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AntiLimbo Game

Latvia

National Identity leading to Independence



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Welcome to the AntiLimbo Latvian game!

**Today you will explore Latvia through songs, symbols, festivals,
independence, and youth culture.**

**Latvia's path to freedom began not with politics, but with culture,
language, and people coming together.**

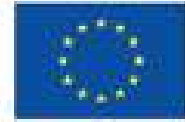
Let's discover this journey step by step.

Good luck!

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The project aims to enhance the sense of belonging among young Ukrainian refugees in Belgium, Latvia, and Sweden, connecting them to the European Union and its cultural heritage. Through gamification and digital tools, we aim to raise awareness of European cultural history and values, fostering a deeper sense of identity with their new environment and European society.

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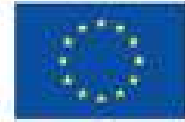


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Welcome to our participants!

Please, tell Your name and some words about You.



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Before the game begins, each player can choose one special character. These characters have superpowers and might help the team by giving hints helping to find the right path.

Choose from:

- Poet
- Detective
- Party animal
- Historian
- Mathematician
- Team Player
- Zoologist
- Student

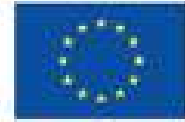
In this game there will be 17 tasks.

The tasks have different formats and levels of difficulty – sometimes you will need knowledge, sometimes logic, movement, discussion, creativity or teamwork.

For some questions You will be allowed to use Your phones.

Speak in the language you feel most comfortable using. You may use Ukrainian, Russian, English, Latvian or mix languages. The important thing is that your team understands each other and enjoys the game.

Let's start!



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OPTIONAL: PLAY FOR POINTS AND COMPETE

Your group can choose whether you want to collect points.

Correct answer = 1 point

Successfully completed creative/team task = 1 point

If you play in several teams, keep the score after every task.



The team with the most points at the end wins!

Don't want to compete? No problem.

You can play AntiLimbo together as one team – the learning and discussion stay exactly the same.

1. Match each historical event with the correct date or period. Discuss in your team and agree on all 6 pairs.

The historian may help You.

- 19th century
- 18.11.1918
- 1935
- 1987–1991
- 23.08.1989
- 4.05.1990
- First Independence proclamation
- The Baltic Way
- Jaunlatvieši (Young Latvians)
- Declaration of Independence
- The Monument of Freedom
- Singing Revolution

Historian'hint:

- The first event belongs to the 19th century, when Latvians — similarly to Ukrainians of that time — began protecting their language, culture, and identity under empires.
- After that came Latvia's first independence after World War I.
- In between the two independence periods, a monument was built in Riga.
- The last three events belong to the collapse of the Soviet Union:
 - first came peaceful singing protests,
 - then unity of 3 Baltic countries,
 - and finally Latvia officially declared the restoration of independence.

✓ The right answer:

19th century → Jaunlatvieši (Young Latvians)

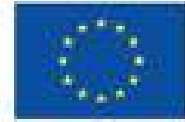
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So, It started with culture → then independence → then symbols → then singing and unity → then political decisions.

Awareness of culture, literature, language became the beginning for Latvians to start to fight for their independence.

QUICK COMPARE: Can you name a Ukrainian cultural or national movement, writer or historical figure who also helped preserve Ukrainian language, culture or national identity?

p.s. There is no single correct answer. Take 1–2 minutes to discuss.

2. Approximately how many participants join the Song & Dance Festival?

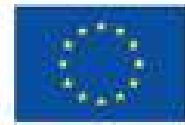
The mathematician can help 😊

A: 120,000

B: 30,000

C: 40,000

D: 100,000



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Mathematician's hint:

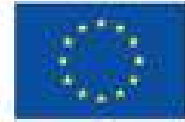
$$500 \times 50 + 300 \times 50 = ?$$

✓ The right answer:

C: 40,000

***So if you thought organising your last group event was complicated...
imagine coordinating this one! 😊***

***By the way, have you ever participated in a really big festival or public
event?***



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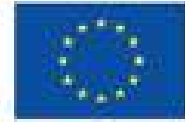


The festival started in 1873 and helped preserve Latvian culture and unity.

