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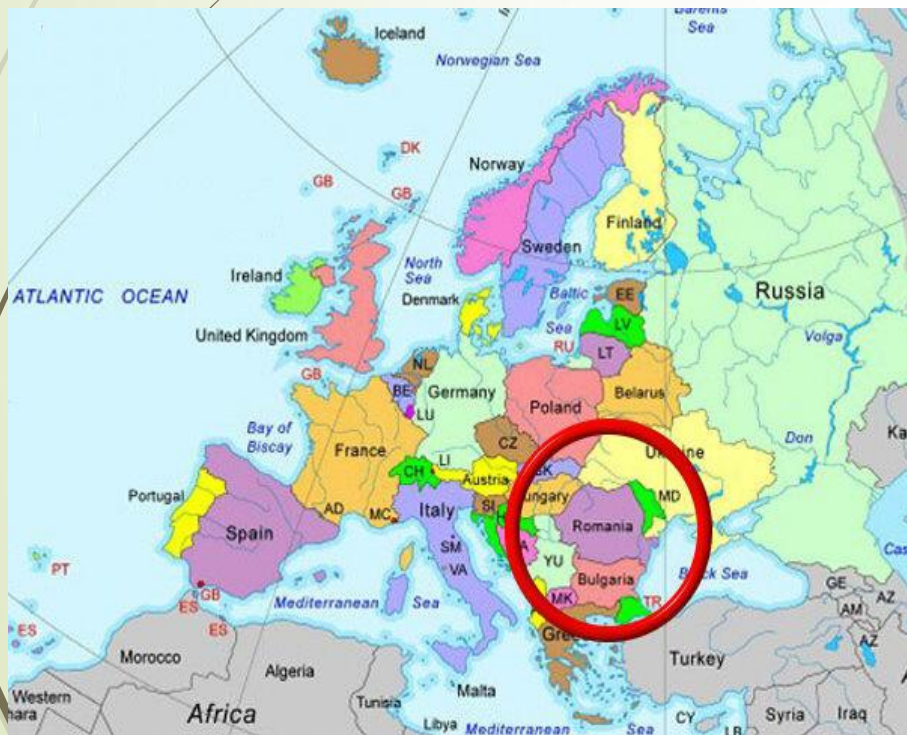
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- Romania is situated in the south-east of Europe.
- In terms of area, it is the twelfth-largest in Europe.
- Bucharest is the capital.

BORDERS



FLAG

The national flag of Romania has three colors: blue, yellow and red.



NATIONAL ANTHEM

“Deșteaptă-te române!” (translated as “Awaken, Romanian!”) is the national anthem of Romania and represents the Romanians’ revolutionary spirit.

Here is a short fragment:

*“Awaken thee, Romanian, wake up from deadly slumber
The scourge of inauspicious barbarian tyrannies
And now or never to a bright horizon clamber
That shall to shame put all your enemies.”*

LEGENDS – ROMANIA'S NATIONAL MYTH

Our main national myth is represented in a pastoral ballad called “**Miorița**” (**The Little Ewe**) and illustrates the unearthliness of this place, of its inhabitants and their philosophy of life, death and suffering.



LEGENDS – ROMANIA'S NATIONAL MYTH

- The plot is simple. An enchanted ewe warns a shepherd about the fact that some other two are planning to kill him. He wouldn't try to defend himself if that happened, but he's rather thinking of protecting his beloved ones from the pain his possible death might cause.



LEGENDS – ROMANIA'S NATIONAL MYTH

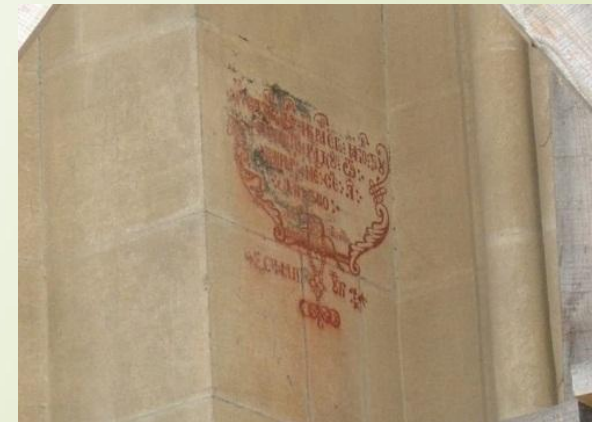
- The ballad is an allegory. The shepherd presumed to be killed is the human being who faces the end of its material existence. He sees death as a natural returning to the Universe, so his concern is about the ones he leaves behind.



