

Czech History & Culture

Lecture nr. C2

Czech contribution to art, sports, science...

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Sport



- **Roman Šebrle** – Decathlon – 9026 p.
- **Emil Zátopek** – Run – 1952 (5km, 10km, Marathon – Gold)
- **Jan Železný** - Javelin throw – WR - 98,48 m
- **Jarmila Kratochvílová** – 800m – WR (1983) 1:53,28 m
- **Katerina Neumannová, Lukáš Bauer** - Cross-country skiing
- **Martina Sáblíková** – Speed Skating – WR 3km and 5km
- **Tennis:** - Ivan Lendl, Martina Navratilova, Radek Štepanek, Tomáš Berdych, Petra Kvitová
- **Fotball:**
 - Pavel Nedved, Petr Čech, Milan Baroš, Jan Koller, Tomáš Rosický

Ice Hockey – Czech national sport

- Jaromír JÁGR, Dominik Hašek, Patrik Eliáš, Pavel Kubina, ...
- A lot of players in NHL (USA/Canada) or KHL (Russia)
- Czech ELH - Extraliga



Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Medals
Czech Republic	6	1	5	12
Czechoslovakia	6	12	16	34
	12	13	21	46
Canada	24	13	9	46
Sweden	8	19	16	43
Russia	4	2	2	8
Soviet Union	22	7	5	34
	26	9	7	42
United States	2	9	5	16
Finland	2	6	3	11
Switzerland	0	1	8	9
Great Britain	1	2	2	5
Germany	0	1	2	3
West Germany	0	1	0	1
	0	2	2	4
Slovakia	1	2	1	4
Austria	0	0	2	2

Literature

- Till 18th century mostly in German or Latin
- Czech National Revival
- **Jan Neruda** (1834 – 1891) – poetry
- **Franz Kafka**(1883 – 1924) - novels in German language
- **Jaroslav Hašek** (1883 – 1923) - The Good Soldier Švejk
- **Jaroslav Seifert** (1901-1986) – poetry -Nobel price 1984
- **Karel Čapek** (1890 – 1938)
 - R.U.R. → Robot



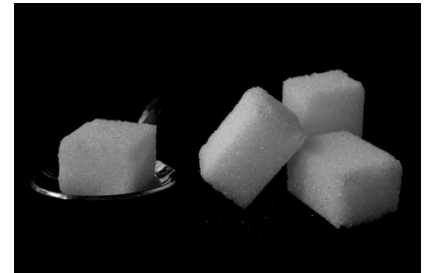
Cinematography

- 3 x Academy Award (Oscar) – Kolja
- Miloš Forman - 2 x Academy Award
 - Amadeus, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
- Karlovy Vary International Film Festival
- Movies „made in the Czech Republic“
 - Amadeus, Oliver Twist, From Hell (Johny Depp)
 - Hart's War (Bruce Willis), Hostel, Hellboy
 - Mission impossible (Tom Cruise), Van Helsing
 - Casino Royal (James Bond), Bad Company
 - xXx (Vin Diesel), ...

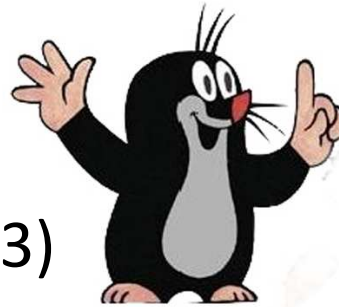


Science, industry...

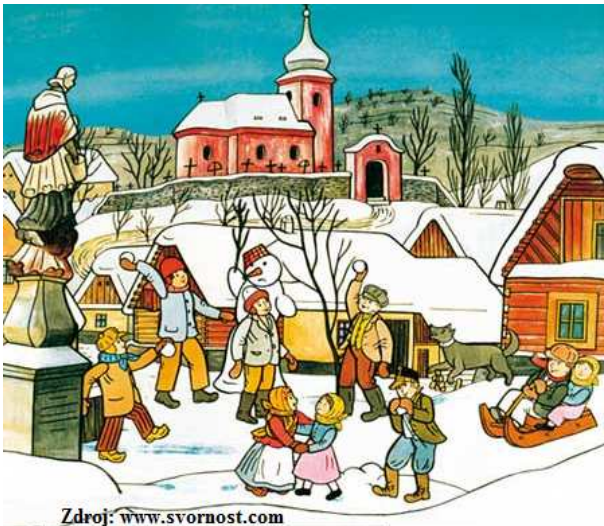
- **Johan Gregor Mendel** - founder of genetics
- **Jan Evangelista Purkyně** – author of cell theory
- **Sigmund Freud** – inventor of deep psychology
- **Otto Wichterle** - nylon, **contact lenses**
- **Jan Janský** – blood types (A,B, AB, 0)
- **Jakub Kryštof** – sugar cube 😊
- Semtín Pardubice - Plastic explosive **SEMTEX**
- **Jaroslav Heyrovský** – Polarography – Nobel Price 1959
- Engineers: **Ernst Mach, Emil Škoda, Ferdinand Porsche**
- Entrepreneurs : **Daniel Swarovski , Tomáš Bata, Ray Albert Kroc**



Visual arts



- Mikoláš Aleš (1852 – 1913)
- Josef Lada (1887 – 1957)
- Alfons Mucha (1860 – 1939)
- Max Švabinský (1873 – 1962)
- The Family Mánes: Josef
- Zdeněk Miler - Krteček



Architecture and design

- Jan Kaplický (1937 – 2009)
- David Černý



Music

- **Classical music:**

- Bedřich Smetana (1824 – 1884)
- Antonín Dvořák (1841 – 1904)



- **Singers:**

- Karel Gott
- Lucie Bělá
- Xindl X
- Jarek Nohavica



- **Bands:**

- Olympic
- Chinaski
- Čechomor

To remember...

- Czech national sport
 - ➔ Ice Hockey
- Otto Wichterle invented:
 - ➔ **Contact lenses**