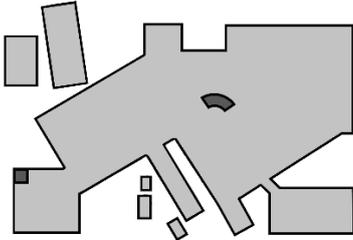




“Galicia no longer exists. It disappeared from the map of Europe in 1918 together with the Austrian-Hungarian Empire, whose province it had been. Yet, it still lives as an imagined space in the collective imagination and memory.”

You are going to read about a historical and geographical region called *Galicia*.



Not to be confused with the autonomous community in Spain with the same name, Galicia was situated in modern day Central and Eastern Europe.

Find out some information about Galicia by using the terms *Galicia* and *The Kingdom of Galicia and Lodomeria* to guide your research.

Now read the article: *A successful Austrian invention*, exploring the myth of Galicia.

Click on the link or scan the QR code:

www.economist.com/news/books-and-arts/21632438-exploring-myth-galicia-successful-austrian-invention?zid=307&ah=5e80419d1bc9821ebe173f4f0f060a07



Vocabulary glossary:

Mourned its passing

Grief and sorrow after death

Magisterial

Brilliant, superior, authoritative

Proverbial

Famed, notorious, well known

A swathe of (something)

A lot of (something)

To assemble

Build, construct, put together

Emerging

Developing, evolving

Fate was sealed

Event which was unchangeable

Arcadian

Idyllic, peaceful, restful

The cradle of enlightenment

A place of development and reason

Emancipation

Liberation, freedom

Sunken

Destroyed

Restoration

Repair, rebuilding

Grew resentful

Become angry/annoyed/bitter

The adoption of (something)

Legally use (something)

Military conscription

Compulsory military service

Persecution

Oppression, discrimination

Staunch

Loyal, faithful

A beacon of (something)

A source of guidance/hope/inspiration

Flaws

Faults, errors

Read some other examples of how history may have been reimagined.

The Wild West

The American Wild West never existed in the way we keep in our collective consciousness. The truth has been whitewashed by pop-culture and other narratives, used to promote ideals of freedom and liberty, and show a transitional society shifting from lawlessness to modernity.

The first American flag

If asked, many American citizens will readily tell you that the first American flag was the Betsy Ross, but this is not true. When the Declaration of Independence was signed, severing all political connections with Great Britain, the Grand Union Flag was raised. Given the upper inner corner featured the flag of the Kingdom of Great Britain, it is understandable that knowledge of this has never been actively promoted.

Agincourt

Recent research has brought into question the accepted interpretation that the English army were outnumbered four to one by the French army during the Battle of Agincourt, a military engagement which the English won. Research findings suggest the French outnumbered the English only by 12,000 to 9,000. If true, the numbers may have been exaggerated for patriotic reasons by the English.

Napoleon Bonaparte

Contrary to popular belief, Napoleon was not especially short. At around 168cm, he was slightly above average height for men at the time. The characterisation is largely due to British propaganda, which sought to portray him as an upstart who threatened the existing state of affairs in Europe. Caricatures published in British newspapers at the time helped solidify the image in the minds of many that Napoleon was short of stature.