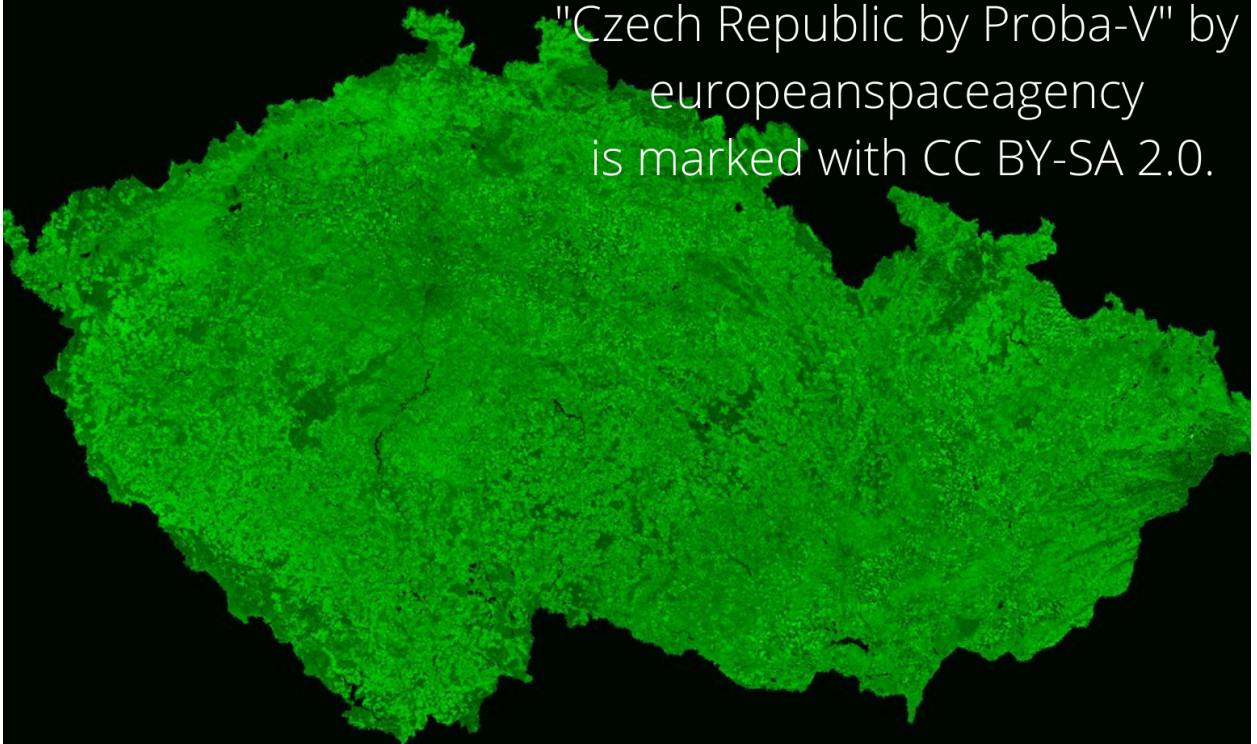


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I love creating unit studies to help provide a rich world to explore. I don't view learning as something finite, or that has an end, so I don't worry about finishing or doing everything. But I love finding a lot of resources for my kids to explore, without the worksheets or quizzes. If you're looking for worksheets, you're going to be disappointed, but if you want diverse lists of resources: books, movies, documentaries, TV shows, websites, and subscriptions, then this unit study is for you. Please do not feel that your child needs to read every book or watch every movie. There are picture books, comic books, early readers, and chapter books of a variety of lengths, so some books will not be appropriate for your child. The same goes for the rest of the resources. Pick and choose what is available to you, what you think your child will enjoy, and what will help the unit study be successful for you. At the same time, don't be afraid to substitute; this is by no means an exhaustive list. Also note that the books can be read by the child, either in print or on an e-reader, read by the caregiver to the child, or listened to by the child as an audiobook. Whatever works for your child is fine.

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Some subscriptions my family has used during our country unit studies, and what I think of them:

[Miss Maisy's Tasty Travels](#) - this is by far my favorite subscription we've gotten. It's a monthly letter that comes with four different recipes, each from a different country or location.

[Little Passports](#) - We got this for two years and kept everything, so you'll see I include it in some of the unit studies. It's recently been revised, and looks really cool now. There is a letter, but also a worksheet and one recipe. Each month is from a different country, and comes with a small toy or activity.

