

## **Webquest Dry stone walling**

### **Introduction**

Dry walling is the construction of a stone wall by stacking stones upon each other without the use of any connection material like cement, except sometimes dry soil. The stone used is usually not processed. Its product is “suhozid” or dry wall (other names for it depending on the region) which can be often found along entire Adriatic coast as well as in the Dalmatian inland area.

This task focuses on the tradition of constructing dry stone walls and its sustainability in the future important for Dalmatian region as well.

### **Aim**

To learn more about different cultures, focusing on similarities and differences between dry stone walling; observing ancient traditions in Croatia and your country.

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

### **Task**

Work in small groups of 4 people. Each group must gather information about the dry stone walling, prepare a presentation, make conclusions, give an explanation why it is worth knowing for locals.

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

- Location and description of the stone construction
- Process of making dry stone walling
- Purpose of building
- Stability of the structure
- The reason for building up stone walling.
- Peculiarities

Other relevant information you want to add

Web support:

<https://www.total-croatia-news.com/lifestyle/32751-intangible-heritage-of-croatia>

<https://www.explainthatstuff.com/drystonewalls.html>

<https://www.theguardian.com/money/2009/aug/08/dry-stone-walling>

<https://www.conservationhandbooks.com/build-repair-dry-stone-wall/>

<https://www.croatia-times.com/the-istria-times/croatias-dry-stone-walls-demystified/>

<https://www.total-croatia-news.com/lifestyle/16259-traditional-dry-stone-wall-construction-technique-declared-cultural-heritage>

## **Conclusion**

You have done extensive research and learned much about the intangible cultural heritage of Croatia. You have experienced the advantages and disadvantages of working cooperatively, you had to make common decisions. The task made you think about the traditional ways of dry stone walling of Croatia.

- 1. Make a presentation and present it to the groupmates.**