



**Matura exam**

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Educational system in my country is quite complicated. Actually, there are 7 types of schools that I know of. Firstly, there is the nursery and the kindergarten which are not compulsory. When you are 6, you become a pupil of primary school, which lasts 6 years. You gain basic knowledge there. After that there's the junior high school, which is a three – year- long school. It is a type of school, where you can expand your basic knowledge from the primary school and develop your interests and skills. After those 9 years of education you can choose from three types of schools: the comprehensive school (3 yrs.), the vocational school (2 yrs.) and the technical school (4 yrs.). In the first one you simply expand your knowledge further, it all ends with an exam called “Matura” which is prepared to check the students’ knowledge. If you want to go to a university, you have to pass this test pretty well. In vocational school you learn only about a chosen vocation, there's no Matura test after that. Then there's the technical school, which is something in between those two – you learn about a certain vocation, you have all the subjects that there are in the comprehensive school and you get to try yourself out by writing the Matura. So, as you can all see there are lot of choices to be made by each and every student, but that's actually a good thing. Everyone is different and wants to do different things in their lives. Also, as there are lots of schools you will attend, you will meet many people. Perhaps, some of them will become your friends. And I'm not thinking only about fellow students – teachers are people too.

Almost every student in the world has to pass an exam, if he wants to go to university. It is a special exam called the Matura exam. It looks different in various parts of the world. Is it more difficult than the Polish matura exam? Let's find out!

In Germany there is Abitur. Students take it after twelve or thirteen years of education, it depends on the region. They have to pass two subjects on extended level and three on basic level. In different parts of Germany students can make a presentation or present a research. After “Abitur” they can go to university.

China has a special test called “Gaokao”. It takes place after twelve or thirteen years of education and there are compulsory tests of Chinese, maths and a foreign language. What's more, students have to choose six subjects which they want to sit. After these exams they can go to college. For many young people it is a big chance to make a career and improve their standards of living.

In the USA the matura exam is called SAT- Scholastic Assessment Test or ACT- American College Testing, depending on the state. Students proceed to that test after twelve years of education. There is one version of these tests, with no difference of level. ACT checks English, maths, reading, writing and general knowledge. The test lasts 2 hours and 45 minutes. SAT consists of three parts: reading comprehension,

maths and writing. It is the main factor in admission to college.

In the UK students take exams called A-Levels. They sit the tests after twelve or thirteen years of education. They choose three or four subjects, and they have to pass them on extended level. The test is divided into two parts and takes place in the two last years of high school, at the end of every year of education. The list of

A-level subjects is very long so students can sit the exam even of the Polish language. However, passing an exam does not guarantee admission to college. Universities have the right to use their own exams.

I think that all those exams are quite similar and resemble the Polish Matura exam. However, each test has something characteristic. Fingers crossed graduates

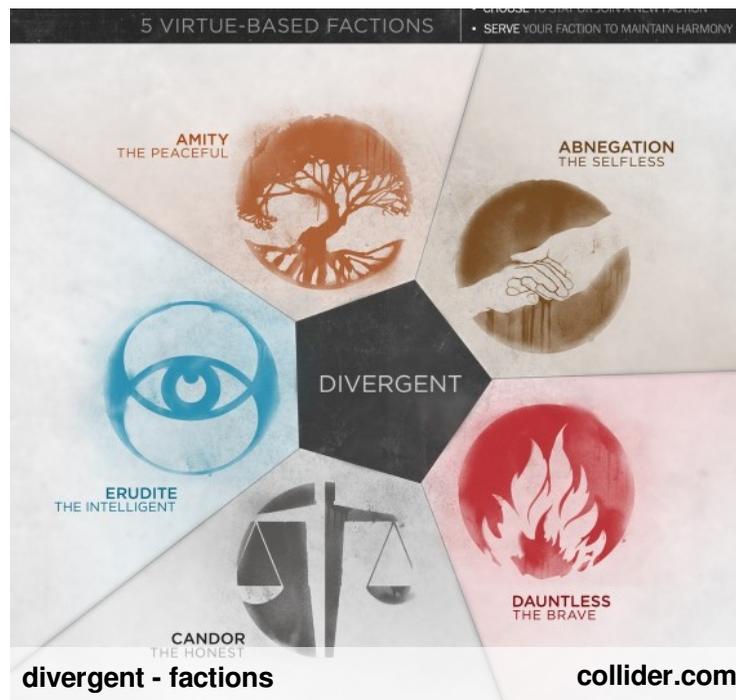


**Studentst after Matura Exam**

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**Some call it a better successor of the 'Hunger Games'. For others it's a weak imitation of this series. Rest claim that these stories are completely different and shouldn't be compared. Anyway, the 'Divergent' is one of the greatest and most prominent movies this**

