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**Discover the secrets of the Cathedral Square**

In groups of 4 or 5 (two or three Italians, one German, one Spanish)  
carry out the following activities:

1. Look for a university student or a tourist group and ask him/her/them if he/she/they is/are planning to climb the tower during his/her university studies or their visit. Grab a short video where he/she/they will give you his/her/their answers also about the history of the tower:

- **In which year** was the first stone of the Leaning Tower building placed during the day of the Assumption? **9th august 1173? 1373? 1573?**
- **Who was the last architect** to finish the construction of the Leaning tower and when? **Giovanni di Simone in the XIII century or Tommaso Pisano in the XIV century?**
- **Why did the tower begin to lean during its construction?** because of the soil characteristics or because of its weight? or was it for other reasons?

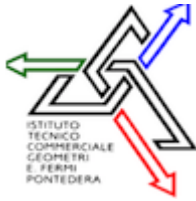
2. As you probably know, Italians tend to be superstitious. **Look for the small lizard** which, according to tradition, **is said to bring good fortune to anyone who touches it.** Please, don't touch it, but just take a photo of it..... look for it in front of the Madonna del Battistero and answer this question: **Does the façade of the cathedral have the same characteristics as the exterior of the Baptistery? Which?** Look at the arches, windows, loggias, portals etc.

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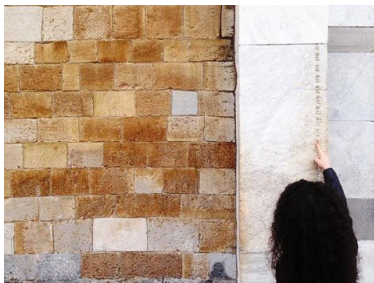
3. **Interview one of the Italian students in your group** and ask him/her about the **“tradition of the 100 days”**. Grab a video of his/her answer

4. **Take a photo with a tourist who is trying to hold the tower!**

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5. As you probably know, **the devil left footprints** in many places in Tuscany, including on the **north walls of the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta**. Look for his nail prints and grab a video where one of the people in your group tries to count the devil's nails using different languages (for instance: eins, dos, tre, four, cinque, sechs etc.)



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