



January 15th ,National Culture Day in Romania

Introduced in 2010, Romania's National Culture Day is celebrated on January 15. This is the birth date of Romanian poet and novelist **Mihai Eminescu**, a canonical figure of Romanian literature and a representative of the local Romanticism. Many of Eminescu's poems have been translated into English.

1.Match the English translation (the 1st stanza) with the corresponding title.



One wish alone have I:
In some calm land
Beside the sea to die;
Upon its strand
That I forever sleep,
The forest near,
A heaven clear
Stretched o'er the peaceful deep.
No candles shine,
Nor tomb I need, instead
Let them for me a bed
Of twigs entwine

Și dacă....
Ce te legeni!
Somnoroase păsărele
Sara pe del
Mai am un singur dor
O, rămâi
Lacul
La steaua



Drowsy birds at even gliding,
Round about their nests alight,
In among the branches hiding . . .

Dear, good night!

Trecut-au anii...

Somnoroase păsărele

La mijloc de codru des

Luceafărul



And if the branches tap my pane
And the poplars whisper nightly,
It is to make me dream again
I hold you to me tightly.

Lacul

Odă în metru antic

Rugăciunea unui dac

Și dacă




Water lilies load all over
 The blue lake amid the woods,
 That imparts, while in white circles
 Startling, to a boat its moods.

Sara pe deal
 Luceafărul
 Lacul
 Și dacă

2. Many of Eminescu's poems were inspired by the beauty and purity of nature. Let's discover some of his favourite motifs:

<p>poplars</p>	
<p>water spring</p>	

moon and sea	
acacia	
branches/twigs	
linden	
morning star	

3. Listen to the following poem and solve the task below:

4. Identify the antonyms of the following words:

go past

old

well

to hope

to leap

praise

loving

sad