

## MUSEUM SESSIONS OFFERED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR 2019/2020

### II. Museum sessions for students from grades 4-12

## We help you know history like the back of your hand

### **Casimir Pulaski and his times**

Let us accompany you on a journey through Poland in the late 1700s—a tumultuous time when the last Polish king Stanisław August Poniatowski was elected and abdicated following the dissolution of the Polish state as a direct result of the third partition of the country by Russia, Austria, and Prussia. How did Casimir Pulaski and his alike manage to cope with such a difficult situation? The session on Casimir Pulaski and his times will give students the chance to explore the intriguing yet thorny period in Poland's history, marked by the polemic reign of King Stanisław August Poniatowski, Bar Confederation, and Poland's partitions.

### **Casimir Pulaski and his secrets**

Middle and high school students who have already been made familiar with the fundamental facts from the biography of Casimir Pulaski will be able to build on their knowledge to uncover all secrets behind his vibrant personality. Casimir Pulaski is one of seven figures in the world to have been awarded the title of the Honorary Citizen of the United States. One may therefore venture a question: What secrets connected with the life of the great hero remain to be unraveled? Was he buried at sea or on an American plantation? Was Franciszka Krasińska his first love, a friend, or did she want the young Pulaski to do her bidding? Together we will try to explore the greatest mysteries shrouding one of the bravest soldiers of 18<sup>th</sup>-century Poland.

### **Czarniecki and the Polish-Swedish War**

We take a closer look at Stefan Czarniecki—a military leader immortalized in the Polish national anthem. A monument to Czarniecki unveiled at Warka's market square is the only equestrian statue in Poland. Students will be made familiar with the unit of light cavalry called Lisowczycy, the Hussar Winged Cavalry, and a Polish-Swedish War that went down in history under the term Deluge to depict the wave of Swedish troops that flooded a vast area of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in the late 1600s.

### **Warka time machine**

The most unconventional museum session you can imagine... Just choose a date, hop inside the time machine, and there you have it! Would you like to go sightseeing in the Middle Ages? We will take you back to the times when Prince Trojden (*English: Traidenis*) founded the Dominican monastery in Warka. The year 1863 and tragic insurgent stories? Say no more! The partitions of Poland and the fight for independence? How about we follow the historical trail connecting Warka from the time when Poland started to be broken down in small districts ruled by medieval princes up to the time of World War II? The choice is yours! Warka's history is at your fingertips.

### **The fight for independence with Ignacy Jan Paderewski**

Middle and high school students are welcome to trace back Paderewski's international success in culture and politics. They learn about Paderewski's commitment to fight for the cause of independent Poland. What is more, students gain the chance to look into his life during World War I and right after Poland regained independence in 1918. The lesson takes advantage of source materials, including exhibits displayed at the Casimir Pulaski Museum in Warka.

\* All suggested museum sessions are customizable to allow for the inclusion of students on different stages of their education.

\* Museum sessions shall be booked with a two-week notice or earlier.