

Pathway to Poland:

How Medieval Castles Tell Poland's Story Today

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Analyzing Polish history through museumified castles:

- How have these castles been preserved over time? Are they ruined, reconstructed, or renovated?
- How are they presented as museums?
- What is the narrative each museum puts forth? Whose stories are being told?
- What do these observations reveal about Poland's past, present, and future?

OGRODZIENIEC CASTLE

- Ducal families
- Polish strength/defense focus
- Narrative: mid-1300s-mid-1500s
- Preserved in ruined state

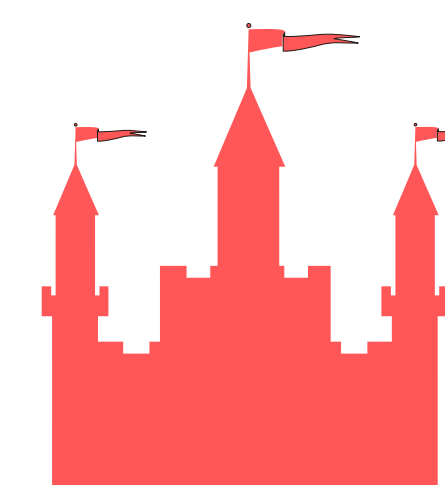


13th
Century



MALBORK CASTLE

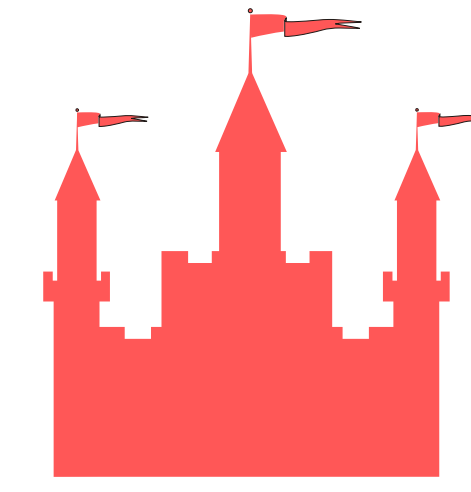
- Teutonic Knights
- Medieval focus
- Narrative: 1280s-1450s
- Reconstructed post-WWII



CZOCHA CASTLE

- Wealthy/nobility
- 1910s couple focus
- Narrative: 20th century
- Operates as a hotel post-1960s

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KSIAŹ CASTLE

- Princely family
- Princess “fairytale” focus
- Narrative: 20th c. to WWII
- Restored postwar



Cold War to
21st century

WAWEL CASTLE

- Kings of Poland
- Renaissance focus
- Narrative: 1500s-1700s
- Various parts
- 20th c. restorations



German
Silesia

Partitions of Poland

