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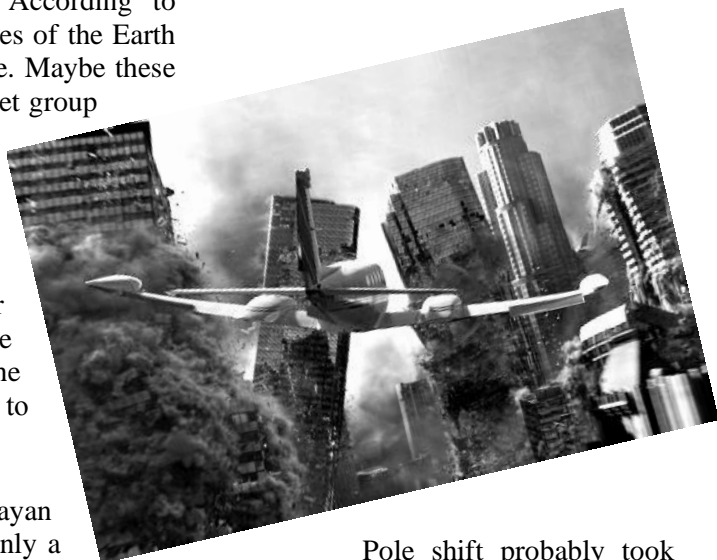
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# "End of the World?"

We know that on 21 December 2012 the Mayan Calendar ends. Some scientists think that it can't be the case. According to them, a change of poles of the Earth is planned on this date. Maybe these scientists are in a secret group with American leaders. They have probably done a lot of research about this event. However, this event is a mystery for the people all over the world because the leaders don't want to cause panic.

The Mayan Prediction says that only a few will be saved. Now, the question is – how to protect the Earth? The same sources claim that the survivors will be those who will take refuge in the high mountains. All the lowland will be flooded by water, and covered by glacier. The scientists predict that New York will also be covered with ice because of

the poles' change. But they are only silent guesses, not published in the world yet.



Pole shift probably took place 5200 years ago. However, we can't exclude the possibility that it can happen now. A disaster on 21.12.2012 is only a supposition, but we should change our life, care for the environment and stay with a lot of hope to save the world.

*Written in November  
by Ewelina Dzwonkowska III b*

# *The Best City to Study*

**Students are thinking about their future now. They may be wondering about choosing the best city to study in. Here are some well-known places in Poland which are worth considering.**

## Wroclaw

One of the oldest cities in Poland with longtime tradition. Wroclaw is the third largest educational centre of Poland with 30 colleges (e.g. Wroclaw Medical University or Wroclaw University). There are many places worth seeing and hundreds of places to have fun - 7 shopping centers, restaurants, cafés, cinemas and much more. Wroclaw is one of the four cities where matches of the 2012 UEFA European Football Championships in Poland and Ukraine will take place.

## Lodz

One of the largest industrial cities in Poland. There are lots of old factories which are often very neglected. On the other hand, some have been recently renovated and the best example may be Manufaktura - a big complex of buildings where you can find a shopping mall, the cinema and art galleries. The main attractions of Lodz are : Atlas Arena, Piotrkowska Street and National Film School. There are 28 universities in Lodz but the most popular ones are University of Lodz, Medical University of Lodz and National Film School in Lodz. This city has one of the best museums of modern art in Poland - Muzeum Sztuki (in Więckowskiego Street)- and many other kinds of museums. There are many different attractions such as cinemas, theaters and clubs.

## Poznan

Poznan is one of the most beautiful cities in Poland. Although it's a trading and industrial city, it has many places worth seeing. There are many historic buildings and sights. The Royal-Imperial Route in Poznan is one of the main attractions for tourists. Many important parts of the city lie exactly on this route. Poznan is also an educational centre where you can find Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan University of Medical Sciences and Poznan University of Technology.

## Czestochowa

Czestochowa is famous for Jasna Góra Monastery, which makes this city one of the most often visited places by pilgrims. There are many attractions for tourists like monuments, cathedrals or tourist tracks. You can visit a cinema or theatre there. Another attraction is the shopping center called "Jurassic Shopping Centre". Some of the universities are Technical University of Czestochowa or Polonia University.

