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My competition entry was about...

My competition entry was about Joseph Cotulla – a Pole, immigrant to the United States, a founder of a town in Texas. In our project we were describing his life, struggles and successes.



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Topic of history competition:

History of your local region

Year of participation:

2015



How did you decide on your topic ?

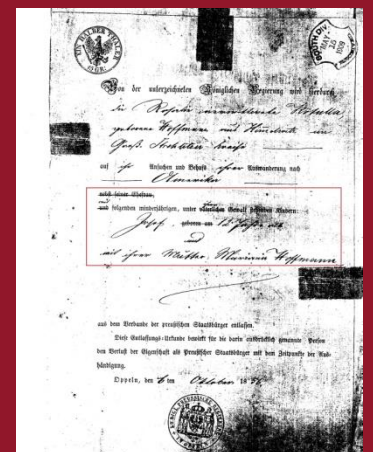
Our teacher is really interested in local history, so he came up with idea of exploring the life of a boy from our small village. He formed a group of students with a variety of skills to do the project.

» Close history – undiscovered, untold, unheard... «



How did you react when you came upon surprising points during you research?

The biggest problem was keeping in touch with Cotulla's family members. Even though we received first e-mails really quickly, replies were becoming fewer over time. Once I thought that we won't get answers anymore. Patience was a required skill.



I based my research

- ...on source material
- ...on interviews
- ...on family history
- ...on literature
- ...on the internet



Did the research affect you personally?

I learned how much effort and time a single project can take up. Moreover, I could practice my English skills in real life and get in touch with people from another continent. Also, learning about the history of one man can be very interesting.

» The history of ordinary people can be more interesting than you think. «

