

English

The Journey to Častolovice Castle

For this project, we will take a train trip to the Častolovice Castle, where we will spend time in the castle and gardens. The project itself focuses on the trials and tribulations of Czechs whose property and heritage were taken from them, their journeys to America and elsewhere, and the restitutions that occurred after the Velvet Revolution. This tale is documented in Cecilia Sternberg's *The Journey*, which was published in 1977 and tells the story of the Sternberg family. We will use passages from this book as a primary source in our discussion section of the project. In 1992, Častolovice Castle was returned to Diana Phipps Sternberg, and we will see the restored beauty of this castle today. The outcome of this project will be understanding the significance of places such as Častolovice in Czech (and American) history and a discussion on the importance and scope of restitutions.

Items to bring: Money for train tickets, money for the tour of the castle (130,-), snacks and lunch

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