

The Story of Paper

Our teacher wrote a play about history of paper. The play was presented to all of our project members, who visited Estonia, Maarja-Magdaleena in may. Actors spoke estonian, but the audience had a summary in english.



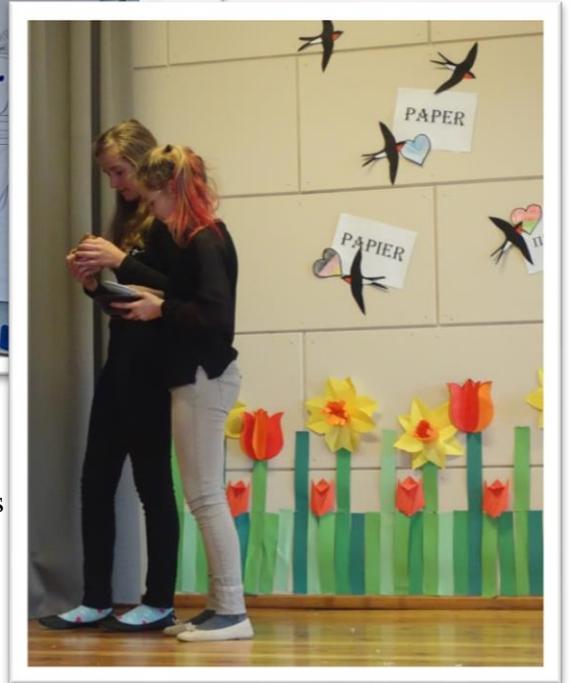
The **first scene** tells a story of a pharaoh in **Ancient Egypt**, who wanted to have a biggest tomb in all of Egypt. To have enough money, they decide to start selling the **papyrus** to another countries.



The **second scene** takes place in **Russia**. A family sits by the table and enjoys a meal. The father wants to punish his wife for calling him stupid and asks his for a wooden block but notices that his son has used the **wood** to carve pictures on it.



The **fifth scene** takes place in **Estonia**, by river Võhandu. A conversation between a mother and her two younger daughters who complain that the eldest daughter always gets the best clothes, while they have to wear her used and tattered rags. The daughters then decide to secretly sell all the old **clothes** to a local potter who takes the rags to a small **manufactory** where it is used **to make paper**.



The **sixth scene** takes place in a Baltic German manor in **Estonia** in 1860. The landlord wants his valet Ants to bring some **paper** and ink so he could write a letter to his wife. Ants doesn't want to indulge his landlord and finds an excuse to get away without doing anything. Instead of bringing the paper, Ants goes to the kitchen and steals the chicken meal meant for breakfast.





Last scene is in paper factory in R pina, **Estonia**. Students are visiting a paper factory in R pina and the guide gives them an overview of the history of paper. The students claim that paper isn't necessary anymore because of computers. Paper gets damaged easily, is harmful to the nature and using paper is like going back to the stone age. The guide agrees with the students and suggest putting together paper and stone to make **stonepaper**.