*Written by Agata Zienkiewicz I b*

# Crazy Movie Night!

## *two points of view*

On 10 February in the MDK in Radomsko there was another "Crazy Movie Night". It was a nice end of winter holiday break. Film fans could watch three comedies and win tickets for the dance classes at the dance school - Viva La Salsa.

The films shown were:

-Integration Trip (Wyjazd integracyjny), directed by Przemysław Angerman

-The Extra Man ( Chłopak do towarzystwa), directed by Shari Springer Berman, Robert Pulcini

-New Year's Eve (Sylwester w Nowym Jorku), directed by Garry Marshall .

The event started at 8 p.m. and lasted until 2 a.m.

450 people came to the MDK ( almost all of them were teenagers). I think the night was a big success of the MDK staff. Films were very funny and interesting. The atmosphere was cool! The only drawback was the screen size - it was too narrow. I think that such events should be organised more often.

*Written by Monika Dygudaj II e*



On 10<sup>th</sup> February, we could be witnesses of an interesting event in MDK in Radomsko. This was "The Crazy Movie Night". This time, visitors could see "Integration Trip", "The Extra Man" and "New Year's Eve". The curious repertoire and cheap tickets ensured that so many people were there at 8 p.m.

The first film, "Integration trip" is about three guys and a beautiful woman. These people meet at the title integration trip which gets out of control. Not a bad comedy with very good Polish actors.

The second film, "The Extra Man", is about a young professor, Louis Ives, who is going to New York, where he rents a room from a writer Henry Harrison. Henry has very eccentric views about women. Luis soon finds a beauty editor who he falls in love with. The crazy roommate helps the young professor overcome shyness and get his dreamed woman.

The last film is, of course, about New Year's Eve in New York. It describes different moments of life of several people. Some of them are experiencing the first love and some of them are struggling with loneliness. On the last day of the year, the stories of these people intersperse. In this film, we can see great stars like Robert de Niro or Bon Jovi.

The guests could take part in the lottery and during the breaks, they could drink coffee or tea. The tickets cost only 15zl and I think it was the best spent money in my life.

*Written by Mikołaj Szyzka kl. I b*

# "Love is all we need"

Valentine's Day is a special day for everyone who has fallen in love. We can see red hearts, kisses and roses everywhere. It is a lovely day when we can feel loved.

Love is something very important. Everyone needs it for existence. It makes our life easier and better. If we have someone who loves us and we know that nothing is difficult for us. We need love for our happiness. Love is something unpaid which we can share with the another person.

I spent this weekend chatting. I was chatting with many guys, from many countries, like USA, England, Spain and Turkey. They were really different, had different cultures, religions and age. But they had one thing in common, they wanted to find real love. The best speaker was Kiko, from England. He was 19. He made me aware of something. Nowadays, people do not see the difference between real and physical love. They think, they can buy love. Young people sell their bodies, because they think that is love. But not. Love is not for sale. These people live in a world full of lies. Like Kiko said, " They just want to taste physical love. They don't know the taste of real love, they are poor. People want sex first but I think love is first. Sex comes after love".

I wish you love. Beautiful, true and sweet love. To everyone.

*JB*

# Dean Koontz, Stephen King's successor?

Many of us know who Stephen King is, but have you ever heard the name, Koontz?

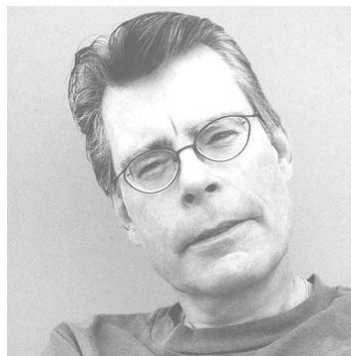
Dean Koontz, like King, is American. They specialize in horror novels.

