

Multicultural Day Project



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My name is Luke Ciobanu, Ciobanu means Shepard in Romanian. My dad is Romanian, he is from the city of Bacu, which is one of the largest cities in Romania. I was there when I was young and saw the beautiful mountains and forests, we even saw a bear on the side of the road.

(Sorry about the dates on pictures, my dad's camera was wrong. These are from 2011)



Figure 1 Me and My Dad In Romania



Figure 2 Bear we saw on the Road

Interesting facts about Romania:

- Dacia was a province of the Roman Empire. Romania is an eastern European Country but unlike its neighbours it is Latin in origin. Romania comes from the Latin word Romanus which means citizens of Rome.
- After the Pentagon Romania has the second largest building in the world, The Parliament Palace in Bucharest. It is also the heaviest building in the world.
- Bucharest's nickname is little Paris because in 1935 they copied an arch from Paris.
- The Romanian language is 1,700 years old.



Figure 3 Peles Castle, the Royal family owed it .

Geography of Romania.

- Romania is the 12th largest country in Europe.
- It is bordering the Black sea.
- Romania has five provinces Walachia, Moldavia, Transylvania, Banat and Dobruja.
- The famous Carpathian Mountains are in Romania.
- Romania has huge forests, with bears, and I saw one myself, scratching its belly on the side of a road going up the mountains.
- There is a Romanian Sphinx.
- They have 150 glacial lakes in the mountains.
- Ancient Roman roads can be still seen in the mountains.
- The climate in Romania is very hot in the summer, and lots of snow in the winter. The weather has gotten more extreme in the last few years.

Irish and Romanian link.

I am half Irish and half Romanian. There is a link through the Irish writer Bram Stoker. Who wrote Dracula and made Transylvania famous.



Romanian Armour

Revolution 1989

When my dad was Nine years old things were very hard in Romania, the country was under Russia. All the food and resources were exported. My dad said they had a card and with that they could get some bread, one chicken, and in winter some fuel. It was very hard, the people were starving, they all worked, they had money but there as noting to buy, everything went to Russia. The people got angry at the government, at the Communists. All Romania's produce went to Russia, so the people protested on the 16th of December till the 21st 1989. The army went on to the roads and started shooting at people protesting, which made people more angry and the protests spread out all over the country. The army brought out the tanks all over Bucharest. The protests got bigger. The army and press turned against Nicolae Ceausesce . He tried to escape but was caught. They showed his assassination on television, and his wife's too.