

## ARE YOU PROUD OF BEING BELARUSIAN?

I am Belarusian because my parents who gave me life and brought me **1)** ..... are Belarusian. And what if I were born in a **2)** ..... (**DIFFER**) country on a different continent? **3)** ..... my opinion, a sense of pride **4)** ..... your country, a sense of belonging **5)** ..... a particular nation develops in a person with time. Therefore **6)** ..... my age, by **7)** .... way I am 18, I can say quite positively, that I am proud to live in Belarus.

The real treasure of Belarus is its **8)** ..... (**WONDER**) nature. The country has hundreds **9)** ..... wild forests, rolling hills, green valleys, sweet-scented meadows and golden fields. Beloveshzkaya Pushcha is the only place where you can meet mighty European bison in **10)** ..... wild. Belarus is also famous **11)** ..... its clear lakes and ribbon-like rivers, that's why it's called a blue-eyed one. The resorts of lakes Naroch and Braslav are open all year round and let tourists experience the **12)** ..... (**FORGET**) peaceful atmosphere.

I am proud **13)** ..... the rich heroic history of my country and its people. Although for many centuries we were part of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, the Polish Lithuanian Commonwealth and then the Russian Empire we have managed to stay united and haven't lost our uniqueness. Many **14)** ..... (**FOREIGN**) admit that our people are extremely sociable, hospitable, and generous and we are welcoming with **15)** ..... (**VISIT**). We are also described as **16)** ..... (**RESOURCE**) and peaceful. When socializing, Belarusians are open, warmhearted, fun-loving, **17)** ..... (**HUMOUR**) and outgoing in spite **18)** ..... all the difficulties they face in their life.

Of course I'm proud **19)** ..... our national holidays and traditions, especially those which are deep-rooted and typical of our nation such **20)** ..... Kalyady, Maslenitsa, Dazhynki. They are unique and make us stand out. Besides, they are of particular interest for tourists because they reflect our culture.

**21)** ... conclusion, I'd like to say that I'm proud **22)** ... my country and its people. Each time I go abroad I tell **23)** ..... (**FOREIGN**) about our great past and **24)** ..... (**ACHIEVE**). Each time I leave the country I want to come back again, because I miss it. If I were a talented painter, I would start drawing pictures with its beautiful landscapes; if I could compose verses, I would write lyric poems about it. Belarus is the place where my heart will always belong **25)** ..... !