First, I would like to present Stephen King. He was born in 1947 in Portland. In the past, he created his works under the pseudonym, Richard Bachman. Most readers associate the name with such novels as “The Shining”, “Salem”, “Firestarter”, or a great “Pet Sematary”. All of these stories have gone down to the classic of horror. It is worth noting that King has also written fantasy novels like “The Green Mile”. The main character is Paul Endecombe, a pensioner of old people's home and in the past he was a prison guard at Cold Mountain. His main task was to carry out executions of prisoners in the electric chair. He decides to write down his memories of his work in prison, and especially the moment when John Coffey arrives there. It's a powerful, black man accused of murdering two sisters in a brutal way. However, his temperament, sensitivity and his unique gift raises doubts in Paul and he decides to look into the matter before the worst happens ...

At first, Dean Koontz wrote science-fiction novels. However, after a while, he took up writing horrors and thrillers. Honestly, I would have never read his books if it hadn't been for my best friend, who recommended “the Apocalypse” to me. It was a great book so I decided to read more and more. The turning point in Koontz's career was the novel, “Whispers”. Many of his books are best-sellers. He wrote under many pseudonyms like, for example Leigh Nicholas, John Hill or Owen West. “Darkfall” and „Sole Survivor” are very interesting novels. In the latter, over three hundred people die in a plane crash, including Joe Carpenter's family. One day, at the cemetery, he meets a woman who says she has survived the crash .... he starts his own investigation to uncover the truth which brings quite an unexpected result.

In conclusion, Dean Koontz is a great writer mixing horror with fantasy. He sold more than over four hundred million copies of books. It is likely that his surname will be more popular than King's, but the time will show what happens...

*Written by Basia Strączyńska kl. I b*



## „The Age of Innocence”

„The Age Of Innocence” is the novel written by Edith Wharton. The story concerns love, sacrifice and relentless rules prevailing in the 19th century New York society. When I started reading this book, I wasn't very willing to read more, but I changed my mind as the main charatcer did.

The plot of the book focuses on the young man called Newland Archer. He is a well-born and well-behaved person who understands and observes the rules of New York society. When he becomes engaged to May Welland, he meets her cousin, Countess Ellen Olenska. Ellen shows him a different look on the world. He falls in love with her and changes his mind about life and the social code. He wants to live in his own way, away from principles and hypocrisy. However, life isn't so simple. Newland has to make choices which are essential for his future.

The author introduces readers to the world full of criticism, intolerance and misunderstanding. The plot is believable. Descriptions help imagine those realities. What I really liked about the book is an unpredictable ending.

I can recommend this novel to everyone. In my view, it is well worth reading. I suppose it will change the way you think about social principles and most of you will undergo the transformation like Newland Archer's. I am sure you would enjoy it, too.

*Written by Anna Zatoń kl. I.,*

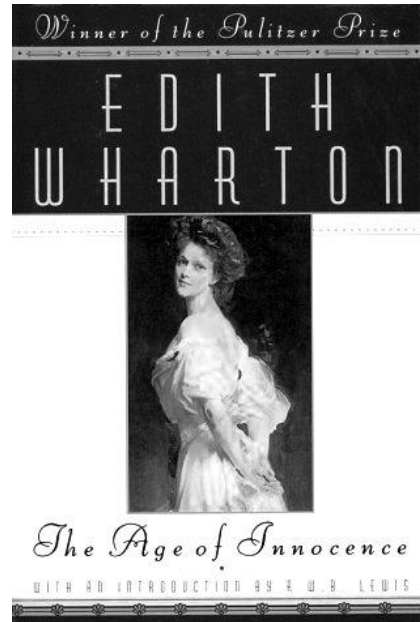
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## ***The Black Magician Trilogy***

