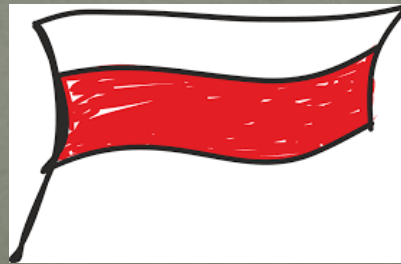


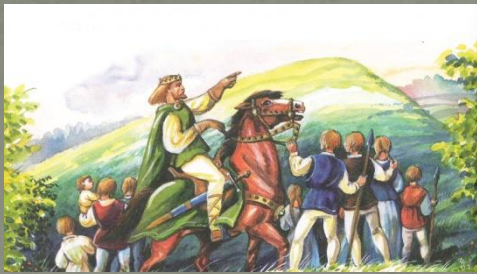
Poland
Our origin



A legend about Lech, Czech and Rus and the origin of the Polish emblem.



Over a thousand years ago, there were three Slav brothers (Lech, Czech and Rus) wandering with their tribes.



One day, a beautiful sight appeared before their eyes: on a hill there stood a huge oak tree with a nest between its branches.

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Lech was amazed by the view and considered it as a sign from the gods for him and his people to settle there.



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They chose the white eagle
with its wings spread wide
against the sunset sky
for their emblem.

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Soon they built a town
which they called Gniezno
(a “nest” in the Slavic
language).

The town became
the capital of their nation
and the first capital of
Poland.

The legend about the Wawel dragon



In a cave at the bottom of Wawel Hill there once lived a terrible fire-belching dragon. This dragon roamed around the countryside and did whatever he wanted to.

The legend about the Wawel dragon



He ate sheep and cattle
and scared the farmers.

The legend about the Wawel dragon



Many brave knights tried to kill the monster but they failed.

He blew fire on them and they were burned to death.

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Krak (a shoemaker's apprentice) cut a sheep open, stuffed it with powdered sulphur and then sewed the sheep up. He put the sheep by the dragon's cave and waited behind a rock for the dragon to come out.

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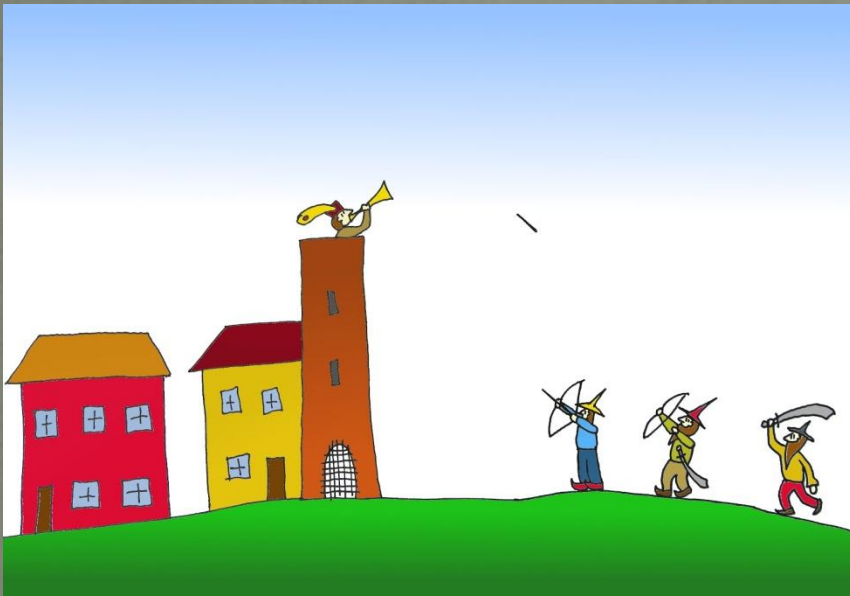


After eating the sheep filled with sulphur, the dragon started burning inside.

He started drinking water but eventually he exploded.

Krak married the princess and founded Kraków (Cracow).

The anthem of Cracow (hejnał)



During the Mongol invasion in 1241

a trumpeter was playing the city's anthem

which was supposed to warn the inhabitants of Cracow.

Just then he was shot in his throat.

The anthem of Cracow (Hejnał)



As a result, he could not complete the anthem, and this is the legendary reason as to why performances end abruptly before completion.

The name Warszawa is a combination of two names: Wars and Sawa.



Wars and Sawa used to live beside the beautiful Vistula River.

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They gave a warm welcome to a prince who had been wandering lost in the area.

To thank them, he decided to call the place where they lived Warszawa.

The capital of Poland is guarded by a mermaid.



St Kinga and the salt mine in Wieliczka



Kinga, a Hungarian princess married a Polish Duke.

In Hungary she threw her engagement ring into a salt mine.

St Kinga and the salt mine in Wieliczka



In Poland she showed a place where to dig. Her ring and large amounts of salt were found there.



Salt mine in Wieliczka

How true...

When the legends die,
the dreams end;
there is no more greatness.

Tecumseh

Thank you for your attention