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Questions and Answers

# Polish Forced labour in Germany during the Second World War

## 1. Historical map of Poland



On the map of Poland during the Second World War:

a) mark your home and indicate its historical zone during the war.....

b.) mark the direction of Polish labour deportation in the first months of the War

## 2. Read the propaganda leaflet "How Piotr and Zośka found happiness":

- mark the fragments referring to the difficult life situation of Poles under the German occupation
- note the promises made to the Poles to persuade them to leave
- money offered on signing contract
- boarding and hygiene in the transition camp
- food while working on the farm
- relaxed, cheerful working atmosphere
- clean linen in the accommodation
- no aerial bombardment
- free Sundays, masses in churches
- evening dances
- letters to the family- bank transfers of savings, additional possibility of purchasing a bicycle





Continuation:

- "Goodbye" - the kerchiefs wave

Piotr and Zośka go by train.

And on the side, Paweł is whining

Like a bad cloud or cholera

Because all the girls prefer Piotr.

Hard work, it's no picnic is not a parade

The load of grain is put on the cart,

The thirsty get their drink,

Here they sing, there they laugh.

Where are the fears? Where are the bombs?

The night was over the town.

Piotrek snores in the bedding  
Savings not wasted  
The new bicycle has been fitted.  
Zoska, the alarm clock and it's off to work.

Piotr and Zośka after a week  
Sundays are celebrated with dignity:  
First church and sermon  
The evening is full of dancing.  
At the end of the letter to fathers they write.

Piotr and Zośka go to the bank.  
There is no need to serve the Jews here!  
"Savings please accept  
There will be a cow for those pennies,  
I will make a wedding at home".

Grandma is crying, so is the grandson  
Piotr and Zośka back home  
Here's the bike, here's the machine!  
Paul thinks with a sad face:  
- "Next year I'm going too."

### 3. Analysis of photograph of forced labourers



Based on the photo showing Polish female workers in Germany during World War II, answer the questions:

a) What is the background of the photo?

A camp for forced laborers surrounded by barbed wire, barracks

b) Who is the man in the picture?

German camp commandant

c) At what age are the workers usually shown in the picture?

20-40 years of age

d) What elements point to Polish forced laborers?

A badge with the letter "P"; a camp surrounded by barbed wire.

4. **Homework:** Find out if there was anyone in your family who worked as forced labour and look for memorials and plaques to commemorate the victims of World War II, especially forced labour, in your home area.



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