

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- write a creative article in collaboration with your partners.
- You can start, add, conclude on the subject
- You can add any illustration: photos, logos, drawings, video links...
- Use a colour according to your country

FRANCE - POLAND - CZECH REPUBLIC - ITALY - LATVIA - TURKEY - GREECE

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We come from different countries, we live in different environment, go to different schools.  
How much do we have in common?

### Teenagehood in France

In France, teenagers like to practice sports. For example, they play football, handball, basketball etc... They are registered to a lot of social networks, like facebook, snapchat, twitter... They can spend lot of time on it (maybe too much). They also like video games. Some popular ones they especially like in France are Call of Duty, Fifa, Minecraft, Grand Theft Auto... To our opinion, they are not really good. But what we really like in France is hanging out with friends, having fun, laughing with them, listening to music, going to movies... We also like going to parties, drinking some alcohol and having a good time with friends.



Teenagehood in Greece  
Katerina- Franko - Spyros -Amalia

In Greece, teenagers have many ways of entertainment! One of the most common ways of entertainment is sport which began in ancient times and continues today!

For example, we play football, basketball, volleyball and also, we have very good swimming teams!



Moreover, in Greece we have very good climate and most of the year we have sunshine, so many teenagers take advantage of this situation and hang out with their friends !



The most beautiful and common areas are those next to the sea, Acropolis and Plaka!

We also like to go to clubs, have a drink and having a good time with friends. But we are always on the alert. We have learnt to take care of ourselves and not risk our health and our lives.



When our Comenius partners came to Greece we took them out during our free time and had a wonderful time. We think they liked it very much.

It's so easy to go down town by the underground. It takes you there in no time and it's safe.

In France, in Champagnole we don't have any



underground. If we have to move, it's only by foot.

Cool cool.

### Teenagehood in Poland

In Poland many teenagers like to resist and rebel. They do the opposite of what their parents are telling them to do. They like to party in the clubs or at home. Party equals freedom from school for them. They spend a lot of time on social media and on their cell phones. They also play computer games in their free time but most teenagers just like to hangout with their friends and just have fun. That's how it works here in Poland.



### Teenagehood in Latvia

Megija-Annija-Viktorija

1. In our city teenagers are spending their free time in The Youth center. They offer a lot of activities, for example - robotics, street-workouting, hip-hop dancing, ceramics, debates, etc.

In The Youth center there is an organisation called "The Aim". You can ask for help to write your own project, you can participate in projects if you are volunteer in this organisation. I have participated in project Douzelage (twice), I was in Romania and Malta. Also you can spend your free time there, playing games with friends.

2. One of our school students Andris Jenerts told about his activities in our Youth center. He told that teenagers in Sigulda can participate in robotics classes. They do brazing, marking schemes, drafting, and then they put it all together. Mainly they work unconventional ideas and realize them, trying to be better than competitors. They also dismantle or blow up something, on purpose or not, if it happens. I think, it is great opportunity for teenagers to develop their knowledge and talent.

3. Our teenagers (mostly boys) spend their free time in the Youth Centre where they learn how to make robots.

I asked my physics and IT teachers about robotic and what do they do in Youth Centre with children. They have taken part in every robotic competitions and they have great achievements in national level. And also they have some medals and diplomas.



*Project YoUtopia- working in the Youth centre of Sigulda*



**A manifesto of pupils of 6<sup>th</sup> General Lyceum of Aigaleo to the Greek society  
About the Refugees' issue  
Broadcasting: Konstantina Thoulovasiliou C class  
National students' Radio Festival**



The worst embarrassing problem, that our country is confronted with nowadays, is not the economic crisis, but **a potential crisis of human values towards "Man"**. A number of citizens still remain apathetic or indifferent towards the desperate refugees' "caravans" who arrive in our country by any means. Immigrants are often not welcomed, unwanted, like burdens, threats to our easy

life. In fact they are considered invaders. Just in the thought that these runners away, homeless people are going to become "a thorn in the Palm of our society" we go side by side with their persecutors.

Even if we realize that death stands behind and ahead of these distressed people, who

happened unexpectedly to have lost everything, their families, fortunes, friends, homes, a good life and their country, we are not willing to put aside our comfort and share part of our well-being with a little refugee child. We think selfishly and consider that keeping our standards of life untouched is a priority than considering dealing with human pain and distress worthwhile.

