

# **"My Name"** **project**

**International education center  
"Zari"**

**[www.zari.org.ge](http://www.zari.org.ge)  
Rustavi, Georgia**

**2005**

**iEARN learning circle PPM1**

# The Classroom Survey --Getting to Know You!

## PART I. INTRODUCING THE CLASS

A. Name of teacher:

Pavle Tvaliashvili

B. Grade level:

Students 12-17 years old

C. Class favorites (List your class top 5 favorites in each category):

1. Music groups

The Beatles, Queen, Kuchis Bichebi (Georgian Group), Via Gra, Blue

2. Authors

Jack London, Arthur Konan Doil, Ileac Chavchavadze, Vazha Pshavela, Galaktion Tabidze (last tree is Georgians)

3. TV programs

BBC films, and Georgian TV programs Droeba, Susuti Rgoli, Saturday Show, Night Show.

4. Foods

Khinkali, Khachapuri, Mtsvadi, Piza, Bean souse

5. School subjects

History, Debate, Literature, Skills, Big game.

6. Sports

Basketball, Football, swimming, chess, billiard.

7. Video or computer games

GTA, Counter strike, Nardi, Mozaika, strategy.

## PART II. INTRODUCING THE SCHOOL

A. School information

1. Name and address of class and school

Name- Rustavi parents and teachers association international education center open community school "Zari" [www.zari.org.ge](http://www.zari.org.ge)

Address- 28 kinder garden, Meskhishvili Street, Rustavi Georgia.

2. Number of students in class and school

Number of students in our class is 12 and whole number of students in school is 35.

3. Size of school

Our school has two stirs with three rooms each of them.

4. School emblem, colors or mascot



Our school name "Zari" means "Bell" [www.zari.org.ge](http://www.zari.org.ge)

5. Type and number of computers

5 - Pentium IV

6. School history

It founded in 1998 year and it has worked for seven years.

B. School program

1. List 3 things about your school program that make it unique.

1. Our school has joined in international programs: IEARN [www.iearn.org](http://www.iearn.org),

UNESCO <http://unesco.uiah.fi/water>, ENO <http://eno.joensuu.fi>,

2. Style of studying. There are no lectures in our school, we have friendly relations between teachers and students, we have round table without desks.

3. There are many activities in our school; community service projects, small projects conducted by students, excursions, debate tournaments, discussions.

2. List school calendar from the session dates (holidays and special events that may affect your participation).

We begin learn in the end of September. We have debate national tournament in the end of November; sometimes in winter holiday we have little camp in countryside. We have second national tournament in debate in May and then we have summer camp in Bakuriany. In Zari-school we go on Sundays.

### PART III. INTRODUCING THE COMMUNITY

A. Your community

1. Name of your community



Logo of Rustavi city, Caucasus, Georgia.



### 3. Location of your community

The city is located 40 km southeast of Tbilisi, on the river Mtkvari, near the site of the ancient town of Rustavi, which was destroyed by Timur ('aka' Tamerlane) at the end of the 14th century. Rustavi was developed after 1948 as part of Stalin's accelerated industrialization process with ironworks, steelworks, chemical plants and an important railway station on the Tbilisi-Baku line (Rustavi is about 50kms from the Azeri and Armenian borders).

### 5. The population of your community

About 113000 is population of our community

### B. Special characteristics

1. List 3 reasons why people come to visit your area.

1. It is the one of old city of Georgia
2. There are many factories so it is called as city of metallurgy

3. There is very important regional museum and one more: Until now the honor of being the first European had been accorded to a Spanish fossil found to be about 800,000 years old — and even this date was thought to be surprisingly early. Scientists have discovered the remains of the earliest Europeans: Two skulls, believed to be around 1.8 million years old, have been recovered from a site at Dmanisi ([www.dmanisi.org.ge](http://www.dmanisi.org.ge)) in southern Georgia, in the Caucasus. (<http://www.georgiapromo.info/cradle.html>)



2. Describe any unusual land formation found in or near your community.  
There is archeological excavation near Rustavi.

### C. Industries

List major industries or occupations in your community.

