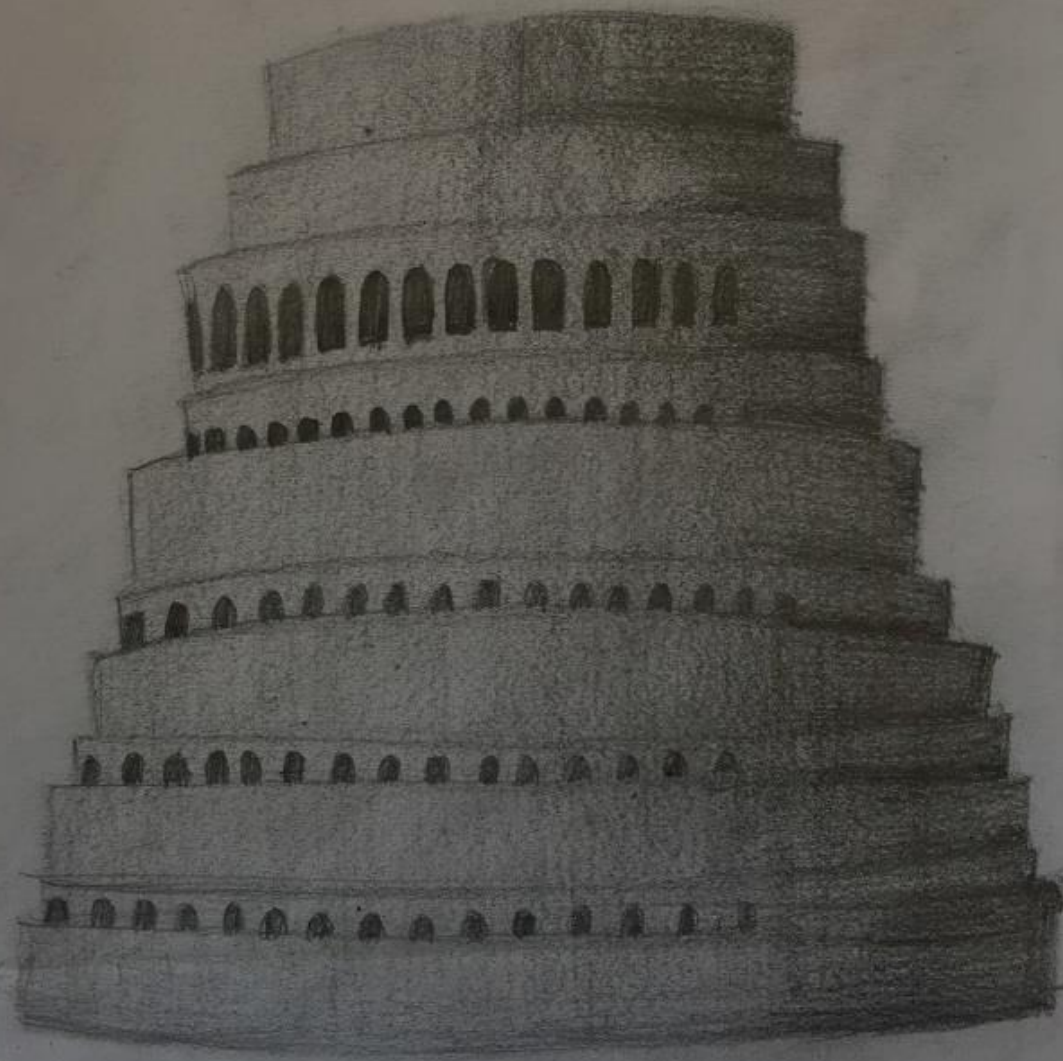


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Glimpse Of Reality

I discriminated because of my looks and language#

Pretty harsh words to be used by a kid in todays developed world right? Well, you should meet Abood. Currently in Greece.

