

My school is a goldmine for Europe

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ROMANIA



GEOGRAPHY



The Black Sea is located in the South-East of Romania. It has fine sand and beaches.

The Danube Delta is a true paradise for fish and birds. The vegetation is lush.



The Sphinx is a rock formation in Bucegi Mountains at an altitude of 2216 metres.

The Mud Volcanoes are formations created by natural gases in combination with water.





GEOGRAPHY



- Romania is located in southeastern Europe, next to the Black Sea.
- Romania's population is about 20 million.



The capital city is Bucharest.
(the sixth largest city in Europe.)



- The landscape is made up of:
- mountains (the Carpathians), of average height (the highest peak is Moldoveanu Peak, at 2544 metres), that form an arc in the country
 - hills, that surround the mountains
 - plains, that surround the hills



The Danube River flows into the Black Sea, forming a delta.

- The climate is temperate continental with cold winters (-6 to 0°C) and hot summers (25 - 35°C)

HISTORY



Vlad Tepes (Vlad the Impaler, 1448 - 1476) was Prince of Wallachia. Many legends depict the cruel punishments he gave to traitors, thieves and liars.



Peles Castle is considered one of the most beautiful castles in all Europe. This is the resting place of King Carol I who died here in 1914.



Alexandru Ioan Cuza (1859 - 1866) was Prince of Moldavia, Prince of Wallachia, and later Domnitor (ruler) of the Romanian Principalities.

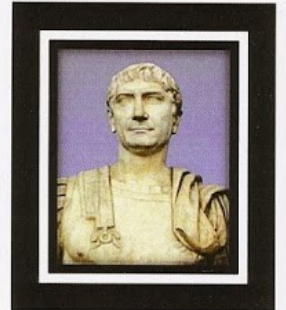
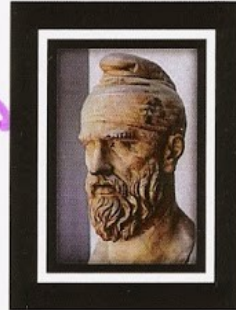


Stefan cel Mare (Stephen the Great, 1457 - 1504) was Prince of Moldavia. He was victorious in 46 of his 48 battles against Hungary, Poland, and the Ottoman Empire.



HISTORY

The Roumanians' ancestors were the Dacians and the Romans.



Necebalus,
King of
Dacians.

Traian,
Roman
emperor.



At first there were three small countries: Wallachia, Moldavia and Transylvania.

In 1859 two of them were united (Wallachia and Moldavia) forming Romania.

In 1918 they united with the third (Transylvania).



Roumania had four kings (between 1866 and 1947)

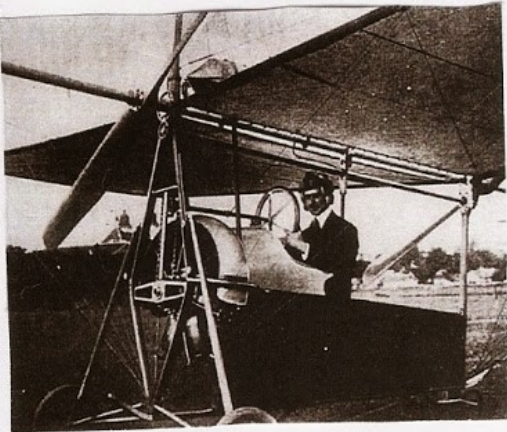


In 1957 Roumania became a communist country.

