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## STUDENT PROTESTS IN POLAND IN 1968

### I.BACKGROUND:

International politics:

Tensions between USA and Soviet Union: Six Days War of 1967 and its reception in Polish society, Polish policy towards Israel

Domestic policy:

Disappointment of Gomulka in Polish society, sharpening of Polish communist party's attitude towards intellectuals and freedom of speech, the Letter of 34, Gomulka's speech about the war in Near East, anti-Semitic campaign.

### II. DEJMEK'S STAGING OF "DZIADY" ("FOR-FATHERS EVE") AND IT'S AFTERMATH

Anti-Soviet interpretation and ban on performance and first student protest in Warsaw, resolution of Polish writers

### III. PROTESTS

Removal of A. Michnik and H. Szlajfer from Warsaw University, student relay, response of authorities and further actions, anti-Semitic propaganda

### IV. REPRESSIONS

Imprisonment, service in army, relegation from universities

### V. MEDIA

Reaction of Polish mass-media and publications available for authorities

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