



Country & Partner Institution

Unit 1 – Roman-Era Deities in Slovenia

Activity n°	1
Description of content	<i>The activity is about religion in the Roman time. The activity will also focus on the objects in the National Museum of Slovenia depicting various deities both local and imported ones to the territory of the present-day Slovenia. The comparison will be made on the religious exchanges and the beginnings of Christianity and its forms in the territory of Slovenia in the Roman era will be explored.</i>
Learning outcomes and competencies	<p><i>The learning outcome of the activity is to show that not only Roman Empire was multinational; it was also multi-religious. Students will learn the origin of some holidays that still have connections to ancient times and will develop pluralistic view of various religions and cults and how they affected each other.</i></p> <p><i>The competencies acquired are: global education thinking skills (the world has always been intertwined), religious knowledge, multi-faith mindset that will help learners achieve 21 st century skills in the globalized world.</i></p>
Materials and equipment	A computer, blackboard/screen, videos from Youtube, a catalogue of the Roman collection at the National Museum of Slovenia will be used
Setting	<i>Face to face with a teacher</i>
Theoretical lessons	<i>Roman Silk Road</i>

Duration	<i>The activity will take place in 45 minutes.</i>
Type of interaction and brief description of the activity	<p><i>The activity will take place in the form of the whole class, group and individual work. Students will first be presented photos of various deities and will try to guess their names and attributes. They will form groups and present their answers. Students will then be shown the pictures of Roman-era portrayals of deities and dedications to them from different sites or museums in Slovenia. in the National Museum of Slovenia from far-away lands. They will employ the method of critical thinking and discuss and compare religious life in Roman times and religious life in modern times. They will learn that until the prevalence of Christianity in the Roman Empire, Romans absorbed various religious influences, from modelling their Gods on their Greek counterparts, to specific Italic deities, to local deities of conquered nations and international religions (Christianity, Mithraism, Judaism etc) .</i></p> <p><i>The teacher will study the topic of the object via the catalogue of Roman era objects in the National Museum of Slovenia and via Youtube videos dealing with Roman-era gods.</i></p> <p><i>Videos will be used so students will be prepared to brainstorm what they already know about deities in the Roman time and will learn new vocabulary- such as mithraism, arianism..</i></p> <p><i>The video shown will be no longer than 5 minutes and will be followed by the task/quiz taken from the BBC. In order to deepen the understanding of the topic , post-lesson excursion to the National Museum of Slovenia will be organized to see in person particular stones, statuettes or texts dedicated to the cult of divine emperors (such as the foundation of Emona inscription dedicated to the Emperor August), statuettes of original local Emona goddess Aeqorna, pre Roman Celtic and Venetic god Belenus, . The battle of Frigidus in 394 fought near Vipava in Slovenia, the battle which ended paganism and enabled Christianity to finally prevail will be discussed as well as the works and life of Saint Hieronymus, translator of the Hebrew Bible into Latin language, born in Stridon in the territory of Slovenia.</i></p>

Glossary	<i>Roman religion, paganism, Christianity, Mithraism..</i>
Assessment method	<i>At the end of the lesson, students will fill-in the questionnaire prepared by the teacher about the Roman Deities in the Roman time. hey will also reflect on the comparison between Roman era religion and modern era religion and will employ the method of critical thinking and critical reading. They will state what they liked or disliked and will suggest improvements for future activities on this topic.</i>
Sources / further reading / resources	<p>https://www.nms.si/si/publikacije/katalogi https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Roman_deities Battle of Frigidus https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNSyUq1HjcI</p>