In 1989 Romania became democratic again

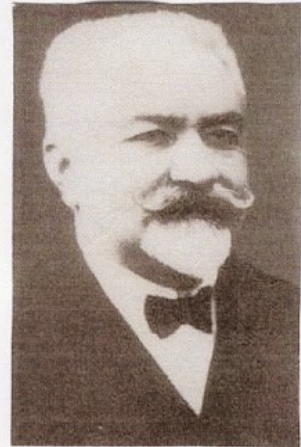


FAMOUS ROMANIANS

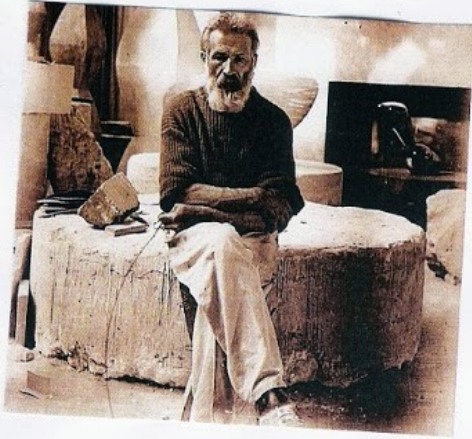


AUREL VLAICU (1882 - 1913) was a Romanian engineer, inventor, airplane designer, constructor and early pilot known for building the first powered airplane (1909)

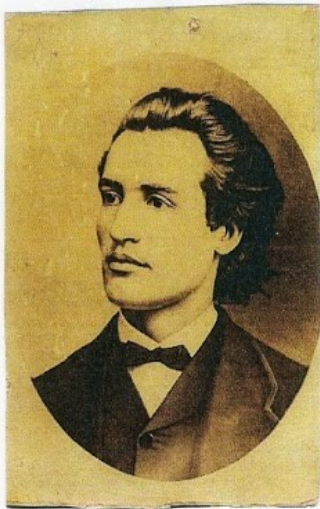
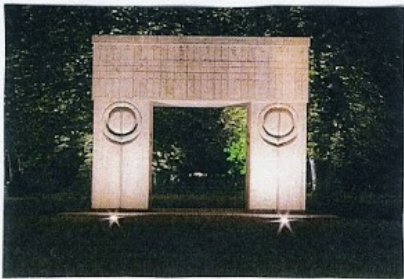
EMIL RACOVITĂ (1868 - 1947) was a famous scientist, explorer and biologist, the founder of bio-speleology. He was also the first Romanian to go on a scientific research expedition to the Antarctic.



ANGELA GHEORGHIU is a Romanian opera singer and one of the most famous contemporary sopranos, often compared to Maria Callas



CONSTANTIN BRĂNCUȘI (1876-1957) known as "the father of modern sculpture". Some of his works: "The Column of the Infinite", "The Table of Silence", and "The Gate of the Kiss" are in Târgu-Jiu, the town where he spent much of his childhood.

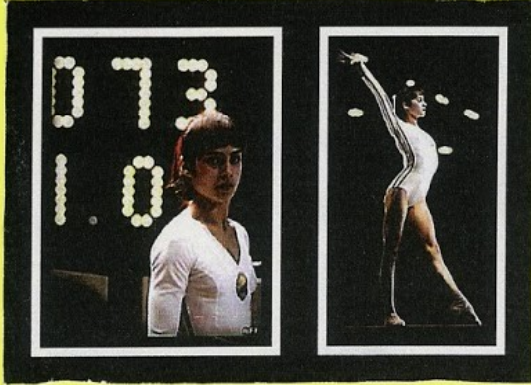


Mihai Eminescu (1850-1889) was a Romantic poet, novelist and journalist, often regarded as the most famous and influential Romanian poet.

Nicolae Grigorescu (1838-1907) was the founder of modern Romanian painting who emphasized the values of Romanian spirituality in an impressionist manner and under the influence of the Barbizon school.



SPORT



- Since 1924 Romania has participated in the Olympics with a full team.
- Romanian athletes have won a total of 302 medals, the most medals being obtained in gymnastics.
- Nadia Comaneci was the first female gymnast to be awarded a perfect score of 10 in an Olympic gymnastics event (Montreal, 1976). She is the winner of five Olympic gold medals.



- Gabriela Szabo is a Romanian track and field athlete, now retired from professional sport. She is a three-time world-champion. In 1999 Szabo was seen as the best athlete in the world and the best sportswoman in Europe.



- Gheorghe Hagi is the best Romanian football player, known as the "King of Romanian football" or "Maradona of the Carpathians."



