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A Cultural History of Slovakia

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Required Texts:

S. J. Kirschbaum (2005) *A History of Slovakia*.

New York: St. Martin's Press.

Anton Spiesz (2006) *Illustrated Slovak History*.

Wauconda, IL: Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers

June Granatir Alexander (2004) *Ethnic Pride, American Patriotism:*

Slovaks and other new immigrants in the Interwar Era.

Philadelphia: Temple U. Press

Course materials

Library:

Paul R. Magocsi (1993) *Historical Atlas of East Central Europe*

Internet resources:

Lexis-Nexis at <http://web.lexis-nexis.com/universe>

FBIS at <http://wncnet.fedworld.gov>

(Both need to be accessed from a Pitt account or VPN – Extranet.)

Jan. 4, Th — Introduction

notes, maps

Jan. 9, Tu — Slovakia: where it is and where it was

Learn about Slovakia's ethnic, political and physical geography from maps and notes; a suggested source for historical maps: Magocsi (1993), pp. 11, 14, 65, 77, 98, 150, 157, 167, 175; read Kirschbaum 11-21

Jan. 11, Th — The first state and the first linguistic collision

course material, Kirschbaum 21-38, Spiesz 16-25

Jan. 16, Tu — Images of Great Moravia

course material, Spiesz 26-33

Jan. 18, Th — Integration in the Kingdom of Hungary, the Reformation

Kirschbaum 39-60, Spiesz 33-61

Jan. 23, Tu — The results of the Reformation and the Ottoman expansion
course material, Kirschbaum 61-77, Spiesz 62-75

Jan. 18, Th — A Scotsman's travels in the Carpathians
course material

Jan. 23, Tu — The Counter-Reformation and two Slovak cultures
Kirschbaum 78-88, Spiesz 76-87, course material

Jan. 25, Th — The Kingdom and the Habsburgs, the Enlightenment
Kirschbaum 89-106, course material

Jan. 30, Tu — The Slovaks and the Hungarians in conflict
Kirschbaum 107-124, Spiesz 89-98, course material

Feb. 1, Th — An Englishman's travels in the Carpathians
course material

Feb. 6, Tu — A critical reading of historical sources
course material

Feb. 8, Th — Folk culture and high culture
course material

Feb. 13, Tu — The Slovak written languages
course material, Spiesz 98-101

Feb. 15, Th — Slovak activists between Buda-Pest and Vienna
Kirschbaum 125-154, Spiesz 102-123

Feb. 20, Tu — Test

Feb. 22, Th — The Foundation of Czecho-Slovakia or Czechoslovakia
Spiesz 155-187, Granatir Alexander 15-43, course material

Feb. 27, Tu — Slovak migration to America
Granatir Alexander 15-113, course material

March 1, Th — The Slovaks and the Czechs as political nations
Kirschbaum 155-179 Spiesz 188-207

March 13, Tu — Living in America
Granatir Alexander 114-259

March 15, Tu — Living in America
Granatir Alexander 156-219

March 20, Tu — The demise of the new country
Kirschbaum 179-194, Spiesz 203-212

March 20, Tu — Slovakia in World War II
Kirschbaum 194-204, Spiesz 213-233

March 22, Th — Living during World War II
course material

March 27, Tu — Communist takeover and the thaw

Kirschbaum 244-250, Spiesz 235-258

March 29, Th — Communism after the Soviet invasion

Kirschbaum 244-250, Spiesz 260-261

Apr. 3, Tu — Life, culture under Communism

course material

Apr. 5, Th — Post-communist tensions

Kirschbaum 250-271, course material, Spiesz 296-299

Apr. 10, Tu — Independent Slovakia, the first elections

handout, Web resources

Apr. 12, Th — Independent Slovakia, the second elections

handout, Web resources

Apr. 17, Tu — Contemporary developments, minorities

Web resources

Grading: 4 quizzes - 10% each; test 1 - 25%; test 2 - 35%