***LOCATING DIFFERENCES & SIMILARITIES BETWEEN PLOCK IN POLAND AND PATRAS IN GREECE***

→ *German occupation*: Plock was under German occupation in the 1st World War, yet Patras (Greece in general) was not. During the 2nd World War, however, both cities were under German occupation and experienced bombarding, hunger, poverty, executions, death. Patras citizens organized in Resistance Groups fought against the Germans bravely. Lots were executed or sent to detention camps by the Nazis, the same happened to thousands of Plock people who suffered extremely great losses.

→From 1037 till 1047 Plock was the capital of Poland, but Patras, although it was a very important city even in Antiquity, it never served as the capital city of Greece

→Plock has less population than Patras

→Plock has got an oil refinery but Patras hasn't

→Plock has got the longest illuminated bridge in Europe, whereas Patras has got the largest suspended bridge in Europe

→Both cities own a castle. Plock's castle seems to be preserved in good condition. Patras castle, built in the 6th C, is now used for housing summer performances and other cultural events

→ Both cities have their Patron Saints (Patras: Orthodox Cathedral of Saint Andrew, Plock: Catholic Cathedral of Saint Bartlomiej)

→Both cities are beautiful, however Plock seems to have more parks, more green areas and more traditional buildings very well preserved. Regarding Patras, some of its Neoclassic buildings have been either demolished or are nearly neglected, so many areas have lost their neoclassic architectural style

NOTE: Although we speak different languages and our countries are kilometres away, we have realized that both We and Polish kids belong to the same European "family". Each country may have its own distinct civilization and history, we may be 'different' , but we **DO** share the same **dreams for our future.**

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