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My competition entry was about...

...the relation between Portugal and Brazil, especially about the cultural legacy Brazilian migrants brought to my hometown, Lisbon. I based my work on a Brazilian coffee shop founded in 1905. The coffee shop and coffee in general, played a relevant role in Portugal's culture and economy.



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Topic of history competition:

America

Year of participation:

2015

Title of your competition entry:

»The Brazilian«



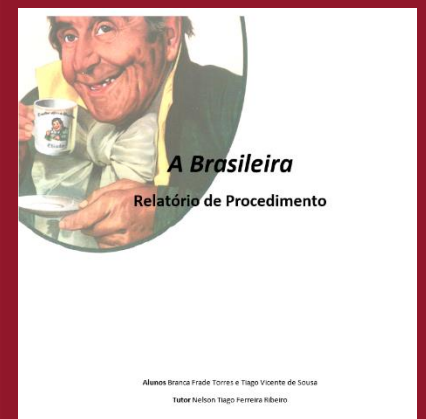
How did you decide on your topic ?

I decided on my topic after talking to my tutor: We assumed that the coffeehouse was a major contributor to the development of huge Portuguese cities. In fact, it was one of the most important places in the beginning of the 20th century. Nowadays, the Brazilian coffee shop in Lisbon is still the most relevant and well-known coffeehouse in the city.



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

During my research I had to deal with the lack of information available. So I went to the coffee shop and talked to employees and regular clients. Those interviews provided me with more information for my research paper. Additionally, I found a book about the coffee shop there and I used it as my main source.



Did the research affect you personally?

The research affected my personality, because I learnt a lot about this place, I understood the importance of this coffee shop in my country and how it affected my city. I discovered that coffee was one of the most relevant good of exchange between Portugal and Brazil and that it also brought culture, information, and people into my hometown. I realized the importance of the exchange between countries and its populations.

I based my research

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

»Do you know where the things you are surrounded by come from?«