OTHER ROMANIAN LEGENDS

The Cathedral of Curtea de Argeș

- ▶ Manole the Master builder
(“Mesterul Manole”) built his own wife into the foundations of a monastery to stop the curse of the walls falling down at night.
- ▶ This legend explains the origin of the monastery but also suggests that art is based on sacrifice.



TRADITIONS

- ▶ **Easter** is about knocking red eggs, which symbolize Christ's blood.
- ▶ **The Epiphany** (January 6) celebrates Christ's baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptizer . People go to church and take holy water for cure and purification.



- On CHRISTMAS and New Year's Eve, children and young people go from house to house singing carols such as: Steaua, Plugusorul, Sorcova and Capra.

- **Sorcova**(January 1) is a stick with artificial flowers used as a magic wand to wish health, luck and fertility.



- **Mărțișor** is on 1st March.
Women wear an interwoven white and red thread that is believed to bring good luck and good health.



CĂLUȘARII

- ▶ Călușarii are a group of dancers with colorful costumes.
- ▶ They dance really fast around a stick, and watching them dance brings good luck over the entire year.



TRADITIONAL COSTUMES



IE - BLOUSE



FOTĂ-OVERSKIRT



PIEPTAR - VEST



TRAISTĂ - BAG



BRÂU - BELT



CLOP - HAT



OPINCI - SHOES





PHASE 2 - "Fairies - Ghouls - Anaskelades - Vixens - Illnesses - Fates and Destiny"

The activities were carried out both with the target group and with other classes of students, in the desire to get as many students and teachers involved, to promote the project and to maximize the use of the materials. Thus, both primary and secondary levels are present in our activities, besides the target group of students.

Primary level

- The goat and the snake
- The seven-headed dragon

Romanian

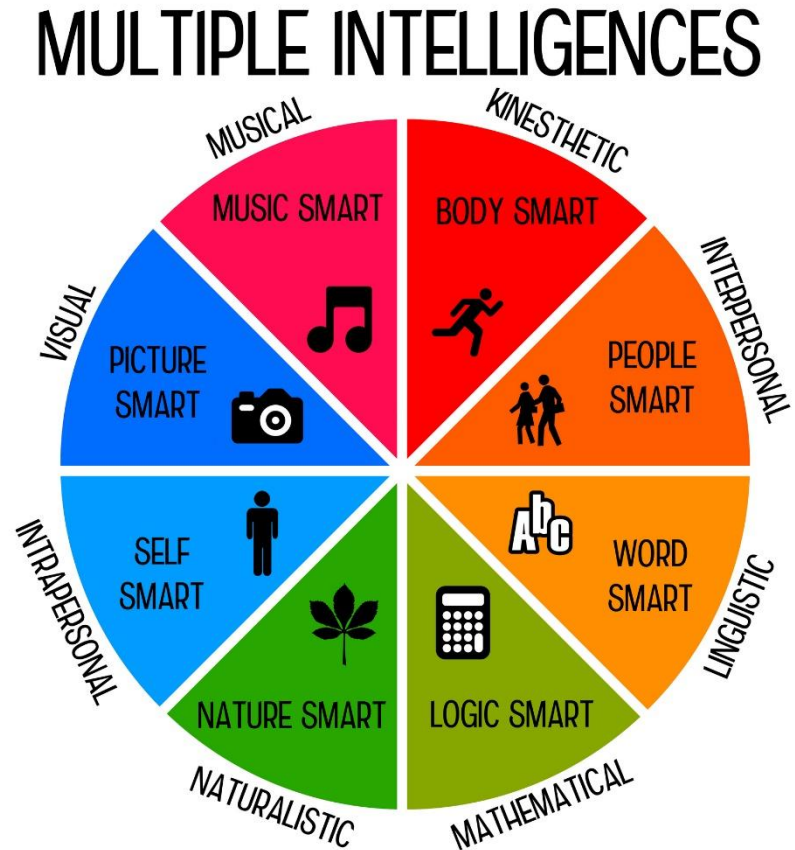
- The Laurel Girl
- Michael the Brave and the executioner

Interdisciplinary approach on Wicked Fairies

- Maths - worksheets
- Geography – wicked fairies' places
- Visual arts and crafting – creating a wreath
- Literature – writing composition
- Music and acting- creating a choreography

Multiple Intelligence Theory

- Students answered some questions and found out their dominant intelligence type, for better teamwork and increased efficiency.