- Nicoleta Grasu is a discus thrower, known for winning medals at the 1999 and 2001 World Championships. She is the mother of one of School 49 students - Stefan Grasu.

NEWS

A group of 11th graders from "Andrei Saguna" National College, Brasov, won the first prize in the contest NASA Ames Space Settlement Design Contest 2014 with the "Renaissance II" project. A 6th grader took second place in his age category, with the "The God's Kite".

The students built a space city for a community exceeding 300,000 people, not in conditions of weightlessness, but in the gravitational field. Basically, their city imitates the life on the earth, and people can live, can develop and use resources that they recycle. The students' work involved not only imagination, but also scientific data.



The best Romanian tennis player of the moment (No 5 WTA), Simona Halep, has been nominated by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) for Fed Cup Heart Awards 2014.



CULTURE

Between the wars, Bucharest was called Little Paris. At the time, the French language was used in diplomacy, all conversations of King Carol were in French, most books in the bookstores were in French, and the hotels were in the French style.



Now, Bucharest has a rich cultural life. High-quality performances at the National Opera and at the theaters, film and music festivals, museums, art galleries, book fairs.



Scene from Rigoletto by G. Verdi



Poster of a musical by L. Vlădescu



National Museum of Art



Romanian National Opera



Palace of Parliament (the second largest building in the world, after the Pentagon)



MUSIC

- Romanian folk music is very beautiful and includes many genres: hora, sârba, doina.
- The most common Romanian folk instruments are:

the pan flute



the cimbalom



the cobza



George Zamfir is a great contemporary artist, known as The King of the Pan Flute.



Maria Tamas (1913-1963) was a Romanian folk music singer. She was known as Edith Piaf of Romania and the Queen of folk song.

The greatest Romanian composer, George Enescu masterfully brought the sound of the Romanian traditional folk songs into classical music. Author of the **Romanian Rhapsody**, Enescu was equally remarkable as a violinist, pianist and conductor.



Inna is a dance and house music singer in Romania. She started to work with the producers. Play and wind in 2008, the year when her first single **Hot** was released. The song was a radio hit in Romania, Bulgaria, Poland, Russia, Hungary, Turkey and Greece.

FOLK ART



The Romanian folk costume and hand crafts are rooted in our ancestors' lives. They were subject to continuous changes, but the key features were kept intact.

Queen Maria of Romania – granddaughter of Queen Victoria – was fond of the Romanian folk costume and used to wear it quite often.

Yves Saint Laurent, Jean Paul Gaultier, Oscar de la Renta have been inspired by the Romanian shirt (Rom. *ie*) painted by Henri Matisse, *Blouse Roumaine*.



LANGUAGE

75%–85% of Romanian words are inherited from Latin and it is estimated that about 38% of the number of words in Romanian are of **French and/or Italian** origin (in many cases both languages):

avion < *avion* "plane"

banană < *banana* "banana"

biscuit < *biscuit* "biscuit"

camion < *camion* "lorry, truck"

dans < *danse* "dance"

evantai < *éventail* "fan"

film < *film* "film, movie"

gri < *gris* "gray, grey"

lanternă < *lantern* "torch, flashlight"

magazin < *magasin* "shop"

menu < *menu* "menu"

omletă < *omelette*
"omelette"

The other words come from:

Greek:

folos < *ófelos* "use"

buzunar < *buzunára* "pocket"

proaspăt < *prósfatos* "fresh"

cutie < *cution* "box"

Hungarian:

a cheltui < *költeni* "to spend"

a făgădui < *fogadni* "to promise"

a mântui < *menteni* "to save"

oraş < *város* "city"

Turkish:

papuc < *papuç* "slipper"

ciorbă < *çorba* "sour soup"

başiş < *bahşiş* "tip"

German:

cartof < *Kartoffel* "potato"

bere < *Bier* "beer"

turn < *Turm* "tower"

şvaiţer < *Schweizer* "Swiss cheese"

sprîţ < *Spritzer* "wine with soda water"

abţibild < *Abziehbild* "sticker"

şniţel < *Schnitzel* "cutlet"

punct < *Punkt* "point"



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