

Long And Not Very Interesting History of The Czech Republic

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It All Started...

around the 5th century, when Slavic peoples got bored of the Black Sea and moved in the middle of nowhere – The Czech Lands

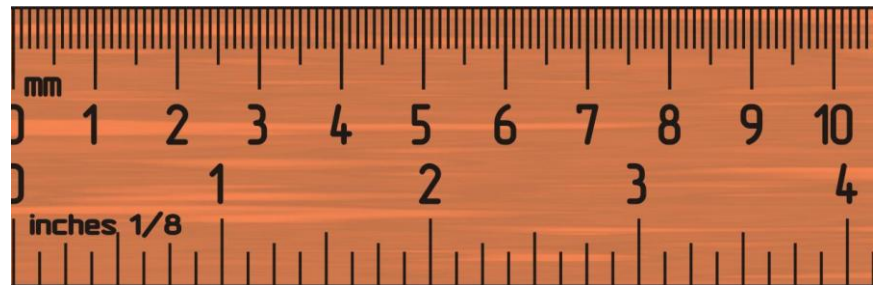
Many foreign cultures sent scholars and diplomats to the region to enrich it
... it gets worse later

Middle Ages

The Czechs established a kingdom and had some powerful and progressive rulers



like Karel IV.



Karel (Charles) IV. (The Fourth)

- established every important structure in Prague and most of the important buildings throughout Czech Republic
- Examples include:
 - **Charles University**
 - Charles Bridge
 - Charles Square
 - Karlštejn (Charles Castle)

Charles University (1348) vs. Rutgers (1766)



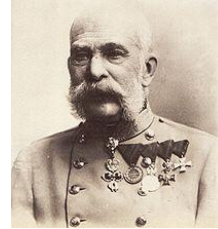
Military Achievements

The Czech Lands got overtaken by:

- Hungarians (Huns) - 600
- Austrians (Austria-Hungary) (16th c. - 1918)
- Swedish - 17th century
- French (Napoleonic Wars, 19th c.)
- Germans (Nazi Germany)
- Russians (part of the Soviet block)

We still expect to get invaded by:

- Poland
- Slovakia



Czechoslovakia

- Slovakia used to be part of the Czechoslovak Republic in the modern times
- However, they felt neglected, since Czech Lands was larger (and maybe richer)
- In 1993, they decided to create their own country – and they're doing fine!
- Let's wish them the Euro won't collapse...



Czech President

- deserves an entire slide
 - Economist
 - Very libertarian, right-wing
 - Does not believe “global warming” exists
 - Parties either endorse him or strongly disagree with him
 - Opposes the Euro
 - Likes to express his opinions
 - Good topic for (pub) discussions in the Czech Rep.

