

LITHUANI

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# WHERE IS LITHUANIA?

- LITHUANIA IS IN NORTHERN EUROPE, SURROUNDED BY LATVIA TO THE NORTH, BELARUS TO THE EAST, POLAND TO THE SOUTHWEST, AND KALINIGRAD TO THE WEST
- LITHUANIA HAS MOSTLY LOWLAND WITH SMALL LAKES, CAUSING FERTILE SOIL
- THE CENTER PLAINS ARE SURROUNDED BY HILLY UPLANDS, THAT WERE CREATED FROM ANCIENT GLACIAL DEPOSITS
- AROUND 30% OF LITHUANIA IS FORESTS
- LITHUANIA'S HILLS DON'T REACH VERY HIGH WITH THE HIGHEST ONE BEING AUKSTOJAS HILL, AT 294 METERS



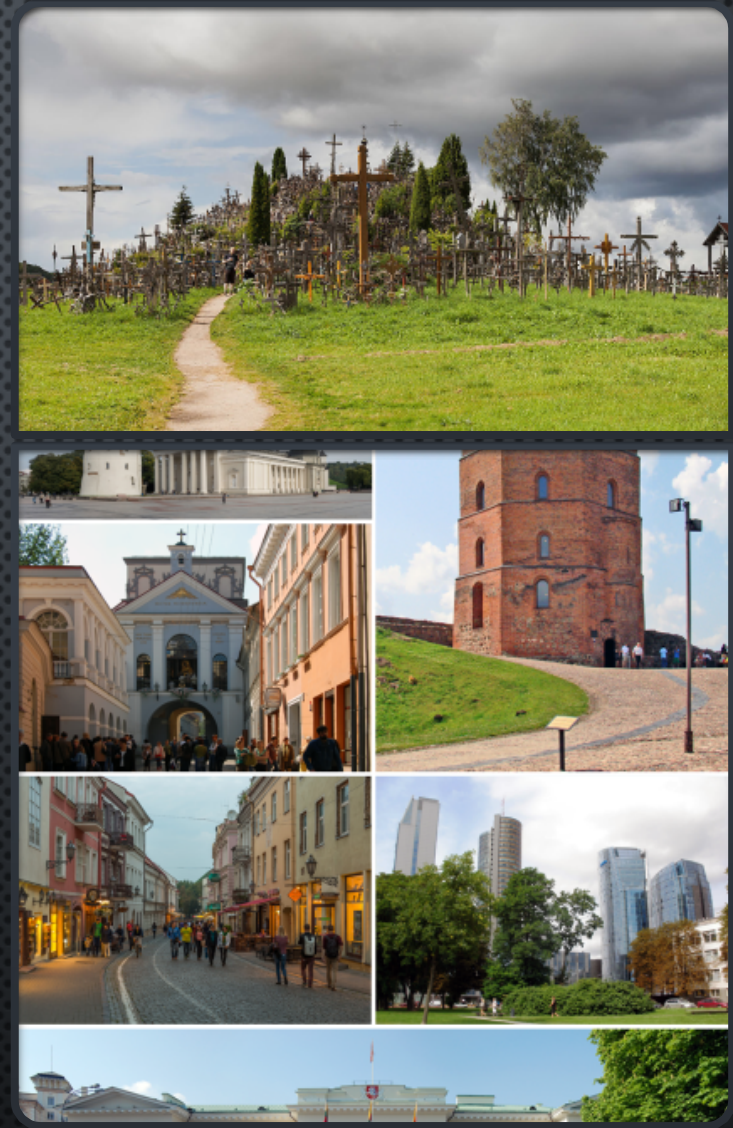
# LITHUANIAS INTERESTING HISTORICAL FACTS