He is an 18year old kid from Syria.He decided to share his story with us. He forced to flee Syria, 8 months ago because the Syrian army wanted to recruit him without his will.He was forced to flee one night with his cousin , leaving behind his family and the love of his life as he characteristically told us.

#what happened to that girl,we asked.#

He put his head down..Few weeks later, he lost her beacause of a bomb attack and all he has left to remind of her is a bracelet in his left wrist.

His dream is to study electrical engineering and find a decent job, away from wars and hardships. We asked him if he want to go to school and study the greek language. I am already trying on my own,he said. I use google translate.

#I learn greek on my own beacause I don't want other young people to be intimidated by me, when I approach them in the street. I discriminated because of my looks and language. I just want a friend,feel normal again... #

Let the story of this boy, be our food for thought of how we perceive other peoples culture and appearance , just because it happened to be different than ours. Do they really worth discrimination beacause of it

lets think about it.



My Country Is The Best Because...

If I ask ten different people from ten different countries which country is the best country, I would get 10 different answers. For sure everyone would tell their country even if he or she doesn't think so. So I would definitely say Slovakia. Slovakia is my homeland so I have a special relationship to this country. I spent here the best time of my life - childhood. And this country, my country, is connected with the most important people of my life. My family and friends. Most of foreign people see Slovakia like small country in central Europe, or maybe they still see us like Czechoslovakia republic. Even if Slovakia is not one of the most visiting countries of the world or it is not one of the most powerful countries in the world and instead of this is Slovakia one of the most corrupted country and also one of the most racist country in the world. But, whatever? Everything has to have two sides. But Slovakia can definitely offer you so much. Country full of mountains, peaceful places and most than two hundred medieval castles. Slovakia shines brightest for lovers of the outdoors. The best thing on Slovakia is that is totally unexplored by foreign tourist. Here you can't find tourist place which is

crowded by mass of people. Since 2014 can every person under 26 travel free by train include students from abroad. So you should definitely go on a free roundtrip to Slovakia and get to know our rich history. Also health care in Slovakia is for free and I think that is on a high level. If you come to Slovakia you will feel that strong nationality in the people and also generosity. The atmosphere during the hockey world championship is magnificent. People here are very friendly, especially when they see that you are a tourist. Most of them can't speak English but they will help you as more as they can. I think that people on countryside are still living in the past that I like and I wanted to stay it like this. That's the reason why I love my country and why is for me the best. For me is not just next European country. For me Slovakia means home.



Racism Is Poisoning Our Society

Racism – a word that means a lot of things to many people. To some, that word is the description of a way of life, to others, it is a repulsive term that represents closed-mindedness.

There are different reasons why some people become racist. One of the usual causes is a result of attitudes they have inherited from their parents, families and peers. This suggests that people are usually only racist if they are brought up in racist environments. Another reason may be a result from history – a massive American Indian murdering, slavery, holocaust etc.

Racism is more than what is in the heart of an individual person. Racism is the cumulative history of all those thoughts and acts. Unfair racial stereotypes have taken root in the hearts of people. They cause us to react to people differently - in stores, on the streets, in encounters between police and citizens. They even affect the way we describe violence and destruction of property –

Young white men smashing windows, overturning cars, and battling police after a big athletic event are “revelers,” “out of control fans.” But a group of mostly African American youth who do similar things out of sorrow and rage that a young black man has died in police custody are dangerous “thugs.”

Racism is complicated, and has an individual aspect of prejudice. But even worse is the reality that generations of racist attitudes are now woven into our systems and institutions like poisonous threads, hurting us all. When our election laws begin again to systematically make it harder for African Americans to vote; when police forces protect and defend some people less than others; when schools and jobs are routinely of lower quality in areas where people of color live; and when white people don't know or care, then we have a system that perpetuates racism whether the people in it intend to be racist or not.

A good place to start is to listen to our friends who are people of color—really listen. Don't justify. Don't defend. Just listen to how our institutions work for or against our friends, how they feel in their daily lives. Then we will start understand and feel the power of empathy and kindness.

