

## **Webquest**

### **Become a horse whisperer**

#### **Introduction**

The traditional breeding and rearing (keeping) of Lipizzaner Horses at the Lipica Stud Farm is the breeding of Lipizzaner Horses in the classical way – in the frame, proportions and with characteristics needed to perform classical dressage and riding on the Karst.

The excellence of the Lipica Stud Farm in the field of cultural and natural heritage is based on the following facts:

It is the original stud farm of one of the oldest cultural horse breeds – the Lipizzan horse breed. It is the oldest European stud farm breeding a single breed of horse. Its area is the only micro location ensuring optimum conditions for top breeding of Lipizzan horses. It presents a unique atmosphere with individual elements, such as space, architecture and landscape which were formed exclusively for the purpose of the basic, original activity – breeding of Lipizzan horses. It has an exceptional development potential in the sense of preserving top breeding of Lipizzan horses worldwide. Its development has an outstanding importance for the international reputation of Slovenia. Protected values of cultural landscape and architectural heritage of the Lipica Stud Farm have a permanent and exclusive function of the original activity of the stud farm – horse breeding and riding.

So it is important to keep the tradition alive. Still, we have to look for business opportunities to enable the traditions to stay alive. One way of doing so is to look for new activities to attract people to come to the stud farm to learn about the tradition of breeding Lipizzan horses as well. One of such business opportunities is “Become a horse whisperer”.

#### **Aim**

The aim is to learn more about different traditions and cultures; observing ancient traditions in Slovenia and your country.

To enrich the vocabulary, develop the language skills - reading, speaking and presentation skills in particular.

#### **Task**

Work in pairs or small groups of 3-4 people. Each pair or group finds information about the latest activity “Become a horse whisperer” offered at the Lipica stud farm; prepares a presentation on it and explains why it is worth visiting.

**Include the following information in your presentation:**

- Location and description of Lipica stud farm
- Traditional breeding of Lipizzan horses
- “Become a horse whisperer” activity at the Lipica stud farm
- Are horse whisperers real or a myth?
- Can horse whisperers be of any help? For whom?
- Interesting facts you like to add

Web support:

<http://www.lipica.org/en/what-to-do/activities/riding-lipica/2002>

<https://www.ofhorse.com/view-post/Horse-Whisperer-Real-or-Myth-1>

<https://blog.nationalgeographic.org/2011/06/16/the-real-horse-whisperer/>

<http://www.careerwithanimals.co.uk/what-does-horse-whisperer-do.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7Z9dF7nZnw>

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/life-in-body/201407/horse-whispering-life-enrichment>

<https://abcnews.go.com/beta-story-container/International/horse-whisperer-helps-stress-sufferers/story?id=55407267>

**Conclusion**

You did extensive research and learned about the intangible cultural heritage of Slovenia. You experienced the advantages and disadvantages of working together and you had to make common decisions. The task completed gave you an insight of traditional breeding of Lipizzan horses and an insight to unorthodox methods when it comes to horses in Slovenia.

**1. Make a presentation and present it to other students in the class**