

*Essen, Krakow and Vilnius in  
comparative perspective: contributing  
to a truly European history*



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# **Dark Times and Golden Ages – European City Destinies**

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***Project Urban Kaleidoscope***



The following **work topics** were chosen for each of the cities:

	<i>Golden ages</i>	<i>Dark times</i>
<b>Krakow</b>	"Krakow's Cultural Heritage" 16 <sup>th</sup> century	"Communism" 1945-56"
<b>Vilnius</b>	"The 16 <sup>th</sup> Century - Vilnius as a Multicultural Centre"	"1655: Russian Invasion"
<b>Essen</b>	"Industrialisation" ("Krupptown") (1871–1900)	"Battle of the Ruhr" (1943)



# Mandatory topics

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- Migration
- Architecture/City Planning
- Technology and the Environment
- Culture
- The history of daily life, the situation of the residents, medicine, supplies, hygiene



# Other individual focus topics for selection:

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- Memory cultures / the history of dealing with the past
- Trade
- Social and population structures
- Structures of rule
- Infrastructure
- Economic structures (sectors)
- Political Situation
- Education, research and culture
- Religion
- Minorities
- Literature, Film, Music
- Gender Studies etc.