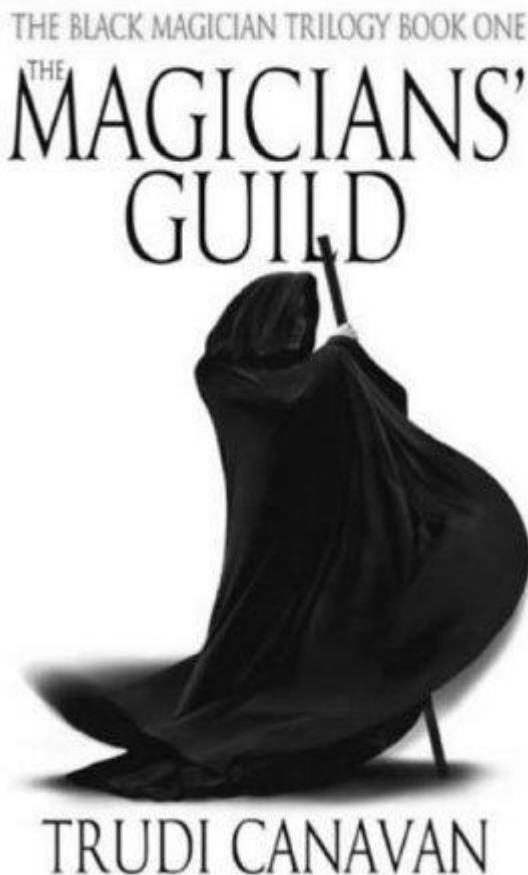
I have read an interesting book recently and I would like to recommend it to you.

It is about the girl named Sonea. Sonea used to be afraid of mages and magic, but one day she discovers that she has magic skills, too. She has to choose between what she wants and what she should do.

Every year, mages from Imardin clean the city of beggars and vagrants. The magicians are sure that no one can stop them because of their spells and a shield. Their protection, however, is not as strong as they think.

When a crowd of the homeless leaves the city, Sonea, a young girl, furious of the cruel treatment of her family and friends, throws a rock at the mage's shield. Everybody is surprised when the rock breaks the magic shield and hurts the mage.

Something like this shouldn't happen. The magic shield can be broken only by the magic spell. This means the girl is an untrained "wild" mage. Now the guild has to catch her. If they fail, Sonea's power will kill her and probably will destroy Imardin.



That is an introduction to a great book series about a magic world, intrigues and secrets. I recommend this book to everybody who likes fantasy books and wants to spend time with a really good one.

*Written by Patryk Izbiński I d*



# FATHER'S DAY

**Father's Day** is celebrated all around the world. We pay tribute to our fathers in this way and thank them for their presence and protectiveness. In Poland, the day has been celebrated on 23 June since 1965, but elsewhere, Father's Day was celebrated much earlier, as early as at the beginning of the 20th century.

It all started from the woman whose name was Samora Smart. She was an American who had five siblings. Her father had to look after all the siblings on his own because their mother had died early. Samora wanted to thank her father for his care and love, so she asked the authorities to celebrate Father's Day in her city. Anyway, thanks to Samora, the USA celebrated that day for the first time on 19 June 1910.

Americans really liked it, so the president Calvin Coolidge officially recognized Father's Day as a feast in all the country. Similarly, the day is celebrated for example in Argentina, China, France, Japan or Great Britain.

Who and how can celebrate Father's Day?

Of course, the youngest children celebrate the day the most. In Poland, young children often draw pictures, pick flowers for fathers and they help mothers in baking cakes. But should we celebrate Father's Day?

**Yes !** We should remember about this day. We, together



with our  
dads, can go to the  
cinema, a pub or  
fishing. It depends on your hobby and  
passions. So, don't forget about this  
important day for your dad.

*Written by Krystian Cyganek II e*

## Integration or regionalisation of a country

Every single country is divided into small areas which vary in culture, weather conditions, and sometimes even in a language. These differences are caused by many factors, for instance : geography, historical events or mainly, by strong identity of a region. It may have influence on regionalization of a country. But is it a good way to disintegrate nation and focus on some regions? In my essay, I will present arguments which will confirm the thesis that the country should be integrated.

Firstly, a common language is the most important thing to achieve if the country should be integrated. Without it, the nation cannot communicate and feel the connection between citizens. Some regions use their own language even in agencies. Many people think that dialects are an essential part of country culture but in general,

every single nation should speak one language.

Secondly, mutual habits, media and culture show cohesion of a nation. Mark Evans, a famous sociologist, has said that it was a particular sentiment that bound together all people in one common bond no matter what their religion, language or history was. Moreover, national disintegration causes the country to stop being a nation, but simply a group of people who live in the same region.

All in all, a disintegrated nation will no longer exist. Divisions to language or community will have serious results. So the most essential thing is that we must realize that we have the strong bond of the same culture and must not let ourselves fall apart and disintegrate.

