

BLUE PLAQUES ON LONDON BUILDINGS AS MEANS OF MEMORIALIZING

Not far ago I became one of the users of Instagram (it has been named “one of the most influential social networks in the world”). I am subscribed on “London Investor”. It is for all who wanted to know about London and the British in entertaining stories and pictures, but were embarrassed to ask. “London investor” tells his subscribers about the most interesting from my point of view activity. They proposed a guide to London's distinctive Blue Plaques – commemorating the remarkable men and women, who have lived in the capital. The “Guide” describes the careers of more than 950 individuals. Well-known names such as Charles Dickens, Karl Marx, Jimmy Hendrix and Florence Nightingale are featured as well as fascinating accounts of the antics.

The aim of this study was to develop the possibility of using blue plaques as a means of mastering linguistic and cultural competence.

The objectives:

1. To reveal the essence of the concept of “blue plaques”.
2. Discover people commemorated with blue plaques.
3. To show the possibility of using the "blue plaque" on buildings in London as a means of acquaintance with the life and work of great people.

We studied what is a commemorative plaque, plaque selection criteria, interesting facts about them, found out who lived in London and was commemorated.

A blue plaque is a permanent sign installed in a public place in the United Kingdom and elsewhere to commemorate a link between that location and a famous person, event, or former building on the site, serving as a historical marker.

The person under plaque selection consideration needs to meet the following criteria: to have lived in the actual building being commemorated, not in a later property constructed on the site; to have made a significant contribution in their field; to be recognizable to a well-informed passer-by if a foreigner; to have an international reputation; at least 20 years must have passed since a candidate's death.

In practical part we made a list of some people commemorated with blue plaques.

London's Blue Plaques are the oldest of their kind in the world. Plaques add interest to the local built environment, and help local residents and visitors to understand the history and character of the city. Behind every plaque is a story. From the creative output of international composers to the campaigns for women's rights.

These great people have distinguished themselves in the world of politics, business, science, literature, art, music, theatre and film. Commemorative plaques form a link between these outstanding earlier residents and the buildings of London. They instruct and entertain, they bring the past into the present, and they perpetuate their memory, making buildings their own biographers, and are a source of local pride. Plaques also mark buildings of significant historical or architectural note, informing us of their history or contribution to the built environment, they can help protect buildings. We tried to step in England history and we think that it is only the beginning.

The previous activities can help us stimulate our interest in creating such plaques in our town. We think that it is a great way to inspire children to pick up information about famous people in Zhabinka. Bringing children to the treasures of Belarusian history is an important element in the formation of a patriotic citizen, a person who feels his belonging to his native culture, his native city, his country.

We also made the quiz "How well do we know Londoners with blue plaques?" to find out how well you know famous former residents of London.

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THE STUDY OF SLANG AS PART OF SPOKEN ENGLISH ON THE BASIS OF A SITCOM "FRIENDS"

Key words: slang units, movies, idiom, classification of slang, main purposes, sources of information and learning, expression of feelings, slang formation, the notion of slang, spoken English.

The relevance of the chosen topic is that young British and American people use lots of words that you usually cannot find in most dictionaries. These extremely informal words and expressions are known as 'slang'. It is not possible to make a complete list of modern slang: by the time the list had finished, it would have been out of date! New words come and go like fashion.