

ANNOTATION

This bachelor's thesis deals with the expulsion of Sudeten Germans in the Karlovy Vary region and how this historic era is reflected in our history, mainly in the post-Sudeten towns and villages. This thesis aims to show that history written by human lives must not be forgotten and that today, there are many ways to remember it. The theoretical part mentioned reasons why we should work with memory and history, along with describing the era related to the topic of this thesis. In the practical part, we shall look at the ways towns and villages could be used to incorporate history into the present time. The suggestions for civic activities will be demonstrated with specific implementation examples. Additionally, the practical part will focus on how contemporary Czech authors work with this topic in their literature. The result of this thesis will be an overview of various tools that can be used to preserve collective memory so that we do not repeat the same mistakes because not only people left the borderlands but also the culture and stories we could learn a lot from.

KEYWORDS

memory, the expulsion of Sudeten Germans, past in the present, the expulsion of Germans in contemporary literature, civic activities connecting the present and the past, work of towns and villages with memory and history