***It later became a symbol of identity and independence, especially during
the Singing Revolution.***

3. One of famous Jaunlatvieši – Young Latvians (culture-political movement for independence) was Krišjānis Barons, the father of dainas. What “daina” means”? *The poet can help You.*

- A. A traditional Latvian folk song, usually short and poetic**
- B. A type of Latvian national dance performed at festivals**
- C. A historical document about Latvian independence**
- D. A musical instrument used in ancient Latvia**

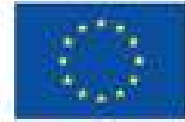


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Poet's hint:

**Latvian folk songs often speak about Dreams
They are passed from Ancestors
They preserve Identity
They are connected with Nature
They are part of Latvian Awakening**

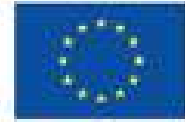


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✓ The right answer:

A. A traditional Latvian folk song, usually short and poetic

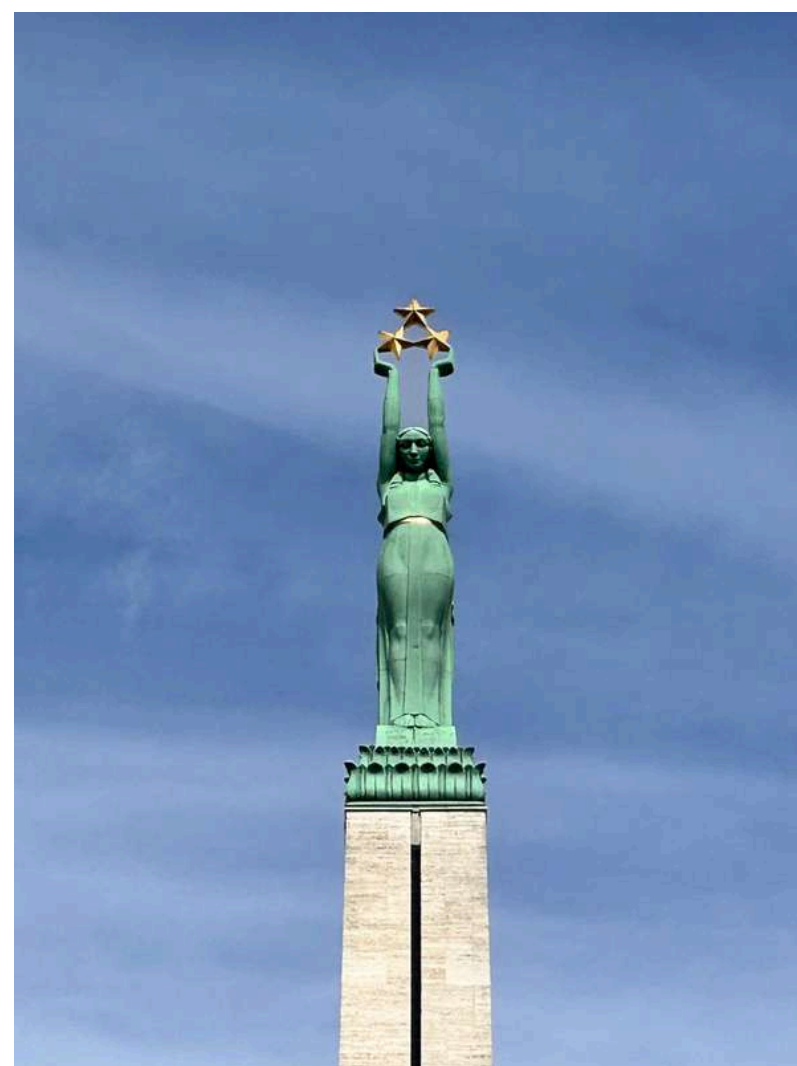


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K. Barons collected and systemized about 218.000 of dainas.

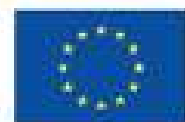
Photo question.



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4. After 1918 Latvian started to collect and donate money for building a monument in Riga in a shape of a woman (informally called Milda) holding 3 stars. What is the name of this monument in Latvian (2 words)?

Need a hint? You are looking for 2 Latvian words. One means freedom, the other means monument. Free=brīvs ;)



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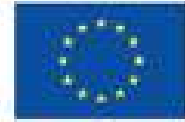
✓ The right answer:

Brīvības piemineklis - the monument of freedom

5. Look at the monument. On its sides there are scenes from folklore again and the national epos “Lāčplēsis” written by Andrejs Pumpurs. Lāčplēsis is our national hero. The literal translation of this name means “the one who tears (apart) a bear”, so he is very strong. In which body part is the superpower of Lāčplēsis?