Romanian Literature

Myth introduction

Activity summary

- Myths: The Laurel Girl
- Students read the given myth using role-playing.
- Students and teacher talk about the text.
- They fill in two worksheets related to literature and grammar.

Theme: Wicked Fairies

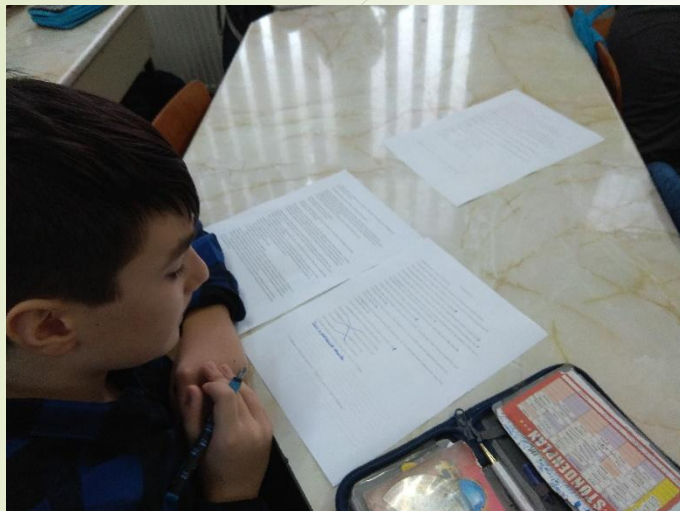
The Romanian wicked fairies (iele) are known to be fantastic young women that can fly and have a ghostly appearance. Terrible things might happen to the men that meet them .



