

10 - BULGARIA

History:

Historic Figures:	Vasil Levski (1837-1873) Revolutionary and National Hero, Hristo Botev (1848-1876) Poet and revolutionary, Knyaz Alexander Batenberg (1857-1893), Stefan Stambolov (1854-1895) Prime Minister and Regent
Historical Events:	1886, The Treaty of Bucharest concluded the Serb-Bulgarian war, 1889, The first non-stop train to Istanbul left Paris, 1891 Bulgarian socialists led by Dimitar Blagoev assembled to form an organized socialist movement, 1914, Bulgaria proclaimed its neutrality in the First World War.

MFL:

Conversational Phrases:	<p>Hello - Zdraveite Good Morning - dobro utro Goodbye - dovishdane See you soon - shte se vidim skoro See you tomorrow- shte se vidim utre Goodnight - leka nosht How are you - Kak si I am fine, and you - az sum dobre a ti I am very well - Az sum mnogo dobre What is your name- Kak se kazvash My name is - moeto ime e Thank you - Blagodarya ti Thank you very much - Blagodarya ti mnogo You're welcome - Vie ste dobre doshul I am sorry - suzhalyavam What - Kakvo How - kak When - koga How much - kolko Where - kudeto Who - Koï</p>
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PE:

Popular Sports:	Football, Skiing, Basketball, Volleyball, Wrestling, Weight lifting.
Famous Female Personalities:	Evgenia Radanova (short track speed skater), Manuela Maleeva (Tennis), Stefka Kostadinova (High Jump), Tsvetana Pironkova (Tennis)

Music:

National Anthem:	Milo Rodina
Musical Instruments	The Gadulka is a string instrument related to rebec. A Gaida is a bagpipe made from goatskin of which there are two variations. The Tarabuka (Dumbek) is a finger drum that is shaped like an hourglass. The Tambura is a half pear-shaped metal-strung lute. The Tupan is a drum with a large frame – one side is struck with a beater called a Kiyak.

Geography:

Population:	6.9 Million
Highest Mountain:	Musala
Longest River	Danube
Coastline:	234 Miles

Design Tech:

Food - Popular Dishes:	Banitsa (traditional pastry dish), Shopska (salad), Moussaka (origin Greece), Tarata (cold cucumber soup), Sarma (rolled and stuffed vine and cabbage leaves)
Fashion Designers:	Evgenia Jivkova, Mina Kaye, Nikolay
Inventions:	Air Bag, Digital Wristwatch
Art and Sculpture:	Vladimir Dimitrov, Julius Mordecai Pincas

Business Studies:

Exports (Top 4)	Refined Petroleum, Refined Copper, Raw Copper, Packaged Medicaments
Imports (Top 4)	Copper Ore, Crude Petroleum, Cars, Packaged Medicaments

Science/Maths:

Stamen Gigov Grigorov	Bulgarian physician and microbiologist. He discovered the Lactobacillus bulgaricus bacillus, used in the making of yogurt.
Roumiana Panayotova Metcheva	Antarctic researcher, best known for her work on ecotoxicology and biodiversity protection in the Antarctic. She is the Head of Department of Ecosystem Research, Environmental Risk Assessment and Conservation Biology at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

Crazy Fact:

Bulgarians shake their head for yes and nod for no.

This is mostly true, even if some people deny it. There is just something about it – it seriously comes naturally to do the 'opposite' nods when speaking Bulgarian.