Families fall apart, kids are drawn and we still whistle indifferent, pretending that we don't realize what is happening around us, that it's not our business but Europe's. We just sit on our comfortable couch as onlookers, watching dead bodies coming out of the sea. We just protest and justify ourselves that we are in a difficult economic situation too, which is real but it cannot be an excuse to have such a behavior and stance.

But there are still human feelings and instincts in the majority of Greeks. Even if fences and barbed wire borders are raised, one thing is certain: our souls, the Greek souls are not going to be bound. Maybe the State cannot do a lot, but we, hundreds of Greeks, open our houses to the homeless, gather necessary items, food, medicine and clothing and along with NGOs try to relieve them.

Doctors offer their free service, teachers also visit daily the camps and try to occupy children and offer them joy and make them forget the difficult situation they are into. Even old ladies, forgetting their old age, try to offer a blanket and some food to refugee babies.

We, the pupils, feel the need to offer a little bit to this effort. It could us in their position. What then? Would we like to be treated worse than animals? Words are not enough. Selfless and practical expression of solidarity is urgently needed. Till Europe finds effective solutions, hundreds of refugees will lose their lives.

Perhaps the solution would be the great powers to find ways to stop the war that is destroying countries. Solidarity among nations should be developed before things reach the inevitable. **"When your neighbor's home is burning, you have to expect that your own house is going to burn"** writes Brecht.

Here is the real evidence of the Greek spirit quality: highlighting the aspect **"voluntarism means offering, and offering is an ultimate proof of human quality, existence and dignity"**.

## End of message

We, the Greek pupils, would like to send a message to our etwinning community too and to Europe.



We, teenagers, like having fun and enjoying our life.

We can't forget though that there other teenagers that have lost everything, their homes, their friends, their families, their schools, their countries. They walk miles in mud, soaked to the bone.

We stand by their side and show compassion to their misfortune. As we stand by those who lost their lives by terrorists in the same war.

We want to be heard by those who decide the fates of the people to make necessary negotiation and arrangements to stop the war.

Till then we show our sympathizing to all those who suffer because it reminds us the long caravans of our people being expelled from their homes again and again and of the caravans of people that run away because of Nasism. We don't want to see it happening again.

Your message is really beautiful. Do you personally open your house to immigrants ?

Did your parents tell you about what happened during Nazism ? Were they expelled or were they spectator of these injustices ?

Anyway, we're very admirative of what you did for them. Where we live, we don't see poor people or migrants... They are in bigger cities like Paris.... So we can't do this. But, in general, when we see poor people, we give them some food or drinks.

Yes, our grandparents were immigrants from Minor Asia in Turkey. The same caravans we see today of the Syrians were then of Greeks who had to leave their homes and their home country where they lived in peace with the Turkish people and other tribes and people of other origin for hundreds or thousands of years. For the moment the refugees in Aigaleo are living in a great area which is formed to host them and we, pupils, try with the rest citizens to gather food and a list of necessary items for them, medicine, baby milk, nappies, blankets, toys and so on.

## Teenagehood in Czech republic

### Teenagers and hobbies

By Jenni, Terka, Kristyna and Alessandra

Our hobbies are sports like riding a bike, football playing, swimming, minigolf, spending time with friends, going shopping or going to party. We like to spend



time with boyfriends. We often go to summer job and earn some money. In our free time we go to café, listen to music and travel too.



### Teenagers and music

By Karolina, Lena and Filip

In Czech Republic, teenagers love music. There are different kinds of music. E.g Pop, rap, rock and metal. Most people listen to pop and rap. Every genre of music has their own style of dressing. Teenagers are split into groups where are people who listen to the same kind of music. They wear the same kind of clothes. Most of the people think that teenagers who listen to metal and other kinds of this style behave aggressively and they are mean.



### Teenagers and friends

By Eva, Katka and Tonda

However, we spend most of our free time with our friends. For example we go to parties, to school, to cafes. At winter holiday we go skiing with our friends and in summer holiday we go to summer camps. Anyway most of them just pretend being our friends and just use us for money and food, but we love them anyway.



### Teenagers and relationships

By Tereza, Šárka and Darya

Relationships in teenagers periods are very complicated. Nobody knows what they want. Everyone want to be in relationship happy and to long, but they are lazy to do something for it. It's difficult to find the person for relationships, but the most teenagers want to be free and have a fun. Go to party, drink alcohol with friends, and to be independent!! Sometimes, everyone needs hug and cuddle.