There are some factories and most of them are not working. Rustavi-Centre of Kvemo Kartli

The city of Rustavi was founded over 2000 years ago. It was the main strategic point guarding the Georgian capital of Tbilisi from the south. Rustavi is in quite a strategic location, as it is situated on the “Ancient Silk Road,” the route connecting East and West, which since ancient times allowed merchants from Europe and Asia to trade globally.

Historically, Rustavi was Georgia’s major industrial city and was included in the list of major industrial cities for the entire Soviet Union. The decision to construct the Rustavi steelworks plant was made by the government of the Soviet Union in order to supply steel and steel products to other Caucasus countries and abroad. Rustavi was developed after 1948 as part of Stalin's accelerated industrialization process with ironworks, steelworks, chemical plants and an important railway station on the Tbilisi-Baku line (Rustavi is about 50kms from the Azeri and Armenian borders). Rustavi is famous for its approximately 90 huge and medium sized industrial plants.

The area west of the city produces excellent wines and the city also produces the 'Rustavi' vodka, and has its own brewery.

## **PART IV. OTHER INFORMATION**

Please feel free to share any other information about yourself that you think would help us to know you better.

In our school there are many Top speakers and champions of Georgia in debate, also we had wrote an articles, which are described in world newspapers.

## **PART V. INTRODUCING YOUR PROJECT IDEA**

A. Our Learning Circle Project:

MY NAME

Students can answer the questions

What is your name?

What does your name mean in your native language and in other language?

Why do you have this name?

Who gives you this name?

Who was the first person in your family, which has/had the same name?

Which famous persons had your name?

What is nonofficial version of your name?

- Name of group - PPM1
- Name of school – International Education Center “Zari”
- Class that worked on the project – students age 11-15

City, state, and country school is located – Rustavi, Georgia

**During the Learning circle 2005 we receive mails from different schools from international participants and our students wrote articles for title “My name”**

Best wishes,

Pavle Tvaliashvili

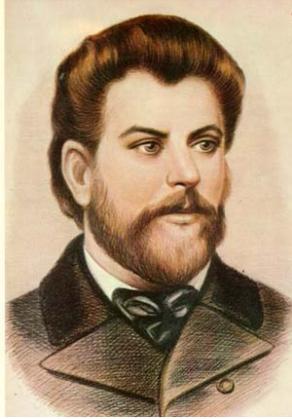


**Andrey Shevchenko, footballer**

# Andrey

My name is Andrey. It's a real Russian name. From Greek Andrey means a man, a husband. My name is widely spread in all the countries, but it has different versions: Anri in France, Andriash in Hungary, Andrey in Slovakia and Andrew in Britain. As all parents give name to their children, so my parents named me, too. I don't know why they named me Andrey but maybe they like this name. Nevertheless, I am thankful to them for my name, and I'm proud of it. By the way a lot of wonderful people have my name, for example football player Andrey Shevchenko and so on. Actually I like my name and I know that my great great grandfather had such name.

Andrew Proskurin,  
Minsk, Belarus



Ion Creanga, writer

# Ionut

My name is Ionut. The origin name is Ion a very common name in Romania.

Politicians: Ion Iliescu (former president of our country), Ion Caramitru (former minister of Culture).

Sportsmen: Ion Tiriac (former tennis player, business man today),

Romanian writers: Ion Creanga, Ion Minulescu, and Ion Pas.

Literature personages: Ion, in the novel with the same name written by Liviu Rebreanu, a Romanian writer. Ionut Is a very common family name, not only surname: Marie-Jean Ion (the journalist kidnapped in Iraq).

In our family we have another 7 persons with this name: my grandparents, 2 cousins and 3 uncles.

There is a legend that says that Ion is the name of a Servant. From this name derives: Ionut, Ionel, Onut, Onisor, Nelu, Nelutu, Nely.

Ionut, 12 years old,

II grade C

Teacher: Radita Neagu

Romania



# Alexandru

Alexander Great

My name is Alexandru. This is a very common name and surname. In our class there are 4 boys named Alexandru. This is a name for girls too: Alexandra. There are 3 girls Alexandra in our class. Every time when we are together, our colleagues need to call us on our family names. There are personages in history named Alexandru: Alexandru cel Mare (Alexander the Great), Alexandru Ypsilanti, Alexandru Ioan Cuza. This named is also derived in: Alex, Alexe, Sandu, and Sandel. It is also a family name.

