

## HANDOUTS (FOR STUDENTS)

### Vilnius Sculpture Exploration

Start at **The Water Bearer** (Lydos str. 4, Vilnius). **Coordinates: 54.67851972269075, 25.28049252883585**

**Teacher cuts the paper slips and distributes them to groups of four students.**

<p><b>1. The Water Bearer:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Why is the work of the water bearer considered important, even though they were among the poorest inhabitants?</li><li>○ What does the subject of the statue symbolize?</li><li>○ What is your impression of this monument to idealism?</li></ul>
<p><b>2. Medeina:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Describe Medeina. What are her associations?</li><li>○ What is your impression of this representation of Medeina as a strong, independent woman?</li></ul>
<p><b>3. The Statue of the Annalist:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Who was Pranciškus Skorina?</li><li>○ Why is he an important figure in Lithuanian history?</li><li>○ What is the significance of his printing house?</li></ul>
<p><b>4. Lithuanian Ballad:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ When was the "Lithuanian Ballad" unveiled?</li><li>○ What are the different interpretations of this sculpture?</li><li>○ What is the significance of the three figures in the composition?</li></ul>

**(Space for drawing/sketching the sculpture)**

## ANSWER SHEET (FOR TEACHERS ONLY)

- **Water Carrier** (Lydos str. 4, 01133 Vilnius, Lietuva). **Monument to idealism**

The work of the water carrier in Vilnius was important, even though those who were engaged belonged to the poorest inhabitants of the city. The subject of the statue symbolizes idealism, which was abundant even in the most difficult times

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Information source: <https://vandensnesejas.org/water-carrier/>

- **Medeina** (Stiklių str. 6A, 01131 Vilnius, Lithuania). A Goddess of the Forest and Hunting and a significant figure in Lithuanian mythology, a goddess associated with forests, hunting, and sometimes, war. She's often depicted as a strong, independent woman.

**Coordinates: 54.679731602543704, 25.28649409053185**



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Information source: [www.inkc.lt](http://www.inkc.lt) ; [www.leitgiris.lt](http://www.leitgiris.lt)

- The Statue of the Annalist (Stiklių str. 4, 01131 Vilnius, Lithuania). The Statue of the Annalist commemorates one of the most important printers in the region of Vilnius, Pranciškus Skorina. This man's printing house became the royal printing house of that era, and he himself entered the Lithuanian history books for being the first person to print the first book in Lithuania.

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Information source: <https://www.govilnius.lt/visit-vilnius/places/monuments>

- **Lithuanian Ballad** (Senamiestis, 01143 Vilnius, Lithuania). In June 1973, during the celebration of Vilnius' 650th anniversary, the sculpture "Lithuanian Ballad" by Vladas Vildžiūnas was unveiled in the square near Cathedral Square. This composition consists of a circle of busts of three bearded elders made of dolomite.

There are several interpretations of the sculpture. It is said that with the growth of Lithuanian patriotism and the cult of King Mindaugas after the restoration of independence, the monument was dedicated to the three great rulers of Lithuania, the dukes - Mindaugas, Gediminas and Vytautas.

Another interpretation sees the figures as representing archetypal figures in Lithuanian society throughout history: a farmer (representing the land and sustenance), a warrior (representing defense and strength), and a poet or bard (representing culture, intellect, and artistic expression).

**Coordinates: 54.686800438875885, 25.28814637301507**



Photo source: [www.bernardinai.lt](http://www.bernardinai.lt)

Information source: <https://www.bernardinai.lt/mazoji-vilniaus-istorija-v-vildziuno-skulptura-lietuviska-balade/>