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HISTORY

National state, modernisation of society, land reforms, formation of the national education system.

Economic crisis, emigration, clericalism, and discord between national and social minorities.



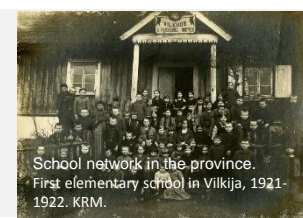
The original 20 members of the Council of Lithuania after signing the Act of February 16, 1918. LDM



Steamship card, No. 440, Kaunas (Lithuania), 1927. LJM



Vytautas Magnus University, Faculty of Physics – Faculty of Chemistry (1932). Arch. M. Songaila



School network in the province. First elementary school in Vilkija, 1921-1922. KRM.

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Young democratic state. The state heritage protection system starts.

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Communist and fascist totalitarianism. Heritage protection becomes a form of resistance to totalitarianism.

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HERITAGE

The origins of the state heritage protection institutions and the legal framework for the collection of artifacts, inventories and the making of museums, the creation of archives, and the activities of the Rerich Society.

Transformation of the rural landscape and heritage, development and change of cities and towns.



New churches were built, while the old baroque wooden churches were demolished. Naujamiestis, Panevėžys Distr.



Vytautas Magnus Museum was newly build in 1935. KDFM



Traditional wooden architecture in Kražiai.

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Kretinga after the destruction by the Nazi German Army in 1941, caused by fire. GAM



Kill and defiance the defenders of freedom by the Russian Army in the Rietavas Region, 1947. ROKIM



Siberian Lager, c. 1940-1960. KDFM

War, Jewish genocide, occupation, exile and emigration, collectivisation, and Soviet industrialisation.

Resistance movement, with ideological resistance through culture, religion and science.



Land reclamation in the Egidžiai collective farms of Telsiai District, 1951. MLIM



Soviet realism sculpture at Green Bridge in Vilnius, 1952.

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The renovation of the Trakai Island Castle



This synagogue in Saukenai was demolished. VVGŽM

Rapine and removal of cultural heritage values, demolitions, destruction of Jewish heritage objects, annihilation of objects hostile to communist ideology (i.e. manor estates, sacred heritage sites).
List of cultural objects (1961), creation of the state heritage protection and monument management system, creation of the museum-skansen, and ect.



Panemunėlis wooden manor house that was demolished in 1987



Muzeum-skansen was created

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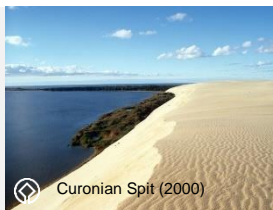
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Vilnius Historic Centre (1994)



Kernavė Archaeological Site (Cultural Reserve of Kernavė) (2004)



Curonian Spit (2000)



Lithuanian cross crafting (2001)

Restoration of democratic institutions, freedom of speech, open society, an open world, historical memory, and property restitution.

Urbanisation, emigration, bureaucracy, the rise of cosmopolitan threats, and social exclusion.

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Restored wooden church of Griškabūdīs



Uzutrakis manor estate. Restored palace and park.



Restored wooden synagogue at Pakruojis



Restored paintings at Pakruojis synagogue

Lithuania become a member of UNESCO, ICCROM (1992) and ICOMOS (1993), with 4 World Heritage sites. Restoration of manors and Jewish heritage and traditions, as well as the revival of traditional crafts. Increasing role of local communities.

Incomplete organisation and compensation systems, capriciousness of commercial interests.

The world breaks everyone and afterward many are strong at the broken places.

Ernest Hemingway "A Farewell to Arms"