

## Petrache Poenaru

Petrache Poenaru was a teacher, an inventor, an engineer and a mathematician, but his best invention was the fountain pen.

First let's learn a little about him.

He was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 1799 in Valcea (a Romanian city). Poenaru first studied in Paris and then in Viena, later ending his studies in England. He created the fountain pen while studying in Paris at the age of 28. He was one of the organizers of the National Romanian Education Centre and the founder of the Carol I National College from Craiova. He was also the first ever Romanian to travel by train.

When he invented the fountain pen he said: "plume portable sans fin, qui s'alimente elle-meme avec de l'ancre" which means "the never ending portable pen, which recharges itself with ink".

He died on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 1875 in the capital of Romania, Bucharest.

Now let's learn about his invention.

In 1836 he went to France to attend the Ecole Polytechnique in Paris where he studied Geodesy and Surveying. He was so busy creating the pen that he didn't take notes in class. At the time, you needed to dip your pen in ink every 2 minutes but once with Petrache Poenaru's invention you only needed to replace the reservoir every 4-5 days and it was easier to write with.



This was our project about Petrache Poenaru and his invention, the fountain pen.

Quiz Question:

What was the destination of the train that Poenaru traveled by for the first time (the first Romanian who traveled by train)? (4p)

A presentation by **Andrei Cadariu, Teodor Pop, Paul Melega, Antonia Domahidi** –

## MIHAI EMINESCU

Mihai Eminescu was born on the 15th of January in 1850, in Botosani, Moldova. He was a Romanian poet, writer and journalist. He was also called the most important voice of the Romanian literature.

Eminescu wrote his first poem when he was 16 years old which is „La mormantul lui Aron Pumnul". He was active in the poetry world until 1888. When he was 19 years old he started studying Phylosophy at the University from Vienna and between 1872 and 1874 he studied in Berlin.

From his 98 poems the most remarkable is “**Luceafarul**”, the longest love poem with 98 strophes and the last two probably disappeared. Other creations are: “**Adio**”, “**Ce-te legeni codrule?**”, “**Lacul** ” and other 94.

Unfortunately, the poet died on 15th June 1889 in Romania, Bucharest at a very young age.

*Quiz Question: What is his real birth name?(2p)*



A project by Borbely Andreea, Gorea Elisabeta, Popa Alexis, Huma Aexandru.



## Andra Maruță

Andra is a big and famous singer from Romania. She was born on 23rd of August 1986 in the city of Campia Turzii.

She started singing with her father and brother at the age of 8 at weddings.

Her song "Why" reached number 8 on Billboard, but her most famous song is "Iubirea schimba tot" which means "Love can save it all".



### ❖ Questions

1. She has two children? T/F (1P)
2. What is her real name? (2P)
3. What kind of music does she sing? (2P)
4. Name three international singers with whom she collaborated? (3P)

Please send the answers via twinmail to Delia Petri or Dragos Bogdan.

## Peleş Castle



Peleş Castle is located in the Carpathian Mountains near Sinaia. It is an old castle, well kept to this day. In it you can find interesting things from the old times, like the impressive mirror room, the rooms and the office registers, all bringing a note of elegance.

### Questions:

1. Who lived in Peleş Castle? 1 p
2. What is Peleş Castle now? 3 p
3. How many rooms does Peleş Castle have? 2 p

*Please send your answers via Twinmail to Daliana Oprea or Dragos Barbu*

# CRISTINA NEAGU

Cristina Neagu is a professional Romanian handballer who plays in Romania's national team and CSM Bucharest. She was born on 26th August 1988 and grew up in Ghencea. From 2016, she is the captain of national Romanian team. Cristina won the Honorary Citizen award in 2017. Also, she is the only handball player in history who won the IHF World Player of the Year award.





## QUESTIONS:

1. Where did she play handball between 2009-2013 and 2017? (2 points)
2. What year did she win the IHF World Player of the Year award? (2 points)
3. How many gold medals did Cristina receive at the national handball matches in Romania? (2 points)

**GOOD LUCK**

Send your answers via twinmail to Mara Turc or Radu Moldovan.

# Simona Halep

Simona Halep was born in 1991 on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September in Costanța, Romania. Simona is a professional tennis player from Romania currently ranked nr.1 in the world.

She has won many trophies in her career. Romanians take pride in celebrating her achievements.



