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# Slovakian Legends



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Elizabeth's portrait

Čachtice castle

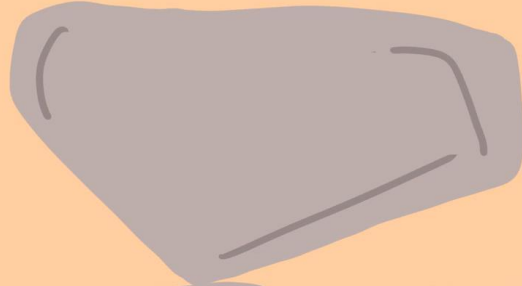


Blood Countess

Elizabeth Bathory



DEVIL'S ROCK



IN

CHMEĽNICA





The Devil's Rock



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# Personalities of Slovakia





**JANOŠÍK** hrdina Slovákov.  
Predstavitel' PAL'Ů BIELIK.



# Juraj Jánošík

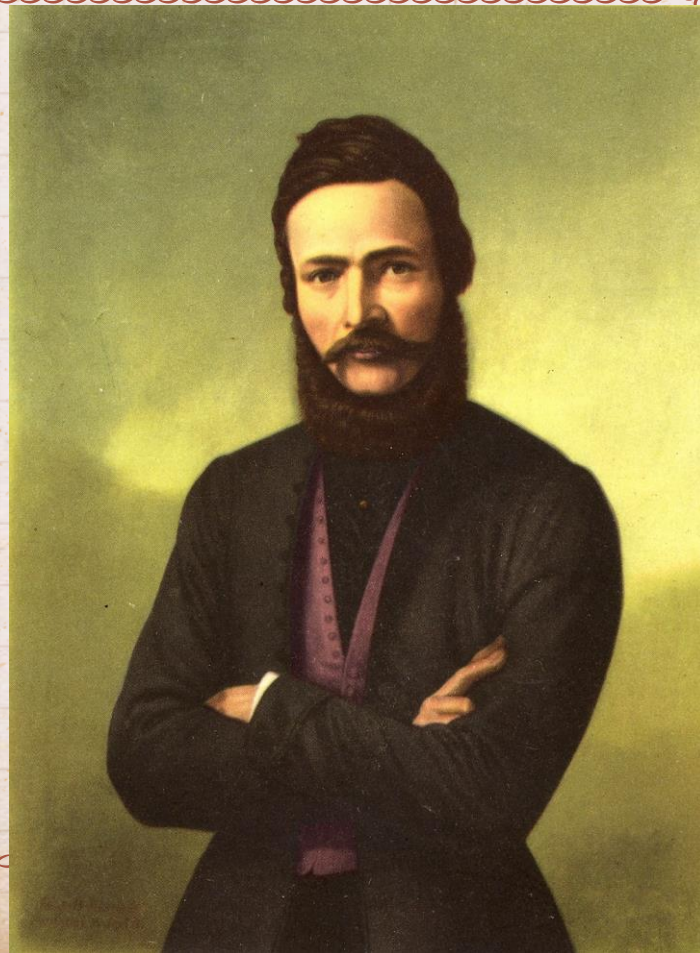
- bandit, Slovak national hero
- died in 1713 – hanged on the hook
- legend about Jánošík
- heroic qualities: strength, courage and bravery





# Ľudovít Štúr

- a member of the Hungarian Diet
- codified the Slovak language
- national revivalist, politician, linguist, teacher, writer, and a journalist
- death: 1856, shot in the thigh





# Milan Rastislav Štefánik

- an astronomer (interests: observing the Sun eclipse)
- a politician, General of the French army, organizer of the East Front leg
- co-founder of the Czechoslovakia, the first Czechoslovak Minister of W
- death: plane crash in 1919



*The Barrow of Milan Rastislav Štefánik (Brezová pod Bradlom)*



# Our festivities

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# Fact or myth?

**FACT**

- **On the St. Andrew's day (30th November), girls used to divine the names of their future husbands from lead.**
- Molten lead was poured into a container with water mostly through the key's eye with the words: "Andrew, Andrew, they are pouring lead on you, let me know today who I will marry as a man." The lead created different shapes that reminded the initial letter of the future's husband name





# Fact or myth?

**FACT**

- On Easter Monday young men visit the houses where the girls live and beat them with a freshly cut and decorated willow stick and pour water on them.
- Beating with a twig will ensure strength, health and abundance throughout the year. The more these visitors a girl has, the prouder she can be.





# Fact or myth?

**MYTH**

- **For Christmas dinner, we set the table for one extra person, as it is customary for the family to be visited by their neighbor that evening.**
- It's true that we set the table for one extra person, but it's for someone who would need a dwelling that night. It's a symbol of mercy and sense of belonging.





# Fact or myth?

**FACT**

- **On the day of St. Lucy (13th December), evil and demonic forces were driven away by Lucies with white floured faces.**
- Girls went from house to house, their goal was also whiten the walls with flour and paint the housemates with soot.





# Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

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