

LESSON 9.

From the history of Belarus

Communicative area: speaking about the history of Belarus

1. Do you remember the name of a book character who used to slouch a lot? Do you know any historical characters who used to slouch? Do you like reading historical novels? Do you know the history of your country well?



2. Look at the pictures. Who is the lady in the picture? What do you know about her? What do you know about this castle? Share your ideas with your partner.
3. a) Look through the names in the box. Do you recognize any of them?

Frantsisk Skarina

Mikola Husousky

Mikalai Radziwill Chorny

The White Lady

Kshishtof Radziwill Sirotko

Mikalai Radziwill Rudy

Semeon Polotsky

Euphrossinya Polotskaya

Stanislav Radziwill

Zhygimont August

The Black Lady

🔊 **b)** Listen to the legend. Say which names were mentioned in it.

🔊 **c)** Listen again. Note down as much information as you can about the characters of the legend. Does the legend tell you the truth?

4. a) Read the article about a sensational finding. Choose the best headline for it.

DIED IN THE 17TH CENTURY

TREASURE OF A PRINCESS

HISTORY COMING ALIVE

DEEP IN THE PAST

BURIED IN NESVIZH

AN ANCIENT GRAVE

A SKELETON IN THE RUINS

FOUND BY ARCHAEOLOGISTS

Archeologists in Nesvizh have found a large grave from the 17th century. They believe that an important person of that time was buried in it because in the ruins they found a skeleton of a rich woman.

Many stories about Barbara Radziwill come from that area, and everyone is asking the same question: might this be the grave of the famous Belarusian Princess? A gold ring was found in the grave among other treasures. The same ring can be seen on Barbara's finger in her famous portrait.

The archeologists have to work slowly and carefully, so it may be months before they know the answer. Will the truth ever be found out?

Maria Brylska

b) Do you believe Barbara was buried in this grave?
Why? Why not?

5. Play the History game in two teams. The team which gives full answers to all the questions wins the game.

What do archaeologists do?



Why did York disappear?



What do you know about the Great Sphinx?



What do you know about the history of Rome?



What things did people use to put in Vikings' graves?



Where and with whom did Barbara Radziwill live?



Why did Barbara die?





Who were the Vikings?



What did Zhygimont do after Barbara's death?



What do you know about King Tutankhamen?



What do you know about dinosaurs?



Name three important inventions and say all what you know about them.



Who was Zhygimont?



CONGRATULATIONS! YOU WIN!