Few years after an amazing success of the book 'Hunger Games', the 'Divergent' appeared in bookshops. This story is destined mainly to young adult readers and tells about not far and not really happy future. After a great war, people hid in Chicago, surrounded by a huge wall, and decided to end with violence. To achieve this aim, they divided the society into five groups called factions. Each one is built by people with the same personality traits. The main attribute of members of Erudite is intelligence, of Abnegation is selflessness, of Candor is honesty, of Amity is peace and of Dauntless is bravery. Jobs are also different for each faction - for example people from Amity are farmers and from Dauntless are policemen and soldiers. At the age of 16, everyone has to choose their fraction for the rest of their lives. Factionless people mostly die or become beggars - if you leave your faction, you can't return. Everyone knows their place in society. It sounds like a perfect system, but it turns out to be not.



Beatrice Prior, the main heroine of the story, has to pass the test like everyone at the age of 16. It's a psychological exam, which by special simulations shows your principal personality trait and helps you to decide which faction is the best for you. But it shows that Beatrice doesn't have just one main trait of character, she suits alike to three factions - she's what is called divergent. She has to choose a faction and pretend being like everyone else, because the divergents

threaten the system. They can't be controlled like others by the authority, so they are dangerous. Consequently, they have to be eliminated. She is told not to trust anyone and hide. On the Choosing Day, Beatrice decides to leave her family and join Dauntless, hoping she'll be safe there. As Tris she starts her training to become a member of the Dauntless. She has to trust mysterious and reserved Four, one of her trainees, try to find out what the leaders of Erudite are planning and - what's not so easy as it seems... to survive.

## DIVERGENT – NEXT 'HUNGER GAMES'?

As most people think, the only things linking the 'Divergent' and the 'Hunger Games' are the wrong system ruling the people and young, strong heroine trying to fight against it. But majority of the readers consider both stories only seem to be so familiar. 'Divergent' tells about friendship, bravery, love (with no annoying triangles!), hard choices and it shows that people cannot be classified with character – they are too complicated to be thought as having only one personality trait. And any efforts to do it are just wrong.

The adaptation, which appeared on screen on March 21<sup>st</sup> (in Poland April 4<sup>th</sup>), is brilliantly directed by Neil Burger. The main roles, Tris (Sheilene Woodly) and Four (Theo James) are really played great by these young actors. You just have to like them and you can see that they perfectly match the characters they act. In the movie we can also see some 'big stars' of the film, as Kate Winslet playing Jeanine from Erudite.

## 'The fear doesn't shut you down. It wakes you up.'

'Divergent' is magnificently very worth watching and the shot - for example the scene when Tris rides down through the destroyed after war city on the rope – but in some moments it seems to be too ideal. There's a lot of actions in the film, and the scenes are dynamic and attaching. Battles are shown very well and quite realistic, which is a big advantage. Also music is magnificently matched and suits the plot pretty well (like in scene with jumping off the train or during the training). What is more, the movie is a really good adaptation of the book written by Veronica Roth – what doesn't happen so often.

I think the film is

Also a bit older ones can find it interesting and well – done. I'm sure all people will find some clever thoughts behind the normal plot for the youth. In my opinion, it's definitely worth seeing also by those who fell in love with the 'Hunger Games' to compare if it's good enough – or maybe better? - and also for those who are not convinced to Katniss – maybe Tris will be the one who steals your heart. All in all – don't waste time and make your opinion of „Divergent”!

## Usual places with unusual history Lubiąż



Monastery

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Lubiąż, which is the next step on our way through usual places with unusual history, is a little village located in southern Poland. In 1163 the Cistercians settled there, and they also turned this place into a town, but the area around it looked

like a village. Lubiąż couldn't develop, there were too few people and they wanted to work for their families only. This place had many ups and downs. It lost its civic rights and since then it has been recognized as a village. It is famous

because of the monastery of the Order of Cistercians. A very important event took place there in 1997. The king of pop Michael Jackson came into Lubiąż and he was fascinated by the monastery. People, who were

very cheerful, welcomed him with bread and salt. He visited a building in 20 minutes and just got into his helicopter and went back home.

There are many interesting legends.. St. Jadwiga was a Christian who wanted to show her humility and modesty so she spent her life walking barefoot. Unfortunately, her husband prince Henry I Brodaty thought that a princess shouldn't walk barefoot because of her social position. The prince asked an abbot, Jadwiga's confessor to order her to wear

shoes. So, when the princess came into the monastery he gave her a beautiful pair of shoes. St. Jadwiga wanted to be obedient so she hung the shoes... on a string on her shoulders. When the princess was once going to Lubiąż she turned around to look at the monastery. In the place where she put her foot a spring appeared.