[Around the World Stories](#) - If you have auditory learners, this is excellent! Four ~30-minute stories from each of the countries they feature. However, they seem to have stopped creating new stories part way through Asia, so you might want to be cautious about purchasing the Asia stories.

[Letters from Afar](#) - we do not have this subscription service, but if I can find out what countries they have included, I will include them in my unit studies, as I have heard nothing but amazing things from them.

[Parts Unknown](#) is a TV show, and I really like it. There is some language, so you may want to pre-watch for young learners. It is available to purchase streaming rights on Amazon. It is mostly about food in different areas, but also goes into some social and political issues.

[Curiosity Stream](#) is all documentaries, and they regularly have sales for just \$12/year! This is one of my family's favorite resources.

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Book List:

Title	Author	# Pgs	Illustrated	Fiction/ Nonfiction
Czech Republic	Sioras, Efstathia	144	color	nonfiction
Czech Republic	Rogers Seavey, Lura	144	color	nonfiction
Hana's Suitcase: a True Story	Levine, Karen	111	yes	nonfiction
The Czech Republic	Klepeis, Alicia Z.	32	yes	nonfiction
Terezin: Voices From the Holocaust	Thomson, Ruth	64	color	nonfiction
Fireflies in the Dark: The Story of Friedl Dicker-Brandeis and the Children of Terezin	Rubin, Susan Goldman	47	color	nonfiction
The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain	Sis, Peter	unpaged	color	nonfiction
Katerina's Wish	Mobley, Jeannie	246	no	fiction
Little Mole and His Little Car	Petiska, Eduard	63		
The Dead of Night (39 Clues)	Lerangis, Peter	190	no	fiction
Fireside Stories: Tales for a Winter's Eve	Matthews, Caitlin	94	color	fiction
Two Scarlet Songbirds	Schaefer, Carole Lexa	unpaged	color	fiction
Suspect Red	Elliott, Laura	291	yes	fiction
Brundibar	Kushner, Tony	unpaged	color	fiction
Midnight Train to Prague: a Novel	Windley, Carol	339	no	fiction
Tricky Vic: The Impossibly True Story of the Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower	Pizzoli, Greg	39	color	nonfiction
A Sparrow in Terezin	Cambron, Kristy	355	no	fiction
Nicky & Vera: a Quiet Hero of the Holocaust and the Children He Rescued	Sis, Peter	unpaged	color	nonfiction
My Antonia	Cather, Willa	272	no	fiction

Dreams of a Great Small Nation: the Mutinous Army that Threatened a Revolution. Destroyed an Empire. Founded a Republic. and Remade the Map of Europe	McNamara, Kevin	395	yes	nonfiction
Panorama: a Novel	Adler, H. G.	450	no	fiction
Prague Winter: a Personal Story of Remembrance and War. 1937-1948	Albright, Madeleine Korbel	467	yes	nonfiction
German, Austrian, Czech & Hungarian	Chamberlain, Lesley	96	yes	Cook book
Prague. Vienna & Budapest	Walker, Jennifer D.	497	color	Travel guide
Lost and Found in Prague	Jones, Kelly	343	no	fiction
The Prague Sonata: a Novel	Morrow, Bradford	519	no	fiction
The Witch Who Came in From the Cold, Season 1	Smith, Lindsay	616	yes	fiction
The Melody of the Soul: A WWII Women's Fiction Novel	Tolsma, Liz	313	no	fiction
Daughter of Smoke & Bone	Taylor, Laini	448	no	fiction
Prague & the Czech Republic	Baker, Mark	319	color	Travel guide
Rick Steves' Prague & the Czech Republic	Steves, Rick	496	color	Travel guide
Gottland: Mostly True Stories from Half of Czechoslovakia	Szczygiel, Mariusz	288	no	nonfiction
Helga's Diary: a Young Girl's Account of Life in a Concentration Camp	Weissova, Helga	248	yes	nonfiction
Night of Cake & Puppets	Taylor, Laini	190	yes	fiction
The Last Palace: Europe's Turbulent Century in Five Lives and One Legendary House	Eisen, Norman	403	yes	nonfiction
Hippocrene Children's Illustrated Czech Dictionary	Hippocrene Books	94	color	English-Czech dictionary
Czech Republic	Docalavich, Heather	64	color	nonfiction