## Questions:

1. How many times did she reach the Grand Slam Tournament Finals? (3p)
2. What age did Simona start playing tennis? (2p)
3. Which tournament did Simona win in 2018? (2p)

Please send your answers to **Sosu Cristian** and **Medrea Iulia**

## AMZA PELLEA

Amza Pellea was a comedy and historical film actor, but, from all the films he played in, the most popular film was Nea Mărin Miliardar (Uncle Mărin, The Billionaire). In 1977 he won the award for the best male actor at the International Film Festival from Moscow. Some of his most important roles were Nea Mărin, Mihai Viteazul, Pârveu, Decebal.

### Here are our question

1. Which was his first movie? (2p)
2. Who directed the film Nea Mărin Miliardar? (3p)

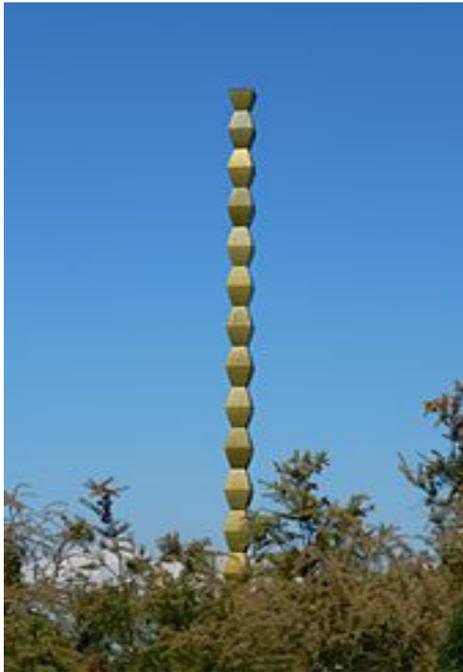


## THE ENDLESS COLUMN

The Endless Column is a sculpture by Constantin Brancuși. It has a total height of 29,3m. The Endless Column symbolizes the infinite sacrifice of the Romanian soldiers. In 1918 Brancuși made some drafts of this form in oak. The Endless Column was assembled on 27 October 1938 by a friend of Constantin Brancuși. The restoration of this sculpture was between 1998 and 2000. The modules were made in the central workshop from Petroșani.

Quiz Questions:

1. In which city from Romania can you find the Endless Column? (2p)
2. What is the Endless Column made of? (2p)





A project by Căndea Larisa, Muntean Deia and Vrășmaș Alexandra.

# The Danube Delta



The Danube Delta (Romanian: “Delta Dunarii”) is the second largest river delta in Europe, after the Volga Delta, and it is the best preserved on the continent. The greater part of Danube Delta lies in Romania (Tulcea

County).

Danube Delta has a big variety of birds. It has the highest concentration of bird colonies in all of Europe.



1. How many channels (arms) does the Danube Delta have? Write their names. (2p)
2. During summer, in Danube Delta can be found under 230 species of birds (True/False) (1p)
3. What happened in 1991? (4p)

Send your answers via Twinmail to: **Ana Sfrijan-Penciu**  
or **Robert Viziteu**

# HISTORIC CENTER OF SIGHISOARA



**The historic Centre of Sighisoara is the old historic center of the town of Sighisoara from Romania, Transylvania. The defense system, which was the most difficult to conquer of all the Transylvanian fortresses, due to the prosperity of the settlement was composed of 14 towers.**

**Sighisoara citadel is the one of the only medieval fortresses in the world that is still inhabited.**



## Questions

1. When was the citadel built? 1,5p
2. What kind of architectural style does it have? 2 p
3. It was designated a UNESCO world Heritage Site for its 850-year-old testament to the history and culture of the Transylvanian Saxons.  
True                      False 1 p
4. Who built the citadel ? 1,5p

**Send your answers via twinmail to Adriana Olar or David Cotoră**

## NICOLAE TONITZA

The Romanian painter Nicolae Tonitza is known for his fascinating paintings. He painted especially portraits and caricatures but he was a journalist too. One of his most recognized paintings is "Forester's little girl" from 1924. The artist focuses on portraits and paintings representing the countryside life of Romania. And portraits of personalities and self-portraits too.



Quiz Questions:

- a) He had two children. F\T (1p)
- b) What was his wife's name? (2p)

A project by Nagy Robert, Pop Bianca and Varga Kevin.