Video question.





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Zoologist's hint:

Bears have very sensitive hearing — they can detect weak sounds from long distances, even better than humans. Their ears help them survive, hunt, and sense danger.

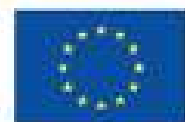
✓ The right answer:

This strength is directly linked to his bear ears.

As long as he has them, he is invincible.

So, apparently, never underestimate the importance of your ears! 😊

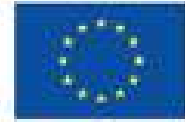
By the way, if you were a national hero, what would YOUR superpower be?



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***The day of Lāčplēsis is celebrated on 11th November
honoring Latvian soldiers and heroes.***



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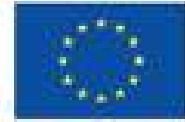


6. Big gathering and support to each other has become Latvian' strength. So, 1987-1991 was the period of our singing revolution (peaceful protests - Large gatherings where people sang traditional songs (dainas), that brought Latvian people closer to the second independence.

23.08.1989 was a symbolic day known in history “The Baltic Chain” It united 2 million people from 3 Baltic countries - Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania.

Demonstrate, how these people were united.

A team player knows exactly what to do.

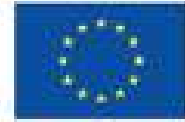


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Team Player's hint:

When people hold hands, the human body can conduct tiny electrical signals and warmth between people. But even more importantly, physical connection creates feelings of trust, unity, and emotional support

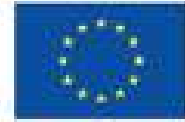


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✓ The right answer:

**Hold Your hands alltogether,
as they stood in one line between the 3 countries
holding each others hands.**



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7. The Castle of Light is another mythological symbol coming from dainas. The real Castle of Light was built in 2014 and one can really get enlightened there. What was it? *The student can help You.*

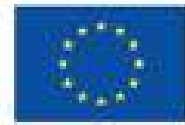
- A. The Latvian National Library**
- B. A new concert hall in Riga**
- C. A large electricity station**
- D. A special school for young scientists**

Video question.



Student's hint:



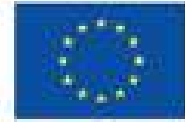


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✓ The right answer:

A. The Latvian National Library



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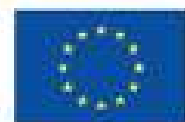
The National Library looks like a glass castle.

***An interesting fact, in 2014,
thousands of people passed books by hand
from the old library to the new one.***

8. You are in Riga and need to ask for directions. Select only the words you need and put them in the correct order to say in Latvian:

“Excuse me, where is the library?”

- **ATVAINOJIET**
- **ATRODAS**
- **LŪDZU**
- **LABDIEN**
- **KUR**
- **SKOLA**
- **MĀJA**
- **PALDIES**
- **BIBLIOTĒKA**
- **VEIKALS**

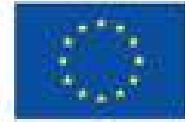


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✓ The right answer:

ATVAINOJIET, KUR ATRODAS BIBLIOTĒKA?



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9. Young Latvians thirst for knowledge, culture and staying together is the power of our country. In Latvia, since 2016, one city each year receives a special title that gives young people more opportunities, events, and activities. What is this title?

The detective might help.

A. Cultural Capital

B. Youth Capital

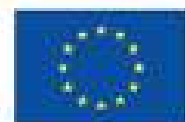
C. Student City

D. Festival City

Detective's hint:

People under 30 are often called _____.

Riga is the _____ of Latvia.

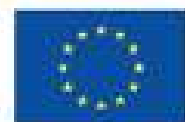


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✓ The right answer:

B. Youth Capital



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There is a competition for the title of the capital of Youth.

In 2026 the Youth capital is Rēzekne, the heart of Latgale region.

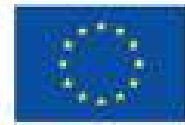
10. There are many famous festivals in Latvia.

Match each Latvian festival with its correct description. Work together and agree on all 6 matches.