The last thing that you all have to know is -here are no Blacks, no Asians, no Hispanics or any other type of people. Here is only one race, and that race is **HUMAN.**



Traditions and customs: the link between the past and the future.

Sardinia is a land rich in history and traditions. There is a strong tendency to preserve customs and tradition. Even if this island is part of a world that looks for the future, the popular party, folklore, the religious rituals, the language continues to exist. The official language of sardinia is italian like the rest of the italian state but we can focus about a peculiarity of sardinia: the dialects. Sardinia is full of people that speak "sardo" but in different ways. Hegel said "What every generation has done in the field of science and spiritual production is an inheritance that has contributed to its savings all over the world in the past ... This heritage is at once a receiving and a fruitful inheritance. This plasma is the soul of every next generation, it forms the spiritual substance in the form of habits, determines the maximum, the prejudice, the wealth, and at the same time the inherited wealth becomes in turn material available which is transformed from the In this way, what has been received is changed, and the elaborated matter, thanks to the

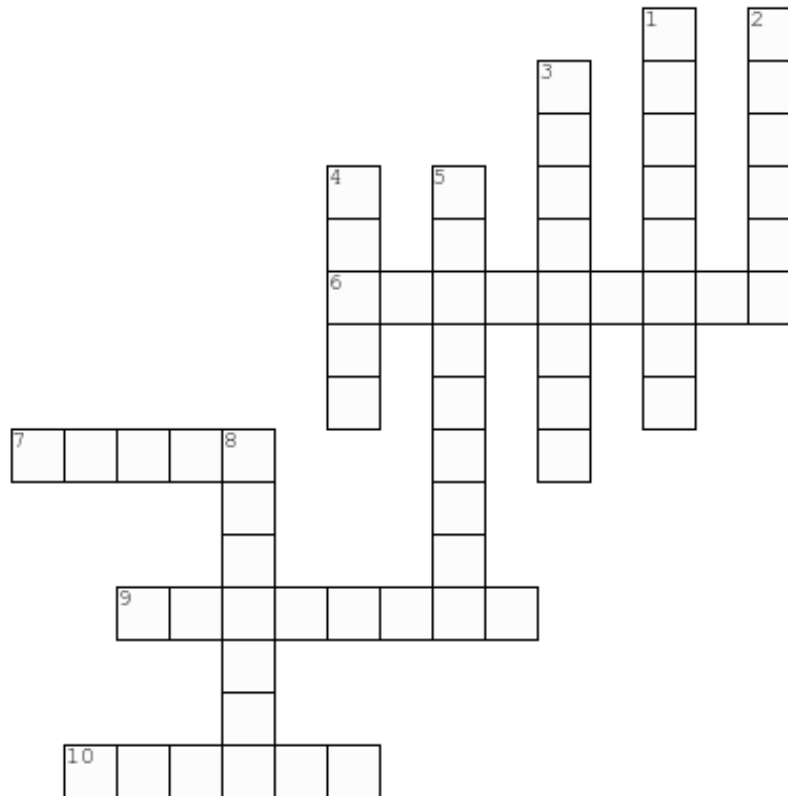
elaboration, is enriched and at the same time preserved." For me the traditions represents the structure and the foundation of our families and our society. They remind us that we are part of a history that defines our past, shapes who we are today and who we are likely to become. I think that is most important to preserve our cultural heritage because it keeps our integrity as a people.



Name: _____

Diversity

Complete the crossword below



Horizontal

6. Name the city famous for cathedral that was designed by Gaudi?
7. Piece of clothes designed by Latvian immigrant
9. Of or pertaining to a sea so named, the northwestern part of which is known as the Gulf of Venice.
10. Where is Oktoberfest held?

Vertical

1. Song contest between european countries
2. Longest river in Chech Republic
3. In which country is Kranjska gora?
4. Last name of famous Swedish physisist
5. Italian general who was responsible for unification of Italy
8. Famous Greek dance

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