- LITHUANIA WAS UNDER RUSSIAN RULE FROM THE LATE 18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY TO 1918 AT WHICH LITHUANIA DECLARES ITS INDEPENDENCE, AND LATER IN 1920 IS RECOGNIZED AS INDEPENDENT BY RUSSIA.
- IN 1940 THE SOVIET ARMY INVADED LITHUANIA, FORCING THE CURRENT PRESIDENT TO FLEE AND LITHUANIA BEING FORCED INTO A PART OF THE SOVIET UNION.
- IN 1941 NAZI GERMANY INVADES THE SOVIET UNION AND OCCUPIES LITHUANIA, BUT LATER IN 1944 THE SOVIET ARMY RETURNS TO REPRESS RESISTANCE.
- IN 1989 PARLIAMENT APPROVES A DECLARATION STATING THAT LITHUANIAN LAWS WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER SOVIET ONES, AND LATER ARE RECONCILED AS INDEPENDENT BY THE SOVIET UNION.
- IN 2004 LITHUANIA JOINS THE EU AND NATO.



# LITHUANIAN CULTURE

- LITHUANIANS SPEAK OFFICIALLY LITHUANIAN, BUT ALSO SPEAK A VARIETY OF LANGUAGES
- LITHUANIA HAS MANY RELIGION WITH THE PRIMARY ONE BEING ROMAN CATHOLIC
- LITHUANIA CELEBRATES MANY OF THERE OWN CULTURAL HOLIDAYS SUCH AS SAINT CASIMIR'S DAY WHICH CELEBRATES THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF SAINT CASIMIR'S DEATH, WHO WAS THE PATRON SAINT OF LITHUANIA.
- THE MOST CULTURAL PLACE IN LITHUANIA WOULD BE VILNIUS THE CAPITAL OF LITHUANIA, WHERE ALL CULTURAL PARTS OF LITHUANIA RESIDE.
- RELIGION IS VERY IMPORTANT TO LITHUANIANS AND A SITE OF THAT WOULD BE THE HILL OF CROSSES A VERY SIGNIFICANT RELIGIOUS HILL WITH MANY CROSSES SET UP.



# MY FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT LITHUANIA

- I FIND IT REALLY COOL THAT BIKING AROUND IS VERY POPULAR INSTEAD OF USING CARS, AND BUSES ARE ALSO POPULAR
- I LIKE THE COOL CASTLES AND MONUMENTS THAT LITHUANIA HAS MANY OF SCATTERING IT HILLS AND PLAINS LIKE THE WITCH HILL THAT HAS MANY STATUES THAT DEPICT FANTASIES AND FAIRY TALES.
- LITHUANIA IS PERFECT FOR THOSE WHO LOVE NATURE AS IT HAS DENSE FORESTS AND LAKES GLEAMING BLUE, AND LITHUANIANS DO A GOOD JOB AT PRESERVE THE WILDLIFE AS WELL.
- LITHUANIA USED TO BE A GIANT EUROPEAN COUNTRY STRETCHING FROM THE BALTIC TO BLACK SEA.
- THERE ARE 5 MAIN REGIONS OF LITHUANIA THAT ALL DO THINGS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENTLY TO ONE ANOTHER.



# HOW FISHERS JUNIOR HIGH BENEFIT FROM HAVING DIVERSITY

•WITHOUT DIVERSITY FJH WOULD BE BORING AND REPETITIVE, THERE WOULDN'T BE AS MUCH LIFE IN THE SCHOOL AS THERE IS TODAY. WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO EXPERIENCE OTHER CULTURES OR ACTIVELY LEARN WHEN HANGING OUT WITH OUR FRIENDS, AND LIFE WOULD BE DULL. HAVING DIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS ALLOWS THE STUDENTS TO GROW AS PEOPLE AND EXPERIENCE MORE OF WHAT LIFE HAS TO OFFER. DIVERSITY COULD MAKE A COMMUNITY LIKE OUR SCHOOL MORE ENJOYABLE, AND ALL AROUND BETTER. WITHOUT DIVERSITY FJH WOULDN'T BE THE SCHOOL THAT IT IS TODAY, NO SCHOOL WOULD BE AS IT IS, THAT'S WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO HAVE IT HERE.

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