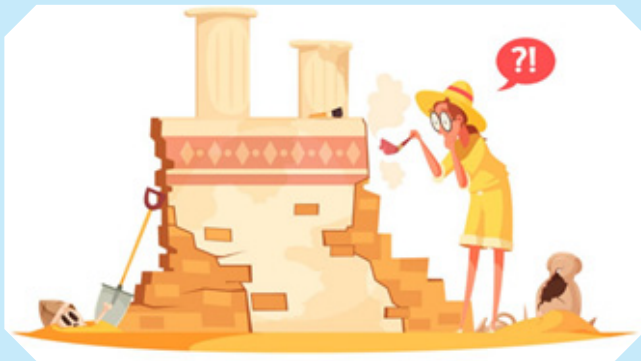


## Loss of Cultural Heritage and Pieces of Art



The loss of cultural heritage and pieces of art is a significant problem that affects societies and individuals on a global scale. It refers to the destruction, damage, or disappearance of cultural artifacts, traditions, knowledge, and practices that have been passed down through generations. This loss can happen due to various factors, including natural disasters, conflicts, urbanization, and globalization.

One major consequence of the loss of cultural heritage is the erasure of a community's identity and history. When cultural artifacts, such as ancient monuments, indigenous crafts, traditional music, or historical documents, are destroyed or lost, it can create a sense of disconnection and loss of identity for communities and even nations.

Also, the loss of cultural heritage also impacts art and creative expression. Artistic works, whether in the form of visual arts, performing arts, literature, or music, are often rooted in cultural traditions and historical contexts. When these traditions and knowledge systems disappear, artists and creatives lose valuable sources of inspiration, techniques, and cultural symbols. This can reduce the artistic diversity and the richness of cultural expressions.

Economically, the loss of cultural heritage can also have detrimental effects. Cultural tourism, for example, relies heavily on the preservation of unique cultural sites, practices, and artistic traditions. When they disappear, it can result in a reduction in income and in economic growth for communities that rely on cultural tourism.

Overall, the problem of loss of cultural heritage and art has significant impacts on societies globally. Preserving cultural heritage is not only important for preserving history and identity but also for promoting economic growth, creativity and cultural diversity.



### KEY WORDS:

Heritage – наследие

Significant – значительный, важный

Destruction – разрушение

Erasure – уничтожение, стирание

Indigenous crafts – ремесла коренных народов

Detrimental – пагубный, губительный

Preservation – сохранение

Diversity – разнообразие

Reduction - сокращение

Income – доход

### **Project**

Select any area that relates to cultural heritage (buildings, monuments, pieces of art, customs and traditions, etc.). Find information about one cultural object or tradition that has been lost or erased. For example, the city of Palmyra or name day celebrations. Prepare a presentation and include the following points:

- brief information about the object/tradition, its history;
- location / country or region (for traditions);
- the importance of this cultural object/tradition;
- the reason(s) for its loss

### **Questions:**

1. What is cultural heritage? Why is it so important for us?
2. Can you name the reasons why we may lose our cultural heritage?
3. How can we solve the problem of the loss of important cultural sites, monuments and other elements of culture and art?