

# SONGS OF ELVIS CHOPIN – 2024 Quiz

*I never had a singing lesson in my life! No music lessons at all, I just started singing when I was little – if I can't move, I can't sing!* \_\_\_\_\_

*If you can't sing, you can't learn to play the piano.* \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the most famous Pole of all time?

Who is the best selling solo artist of all time?

Can you list all 24 things these two artists have / had in common?

Where was Chopin born?

What was his nationality?

What is the capital city of Poland?

What is the coat of arms of the capital city of Poland?

Where does it come from?

Where did Chopin play his last ever public concert?

When did the golden Wyvern of Wessex become the green Wyvern of Black Castle?

When did the Wyvern of Warsaw become the Mermaid of Warsaw of today and how?



**What are songs?**

**Why are they essential to our survival as a species?**

## **2024 – 24 things Frederic Chopin and Elvis Presley had in common**

- 1. Both Chopin and Pressler families came from Central & Eastern Europe**
- 2. Both had blond hair – Elvis always dyed his hair black**
- 3. Both disliked singing lessons as children, yet both loved singing**
- 4. Both suffered from losing siblings when little**
- 5. Both played presidential palaces – Chopin when he was 8 and Elvis when he was 28**
- 6. Both supported their families with money made from playing music**
- 7. Both dreamed of crossing the Atlantic**
- 8. Both wore capes on stage**
- 9. Both had women fainting at their concerts**
- 10. Both claimed to be devout Christians, but both broke taboos in public**
- 11. Both suffered from too much public attention in their private love lives**
- 12. Both were musical Revolutionaries**
- 13. Both played music with essentially traditional, folklore roots**
- 14. Both played songs with words penned by authors from CE Europe**
- 15. Both worked until their dying days**
- 16. Both suffered from eating disorders which led to their demise**
- 17. Both died around the age of 40**
- 18. Both were outlived by their fathers**
- 19. Both died of heat related causes**
- 20. Both their lives were made into movies and plays**
- 21. Both their legacies today feed a massive merchandising machine**
- 22. Both were Kings of Pop Music – Chopin in the 19<sup>th</sup> and Elvis in the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries**
- 23. Chopin wrote songs he never recorded, Elvis recorded songs he never wrote**
- 24. Chopin's songs have never before been performed and recorded in English and the songs Elvis made famous have never before been performed and recorded in Polish – the language most widely spoken in the regions they originate from!**

How few around the world know Chopin's mother was Polish and his father French... Yet Chopin himself was born in the Duchy of Warsaw, an artificial state created during the Napoleonic Wars and Partitions of Poland of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Poland did not exist at the time, and very few records survive centuries of European wars to show us today what Chopin's family roots were down the ages – yet what we do know is that the young Frederic often wrote about his travels around rural Poland and the Carpathian, Jewish, Kuyavian, Mazovian, Roma and other musicians and bands of international, multiethnic origin he heard during his childhood – diverse melodies and arrangements the boy genius would never forget and which would inspire the music he would go on to compose during his exile in Austria, England, France, Germany, Scotland and Spain.

How few around the globe know Elvis' ancestors came from Germany and their original surname was Pressler. It is believed they were part of the Sinti people, known as the "Black Dutch." It is also likely that from his mother's side, Smith by surname, the family would have been of Romanichel origins. Elvis's maternal great-great-grandmother was a Jewish woman named Nancy Burdine. Little is known about her, but it's believed her family immigrated to America from what is now Lithuania around the time of the American Revolution. In centuries past, Warsaw was the capital city of the Great Polish Lithuanian Commonwealth – giving Elvis and Chopin shared ancestry. Elvis was at least 1/16 (6.25%) Cherokee. His Great-great-great-grandmother, Morning White Dove, was full Cherokee.

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### 3 Wyverns & 1000 Years of European History

**1000 lat temu** – złota wywerna komesów Wessex (dzisiejsza Anglia) staje się zieloną wywerną zamku w Czersku gdy **Magnus Haroldson**, syn Harolda II – ostatniego króla Anglo-Saskiej Brytanii – w 1066 po bitwie pod Hastings (gdzie poległ jego ojciec Król Harold II) ucieka z Wielkiej Brytanii przez Irlandię, Danię i Śląsk – by w roku 1100 jako Komes Czerska bronić granic Polski przed najazdami plemion Pomorskich Pogan...

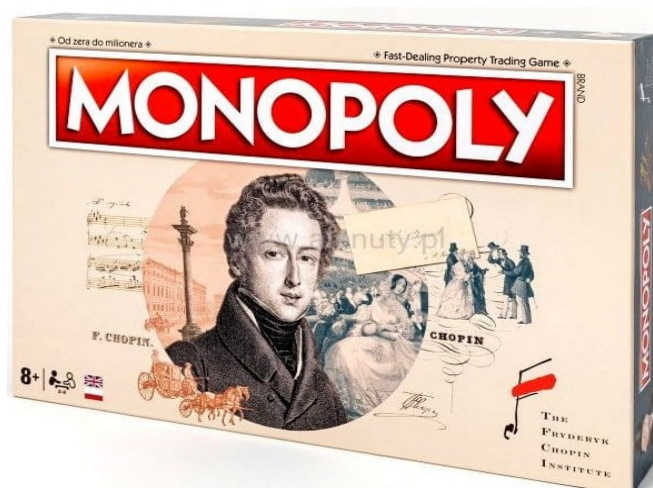


Do dziś, zielona wywerna jest symbolem ruin zamku Mazowieckich Książąt w Czersku.

**500 lat temu** – po upadku Czerska po inwazjach, powodziach i plagach, Warszawa staje się stolicą Polski i adoptuje czerską wywernę jako prestiżowy symbol i herb nowej stolicy Mazowsza i Polski...



Z czasem, upiorna warszawska wywerna przemieni się w słodką, śliczną stołeczną syrenkę – w czasie rozbiorów Polski i okupację przez Rosyjskie wojska które zabroniły używania oryginalnego herbu stolicy - tak daleko od morza ponieważ jej podróż przez 1000 lat europejskiej historii zaczęła się na wyspach brytyjskich!!!



**Marek Kazmierski** – pisarz i tłumacz który w 1984 – dokładnie 900 lat po tym jak Magnus Haroldson znalazł schronienie w Polsce – jako uchodźca polityczny znalazł schronienie w Anglii, dziś mieszka pomiędzy Londynem i Warszawą.