Tall, Wide, and Sharp-Eye: A Czech Folktale	Gabler, Mirko	upaged	color	fiction
The Water Sprite of the Golden Town: Folk Tales of Bohemia	Quinn, Zdenka	159	yes	fiction
Favorite Fairy Tales Told in Czechoslovakia	Haviland, Virginia	96	yes	fiction
Somewhere There is Still a Sun	Gruenbaum, Michael	375	yes	fiction
The Golem's Latkes	Kimmel, Eric A.	unpaged	color	fiction
The Three Golden Keys	Sis, Peter	unpaged	color	fiction
I Never Saw Another Butterfly: Children's Drawings and Poems from Terezin Concentration Camp, 1942-1944	Compilation	106	color	
Baba Yaga	Leysen, An	unpaged	color	fiction
The Alchemist War (Time-Tripping Faradays)	Seven, John	158	yes	fiction
Built By Angels: The Story of the Old-New Synagogue	Podwal, Mark H.	unpaged	color	nonfiction
The Cat With the Yellow Star: Coming of Age in Terezin	Rubin, Susan Goldman	40	yes	nonfiction
Silver Moon: Stories from Antonin Dvorak's Most Enchanting Operas	Krykorka, Ian	72	color	nonfiction
The Season of Secret Wishes	Prochazkova, Iva	213	no	fiction

TV Shows:

[The Fury](#) (ages 13+ recommended)

Possible Subscriptions:

[Around the World Stories](#) (Europe)

Movies:

Name	Length	Rating	Fun/Documentary
Inside Hana's Suitcase	90 minutes	16+	documentary

Rick Steves' Europe: A Symphonic Journey	60 minutes	TV-G	documentary
Casablanca	102 minutes	PG	fun
The Golem	95 minutes	16+	fun
Ice Mother	106 minutes	16+	fun
Countries Around the World: Czech Republic	13 minutes		documentary
Milada	123 minutes	TV-14	drama
Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe (parts of Narnia filmed in the Czech Republic)	142 minutes	PG	fun
A Prominent Patient	95 minutes	13+	drama
River Without Frontiers	52 minutes	TV-G	documentary
Top 10 Places to Visit: Czech Republic	5 minutes	G	documentary

Documentaries from Curiosity Stream:

On the Rails: the Czech Republic

[Europe's Forgotten Border](#)

[Crash Course European History](#), E46, 47

Recipes:

Houskove knedliky (bread dumplings)

Palacinky (crepe-like pancakes)

Moravsky vrbec (roasted pork, dumplings and cabbage)

Sekana Pecene Domaci (meat loaf)

Svickova na smetane (roast beef with vegetable puree)

Goulash

Kureci kapsa (stuffed chicken breasts)

Vepro knedlo zelo (roast pork, cabbage, and dumplings)

Kulajda (cream soup with mushrooms and potatoes)

Zelnacka (soup)

Bramboraky (potato pancakes)

Tatarak (raw minced beef with seasonings, fried toast, and garlic)

Pecena kachna se zelim (roasted ducks with red cabbage and dumplings)

Bohemian kolaches (dessert)

Websites:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-kaF6SnSEo8&ab_channel=GeographyNowGeographyNowVerified

<https://www.cooklikeczechs.com/> - lots of recipes

<https://livingprague.com/prague-food-drink/czech-recipes/> - lots more recipes

https://www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/czech_republic.htm

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/czech-republic>

<https://geology.com/world/czech-republic-satellite-image.shtml>

<https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/czechia/>

<https://www.visitczechrepublic.com/en-US>

<https://kafkadesk.org/2020/03/31/whats-in-a-name-understanding-the-czech-republic-vs-czechia-debate/#:~:text=Both%20Czechia%20and%20the%20Czech,%2Fgeoinfo%2Fgeonames%2F>).

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https://online.culturegrams.com/world/world_country.php?cid=41&cn=Czechia - an excellent resource for older students

<http://radio.garden/visit/czechia/xosLGRJa> - listen to Czechia's radio stations!

Other Resources:

Classical Wonderland: Classical Music For Children (CD) (Czech National Symphony Orchestra)

[The Art of Renee Fleming \(CD\)](#) (some songs sung in Czech)

[In-Flight Czech \[Learn Before You Land\]](#) (audio language learning)

Czech the Short Course (audio language learning)