

Magyar Stories



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A History of the Revolution in Dunapataj, Hungary



Magyar Stories is a site inspired by the film of the same name, which tells the story of the Hungarian Revolution in Dunapataj, Hungary.

The ultimate goal of the site is to build a history of the events in Dunapataj, a small town, starting with clips from the film and over time adding more sources, as we find them.

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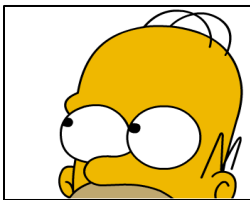
In the menu below, click on the image on the left to watch the clip or [+] for more information



Introductions: 2 minutes, 43 seconds , MPEG [+]



Converting to communism : 4 minutes, 51 seconds, MPEG [+]



Communism in Dunapataj: 3 minutes, 29 seconds , MPEG [+]



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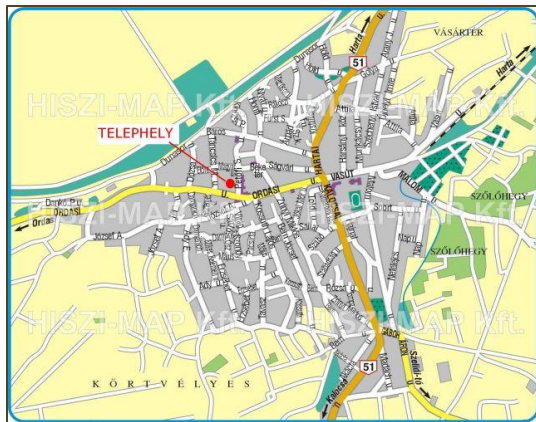
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Read the history of the Dunapataj revolution below.

Initial Conditions

Just before the revolution, Dunapataj, like so many other small Hungarian villages, was in a state of transition. A Stalinist government under Miklos Rakosi in 1952 began to institute repressive measures to “democratize” education and redistribute wealth from the Kulaks, the wealthy landowners, to the poor. Naturally, the residents of Dunapataj had strong reactions to these changes. In clips **four**, **five**, and **nine** of the film, interviewees are angry, while in clips **three**, **six**, and **ten** they are satisfied and even want



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About the Site

Magyar Stories is the name of a film that is the inspiration for this site. The film tells the story of six individuals who took part in a revolution in Dunapataj, Hungary. The site is an attempt to reconstruct what happened during the revolution beginning with the film. Laszlo Taba first developed the site in 2009 as part of a class project at George Mason University.

There are main sections to this site. *The Film* link below will lead to a page where users can watch clips of the film, comment on those clips, read comments, read relevant analysis from the creator of the site, Laszlo Taba.

The *History* link will lead to the most up to date version of the history of the revolution. Laszlo developed the site so that , as he gathers more



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