People built a well in this place and it has been there until these days. It is in the forest called the Forrest of St. Jadwiga and the well is called the Well of St. Jadwiga. Citizens of Lubiąż say that the water of this well has healing properties.

to cultivate monastic lands. He had been working hard for many hours. He was exhausted so he decided to have some rest. While he was lying near a big tree, birds were singing so he fell asleep. He woke up in the evening well - rested. Birds were still singing. He decided to go back to the monastery. While he was walking he saw an unfamiliar building. He didn't recognise his monastery.

Another legend is about elapsing time.. Cistercians were really good farmers. They spent all their free time on a field. Once upon a time, brother Eberhard was going with a hoe



Monastery

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Pop star in Lubiąż

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## I wish you could visit that place.

Everybody looked strange and everything looked unfamiliar. He talked to the abbot about what he felt. Then the abbot recalled that in chronicles there was a story about a brother Eberhard who went to a field and never came back. Suddenly bells started ringing and monks had to go for supper. The very moment when the

bells stopped ringing brother Eberhard gave up his ghost. On his face there were cheer and peace as God let him go after a hundred years. Finally, he could watch the fruit of his hard work.

I hope you like my article about this amazing and unknown place.

## CORNER FOR COOKING LOVERS

### TRADITIONAL BRITISH APPLE PIE



apple pie

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**Ingredients:**

- Pastry
- 200g flour
- pinch of salt
- 110g cubed butter
- 2-3 tbsp cold water

- Filling
- 700g apples,
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 110g sugar
- 4 - 6 tbsp cold water
- 1 level tsp ground cinnamon
- 25g butter

Almost every country has its own style of pie and this recipe is a traditional British one. This recipe is quick, easy and always ensures a perfect result .

**Preparation:**

- Place the flour, butter and salt into a large bowl.
- Rub the butter into the flour with your fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs, working as quickly as possible to prevent the dough becoming warm.
- Add the water to the mixture and using a cold knife stir until the dough binds together, add more cold water a teaspoon at a time if the mixture is too dry.
- Wrap the dough in Saran wrap/Clingfilm and chill for a minimum of 15 minutes, up to 30 minutes.
- simmer the apples with the lemon juice and water in a large pan until soft. Add the sugar and cinnamon to the cooked apples. Remove from the heat and add the butter and leave to cool.
- Roll out half the pastry and line a 13cm pie dish. Put the cooled, cooked apple mixture into the pastry case.
- Roll out the remaining pastry to make a lid for the pie. Damp the edges of the pastry in the dish with a little cold water, cover with the lid, press the edges firmly together and crimp to decorate.
- Brush the top of the pie with milk and bake at the top of a hot oven for 20 - 25 minutes.
- Serve hot or cold with cream or ice cream.

## INCREASE YOUR WORDPOWER

**GOOD**

- a) **a good product:** *fine, superior, excellent, marvellous, magnificent, outstanding, satisfactory, exceptional, wonderful, first – rate, acceptable*
- b) **a good person:** *virtuous, righteous, up – right, moral, honourable, decent, trustworthy, guiltless, admirable,*
- c) **the children are good at school:** *well-behaved, obedient, dutiful, polite, respectful,*
- d) **a good thing to do:** *right, correct, proper, appropriate, apt, suitable*
- e) **a good driver:** *capable, skilful, skilled, talented, accomplished*
- f) **a good friend:** *close, intimate, dear, bosom, loving, loyal, devoted, reliable*
- g) **good food:** *delicious, tasty, mouth – watering, appetizing, flavoursome, yummy*
- h) **milk is good for you:** *wholesome, healthy, nutritious, beneficial,*

**B A D**

- a) **bad workmanship:** *poor, substandard, second – rate, second – class, unsatisfactory, inadequate, unacceptable, amateurish,*
- b) **bad news:** *unpleasant, unlucky, unwelcome, unfortunate, terrible, dreadful,*
- c) **a bad accident:** *severe, serious, grave, critical, acute*
- d) **the meat is bad:** *rotten, off, decayed, decomposed, putrid, mouldy, sour*
- e) **a bad knee:** *injured, wounded, diseased*
- f) **bad language:** *offensive, vulgar obscene, rude, dirty, filthy, indecent,*
- g) **bad guys:** *wicked, sinful, immoral, evil, dishonest, amoral,*
- h) **bad girl:** *naughty, badly behaved, disobedient, undisciplined, insubordinate, self-willed*