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Myth introduction

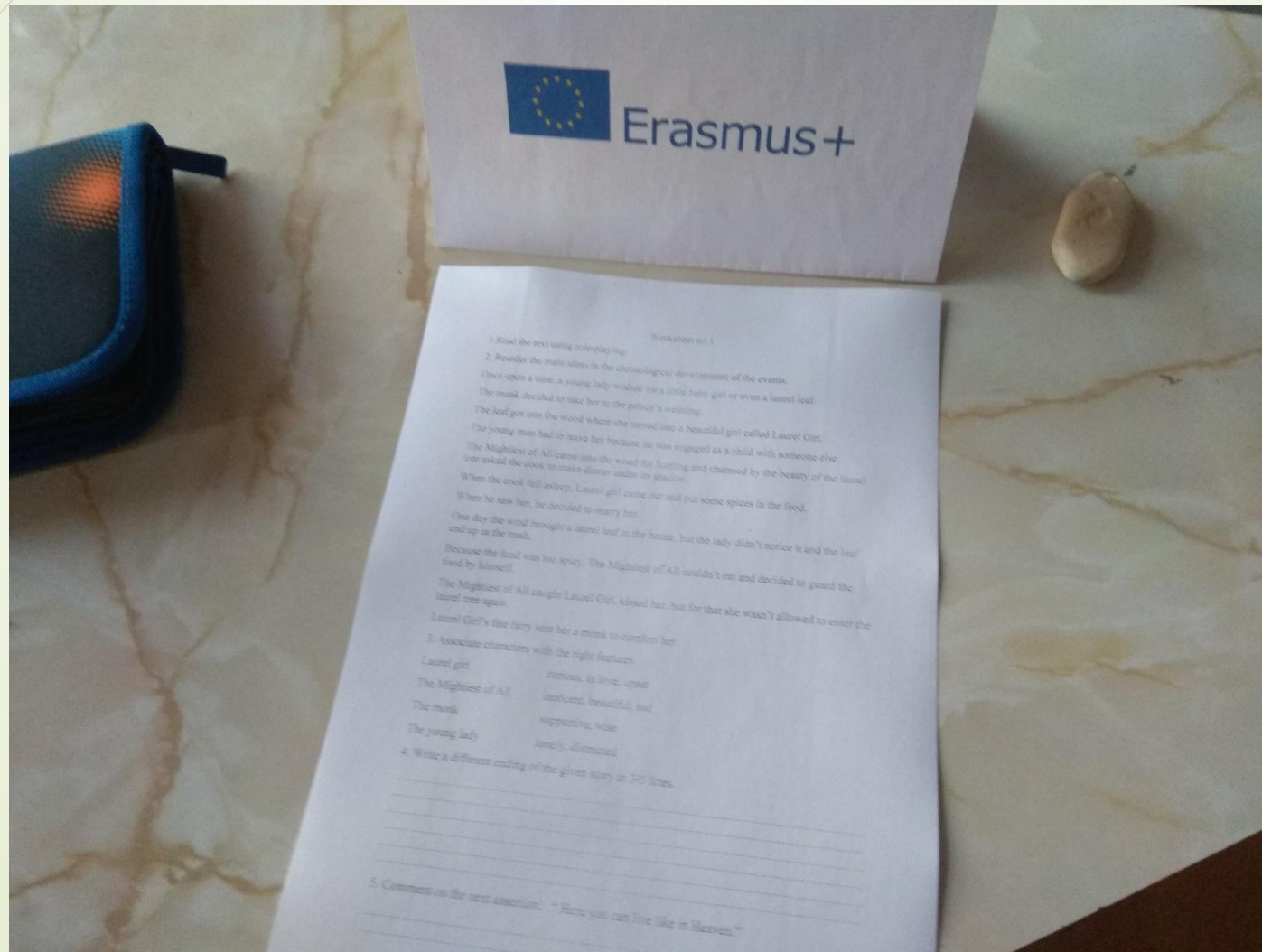
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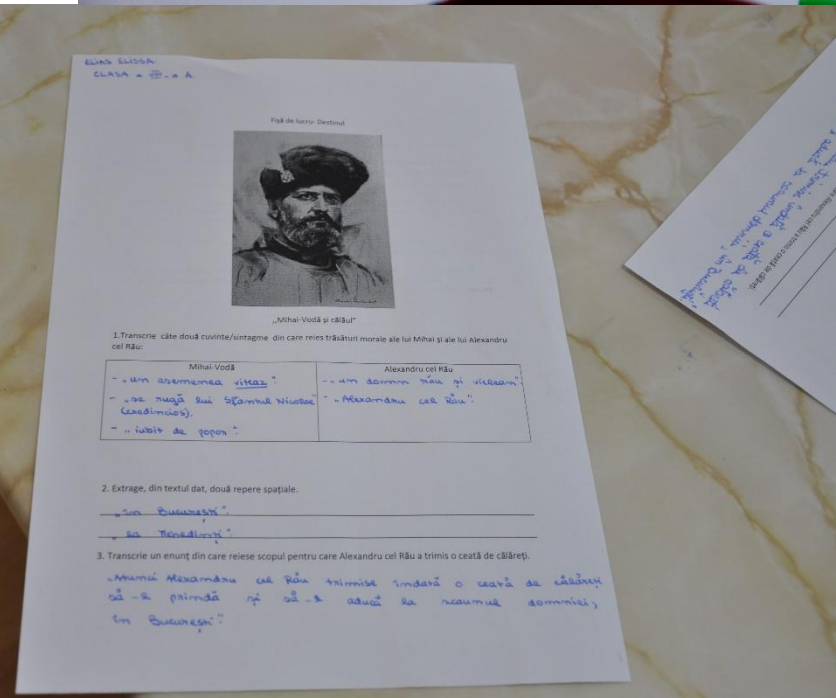
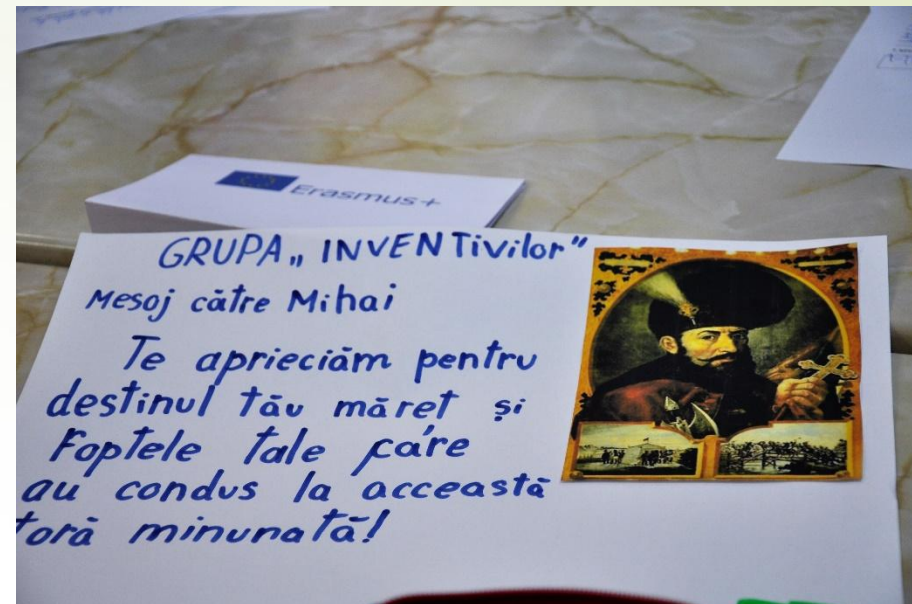
➤ Activity summary