- **LAMPA**
 - **Positivus**
 - **Project Night**
 - **Music Bank**
(Muzikālā Banka)
 - **SuperNova**
 - **Kopums**
(Togetherness)
- modern music festival in July bringing local and international stars for positive vibes
 - local music competition in Daugavpils in January
 - discussions festival in June in Cēsis, where many new understandings and ideas get light
 - national super selection of Eurovision in February
 - a festival bringing together youth to discover diverse opportunities, celebrated around International Youth Day (12 August) in the current youth capital
 - intensive youth projects writing festival in summer in current youth capital

✓ The right answer:

- LAMPA – discussions festival in June in Cēsis, where many new understandings and ideas get light
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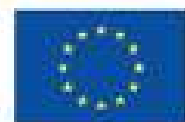


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**11. Which of these festivals would YOU actually choose to visit and why?
Think about your own interests — music, discussions, Eurovision, meeting
other young people, creating projects or discovering new opportunities.**

**BONUS: Where would you look online to find information about upcoming
youth events in Latvia?**

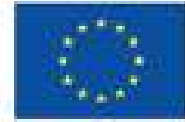


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✓ Your answer is the right answer 😊 - because this time it is YOUR choice!
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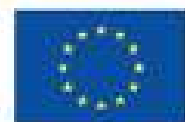
By the way, let's see whether our group is more into music, discussions, Eurovision or youth projects! Discuss, to which festivals have You been before.



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12. Strategy question: build a travel plan from the capital of Your hosting country to Kopums festival in Rēzekne. Which means of transport would You choose, how long would it take to get there? Use green transport at least once. *You can use Your phone.*

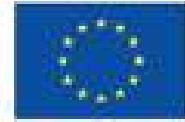


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✓ Your answer is the right answer 😊

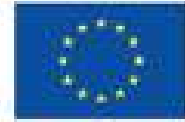
**13. Imagine You are already at the festival.
Think green, take care of environmental sustainability.
As a team, think of 5 different green habits you could apply at the festival.
Then discuss them and collectively choose the ONE habit your team
considers the most important. Be ready to explain why.**



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 **There is no single right answer.**
What matters
is that your team discussed the options
and reached a collective decision.



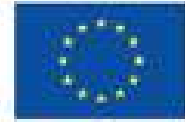
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14. Compare question.

Name one Belgian and one Swedish festival interesting for Youth.

You can use Your phone or call the Party Animal.



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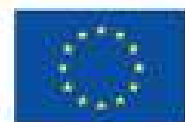
Party animal's hint:

 Belgium festivals:

-  Tomorrowland (world-famous electronic music festival)
-  Festival de Dour (music + youth culture festival)

 Sweden festivals:

-  Melodifestivalen (Eurovision national selection)
-  Way Out West (music + sustainability festival)



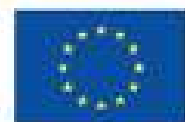
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✓ Your answer is the right answer 😊

**15. The slogan for Latvian Youth Capital 2026 in Rēzekne is
“Drosmei deg sirds, nākotnei mirdz acis” -
“A brave heart is on fire, eyes shine for the future”.
Imagine You create Your own festival.
What would be the purpose and what would be the slogan.**

TAKE YOUR TIME: Take 3–5 minutes to create and discuss their idea



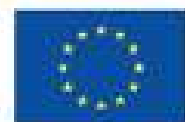
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✓ Your answer is the right answer 😊

**16. Reflection question: What makes You feel belonging...
Compare the components of Latvian cultural belonging and Yours?**

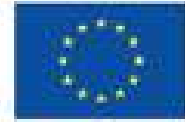
**TAKE YOUR TIME: This is a reflection question. Allow 5–7 minutes for
discussion and different opinions.**



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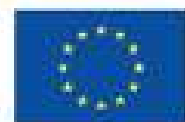
✓ Your answer is the right answer 😊



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17. Think of a creative greeting for other AntiLimbo game participants from Belgium, Latvia and Sweden.



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Thank You :)

Today we learned how culture, unity, and young people helped shape Latvia's identity and independence.

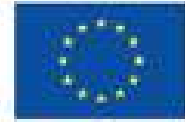
We hope this game helped you discover something new about Latvia — and also about yourselves, belonging, and staying connected across cultures.

As people in Latvia say:

“Drosmei deg sirds, nākotnei mirdz acis” —

A brave heart is on fire, eyes shine for the future.

Thank you for being part of AntiLimbo. 💙💛



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