burnt down by the Bulgarians one day before they had to deliver Serres as a free town to the Greek army.

Serres is free for the last 100 years.

Now there are beautiful old buildings, called neoclassical ...



and modern buildings like these.



We walked in the town, visited important buildings, interviewed people, took photos and drew buildings



Interviewing the Mayor Mr. Petros Aggelidis in the Town Hall



Our notes after our walk in the town:

POSITIVE: Our town has got friendly, cheerful people. The town centre is beautiful with streets to walk, ride a bike, many shops, green trees and parks. There are lanes for the blind and facilities for the disabled.



NEGATIVE: But we want our town to be cleaner, have more playgrounds for children, new streets without bumps, fewer stray dogs and cats, less traffic, more free parkings and drivers who respect the road safety rules.

In Serres you can eat gyros and souvlaki and sweet bougatsa and akanes.



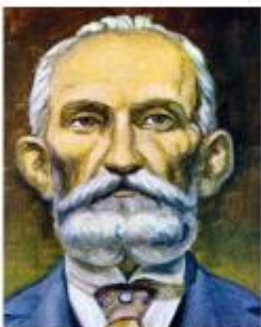
These are four famous active citizens who lived in Serres:

Emmanouel Pappas gave his **fortune and life** fighting for the **freedom** of his homeland from the Turks (the statue on the right)

Grigorios Rakitzis offered all his **fortune** to **build schools, hospitals, orphanage and churches** and offered work to many poor people of the town (left)

Leonidas Papapavlou offered a lot for the **education** in the town and **his life in the fight for freedom** from the Bulgarians (middle up)

Kostantinos Karamanlis, member of Parliament, **Prime Minister and President of the Greek Democracy** believed in **Democratic values and in the European future of Greece.** (down)



Our community has thanked them for their offer by naming streets, squares and public buildings after them and by putting their statues in central spots so that the youngest remember and honour.

SPECIAL ANIMALS IN OUR AREA

In Kerkini wetland there are buffaloes, pelicans, storks and flamingos and a farm with ostriches near the town.



AFTER THE SKYPE MEETING WE PRESENTED OUR WORK IN THE SCHOOL CORRIDOR