- A literary analysis on fate myth based on the folk legend "Michael the Brave and the executioner"
- Students fill in a worksheet.



Romanian Literature

End-up products



Primary level - Communication, Maths, Arts, Science

Activity summary

- Evil animals
- text: The goat and the snake
- Students fill in a worksheet with different items related to the given school subjects and color the drawing of a snake.

Work in progress ...



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End-up products

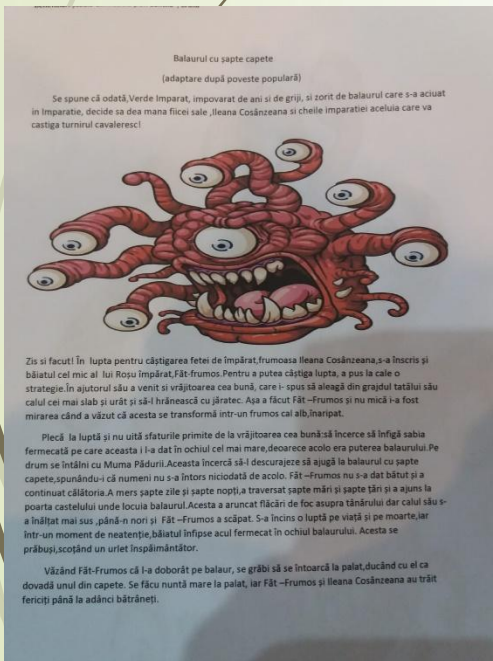


Primary level - Communication, Maths, Arts

Work in progress ...

Activity summary

- Demons
- Text : The seven-headed dragon
- Students identify characters, illustrate the plot in a maze or by making a collage.



