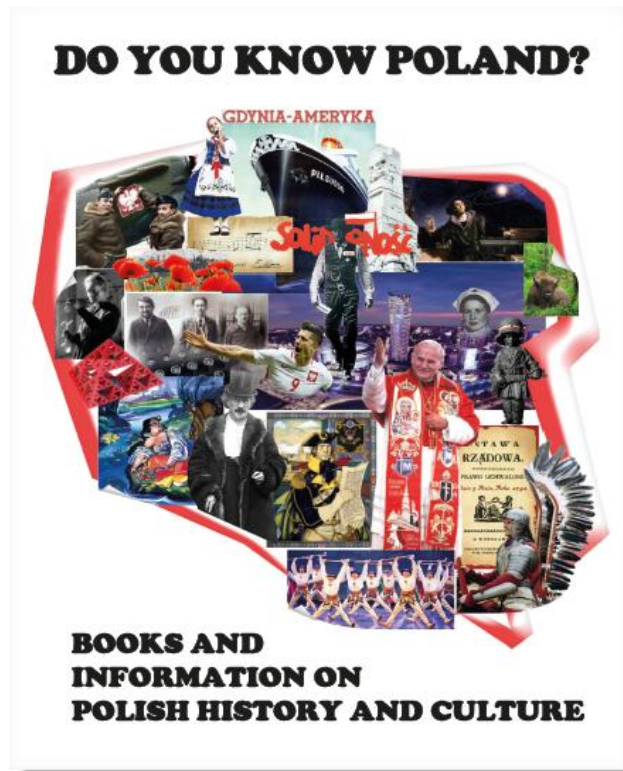


Contest sponsored by the
Polish American Congress - Wisconsin Division



Join in the fun and enter competition

D o y o u k n o w
P O L A N D ?

The contest challenges all to give their knowledge of Polish heritage a test by identifying images on the new cover of the "**Do You Know Poland?**" booklet.

Wrapped in a white-and-red banner that forms the outline of Poland, a patchwork of iconic images on the cover shows some of Poland's most famous natives as well as some fabled events, places and relics making up the fabric in the story of Poland and its people.

► [download the booklet here](#) ◀

The best way to see the enlarged version of the image is to download the booklet and use the Adobe Reader size controls

There are no prizes in this contest other than the pride of excelling in knowledge of Polish heritage and publicized recognition for winning the contest.

Winners will be announced in the **PAC newsletter** and **PAC-WI website** by **March 15, 2021**

The competition entry should include a short description of each image in the mosaic, starting at the 11 o'clock position and moving clockwise from outer edge to the center.

Some of the images have multiple connotations, so to maximize your score, include keywords referring to various levels of meaning or significance you can identify.

For example, if an image shows a well-known painting of a famous person, identify the painter and the painting's title (plus any relevant factual information) in addition to the name of the portrayed individual and his/her accomplishment(s) or reason(s) for fame.

Entries from any country will be accepted
but must be submitted in English or Polish.

**Please email your submissions by Sunday, February 28, 2021
to David Rydzewski at david.rydzewski@att.net**

**LETTER written by David Rydzewski, President PAC – Wisconsin Division
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“The fall of the Berlin Wall makes for nice pictures. But it all started in the shipyards”
is a quote from Lech Walesa.

It’s an important point that Walesa makes because it highlights what reflects much of America's lack of understanding of Polish history and culture, which too often gets overshadowed by the Anglo-German-French focus on Europe.

Author Michael Crichton wrote, *“If you don’t know history, then you don’t know anything.
You are a leaf that doesn’t know it’s part of a tree.”*

Well I’m a leaf from a Polish tree with deep Polish roots, and I want to know as much as I can about that tree, winter, summer, spring, and fall.

Luckily, I crossed paths with Professor Donald Pienkos and Poland native Irena Fraczek, who not only know a lot about Poland, but who are uniquely able to share that knowledge. They are the driving force behind a collection of Books and Information on Polish History and Culture, assembled in a brochure called: **“Do You Know Poland?”**.

Not only is the material inside a great read, note the image on the front cover, wrapped in a red and white banner forming the outline of Poland. Within the cover image, Irena has blended iconic images of some of Poland’s great individuals alongside some of the simple yet life affirming elements or histories making up the fabric in the story of Poland and its people. With Irena’s creation, she challenges each and every one of us on our knowledge of Poland and asks us to identify the individuals shown or what each of the images means or represents.

The Contest! Join in on the fun!

In a contest or challenge to you with no prizes other than the pride of really knowing Poland, can you identify each of the figures/images shown in the cover image? Starting at the 11 o’clock position and moving clockwise from outer edge to inner, describe what is shown and its meaning or significance. Some of the answers can be answered simply, and some have answers on several levels, with the most informed and complete answers rating higher points. The more you know and can tell us about the image the better

Winners will be announced at the beginning of March 2021 on the PAC – Wisconsin Division website (pacwisconsin.com), as well as reported in a PAC Newsletter story in 2021. Also, a full and complete explanation of each image within the outline of Poland image will be given. Please email your answers by Sunday, **February 28, 2021** to **David Rydzewski** at david.rydzewski@att.net. Plenty of time to get your Christmas shopping done, celebrate the New Year, and submit your answers to participate in the contest. Have fun!

Since our brochure was done initially for the members of the Polish American Congress–Wisconsin Division, one of the sixteen pages covers Polish organizations in Wisconsin. But everything else in the brochure covers a wide range of Polish and Polish-American topics. For members of the PAC, or anyone with Polish heritage, it can help us in our shared understanding of the bigger picture of Poland, its history and culture. That is why the Wisconsin Division is eager to make this available to others. Not as a sole or complete guide to everything Polish, but as a good starting point for a base understanding, which we hope will spark other Polish-Americans to expand and share with their Polish brothers and sisters.

I have found the more I know about Poland and its people, the more respect and admiration I have for them and the greater my yearning of wanting to be more "Polish."