*Written by Angeliki Trangas III b*

# Easter in Poland



The basket should include:

- eggs - the symbol of new life
- lamb - a symbol of Jesus Christ
- bread - a symbol of prosperity and wealth
- horseradish - a symbol of bitterness and sweetness
- salt - a symbol of prosperity and hospitality
- meat – a symbol of the end of Lent

Easter (Pascha) - is one of the most important Christian festivals commemorating the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first spring full moon. The day before Easter, the whole family goes to church to bless food. Easter symbols are associated with the resurrection of Jesus and resurgent life. On this day, we take baskets of food to church.



Other symbols are: the Easter bunny, chicken, watercress, willow twigs. Easter is a holiday associated with various traditions. They are painting eggs, blessing of eggs and Easter breakfast. Easter holidays are happy holidays at the end of Lent. The table is dominated by luxury. We eat all kinds of meat, sausages and special Polish cakes like babas, mazureks, poppy seed cake, as well as stuffed and baked eggs. Kitchen is full of Easter soup, borscht, horseradish soup, stuffed duck, pies, white sausage and salad. In 2012, Easter Sunday is on April 8. This is the first Sunday after the first spring full moon.

*Written by Ewelina Soboń II e*

# Everybody Plays

## Truant!

This day is each student's holiday and the first day of spring. Everyone who wants to obey the commandments has to play truant. On 21st March, some schools go to the cinema. Many schools haven't got classes on this day. Students don't usually go to school or they skip classes. They often go to a pizzeria or hang around. They sometimes go to the river.

I and my class skipped our citizenship classes last year. Our tutor was angry and reprimanded us for playing truant. In my opinion, teachers shouldn't be so strict these days. They shouldn't ask students by the board and give grades.

While teenagers play truant, children drown 'Marzanna'. This is a puppet.

Children, together with their parents or teachers, make it of two wooden sticks, some straw and old rags. Then, they burn the puppet and drown it in a pond or river.

21st March is a fantastic day at school.

*Written by Michal Pietruszka I c*



# II LO and ZSG no. 5

## Cooperation

Our school, II LO (The Second High School), cooperated with ZSG no.5 in Radomsko ( Primary and Junior High School Complex no. 5) at the request of the school graduates. This partnership was intended to publish the translated version of ZSG no. 5 school newspaper which included projects and achievements of its students.

The issue of “Kino” magazine was devoted to Holocaust. The texts of our younger friends from ZSG no. 5 have been translated by the following students of II LO: Marcin Broszkiewicz – I b, Agata Zienkiewicz – I b, Agnieszka Galewicz - I b, Anna Skrzypczyńska- I d, Katarzyna Żak – I d, Jakub Kaczmarek – I d, Monika Binkowska – I d, Piotr Klimczak – III d oraz Maciej Szymański – III d.

Soon we'll see what this partnership will bring.

*Arnold Majewski kl. I d*



Aries (21.03 -20.04)



Think about the journey which you are planning. But you have to watch out your health .  
The position of stars will have positive influence on your heart problems. Don't slight your feelings. Don't forget about your relatives

Bull (21.04 -20.05)



Jealousy scenes do not work more positively to a loved one. The loved may be frightened and run away.  
Family celebration will destroy your plans but with the family you can have fun

Twins (21.05 – 21.06)



This year everything will come to you effortlessly and in the sphere of feelings, a lot will happen.  
Soon you will meet a group of very interesting people

Crab(22.06 -22.07)



Pertinacity does not always help in the implementation of plans. In case of school, try with cleverness and humility. Quarrels with a scorpion, in the long run, will ruin your mood.

Lion(23.07 -23.08)



A quiet month before you, but you will have to cope alone with household duties.  
New friendships will absorb you and you will not have time for old friends

Virgin(24.08 -23.09)



Before you, there is a month full of interesting events because now even school will not be boring. Instead of sitting quietly behind the desk, take an active part in meetings and school life

Scales(24.09 -23.10)



You will be demanding and critical. Everything will finish successfully provided that you show more attention and patience. Be careful in dealing with teachers because jokes can turn against you.