Primary level - Communication, Maths, Arts

End-up products



Interdisciplinary – Visual Arts and Crafting

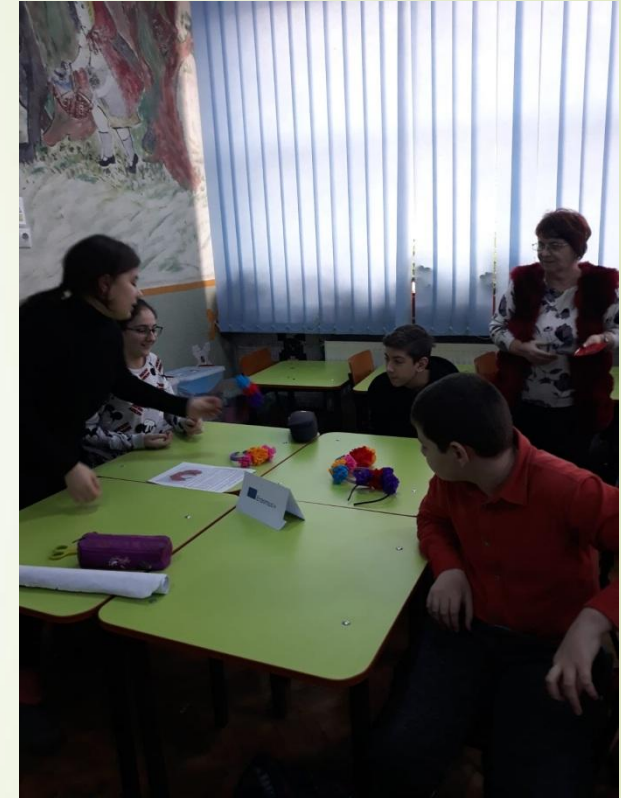
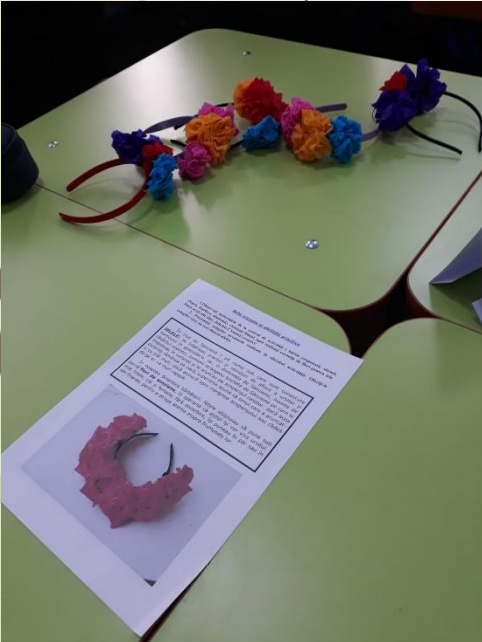
Wicked Fairies (Iele)

End-up products

Work in progress ...

Activity summary

- Students watch a movie about wicked fairies and then create wreaths for them.



Interdisciplinary - Geography

Wicked Fairies (Iele)

Work in progress ...

Activity summary

Students must disseminate in groups some information about places where wicked fairies might be seen even nowadays; then they mark these places on a map.



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Interdisciplinary - Romanian Literature

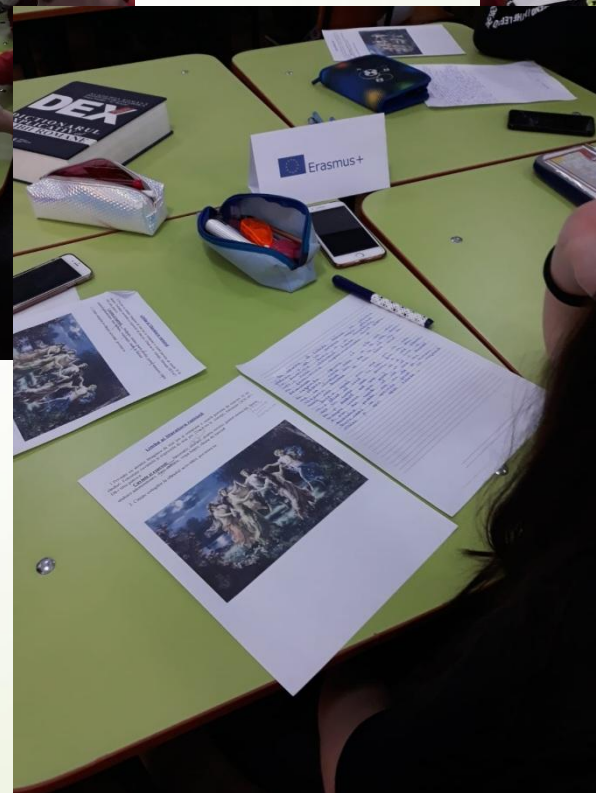
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Activity summary

- Students write a short composition inspired by a picture with fairies.
- At the end, they read their compositions to their colleagues.



Interdisciplinary - Mathematics

Wicked Fairies (Iele)

Work in progress ...

Activity summary

- A scientific approach on the wicked fairies' universe.
- Students fill in a worksheet and present it to their colleagues.



End-up products



Interdisciplinary - Music and Acting

Wicked Fairies (Iele)

Activity summary

- Students listen to a song about fairies; then, inspired by some suggestive quotes, they have to create a choreography for the wicked fairies' dance.

Work in progress ...



End-up products





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