Alexandru, 12 years old,  
Teacher Neagu Ion  
Romania

# Nino



St. Nino

I am Georgian. My name is Nino. It is name which spreads all over the world. E.g. in Italy, its men's name, In Russia, people calls Nina to Nino. But in Georgia, It's the most prevalence name people calls Nini, Nincho, Niniko and elders-Ninos.

I can't imagine that my name would be another one, although my name has a small history. Before I born, my parents wanted to name me Salome. My brother saw icon of St. Nino and soon liked it. He told parents, to name me Nino. I was born early; my life was in danger, so my parents decided to name me Nino. I believe that after this day St. Nino is always with me and always protects me.

My protector St. Nino was born in Kabadokia. She was very believer. One night when she was sleeping, she saw the virgin Mariam, who gave her cross and told her convert to Christianity. When she woke up, she winded his hair to its cross, left Kabadokia, to spread Christianity. She came to Georgia. Georgia was idolater country. St. Nino converted Georgians to Christianity with her miracles. At this time there was king Mirian and queen Nana. My protector saint, cured queen Nana from strange illness, with her prays. King Mirian was in hunting, suddenly got dark and he couldn't see anything. At that moment, he sand, that if there wouldn't be dark, he trust St. Nino's god. Soon everything illuminated. King Mirian soon trust Nino's god.

St. Nino is berried in Bodbe. I'm proud, that I have her name.

Nino Botshorishvili,  
student of International education center "Zari"  
Georgia, Rustavi,

# Irakli



My name is Irakli. It is widely spread name in Georgia. It comes from the name of Erekle and the both names come from Hercules or Heracles (as Georgians call), who was the Greek hero.

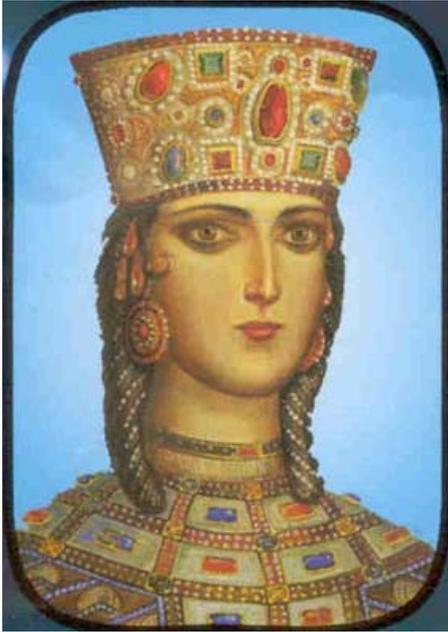
Greek people made up a lot of legends about Hercules. He was the son of Zeus. He was very strong and brave and when he was a baby he killed two snakes sent for killing him. Hercules made 12 heroisms: he killed

terrible Iain, caught the deer of Artemid with golden horns, caught a huge wild boar, and got golden apples and so on.

Hercules was the name of the emperor of Rome. He became the emperor in 610 and improved the empire. Two king's names were Erekle. The first was Erekle I (1688-1703), the second was Erekle II (1744-1762).

There are squares, streets of the name of Irakli in Georgia. So Irakli the same name as Erekle and Heracles (Hercules) was quite spread name in the world.

Irakli Minesashvili  
Student of International education center "ZARI"  
Rustavi Georgia



Tamar - King of Georgia

# Tamar

All people have their own name. In Georgia we have tradition, when child is born he (she) is named after his (her) grandmother's, grandfather's or ancestor's name. This tradition is repealed only in one case, when the child is named after the person who placed in history by his (her) worthy affair, deed and heroism.

My name is such exception, Tamar the name of a famous woman, the king who reigned in 1184-1213. In Georgia's and in whole world's history it was rarity that the king was woman. At the age of 15 she became the king. Tamar was very clever, modest, foresight,

a big politician and diplomat, besides she was the most beautiful.

During her reign she made Georgia powerful. She built many fortresses, bridges, she helped her people to be educated and she repealed execution.

Arabians, Indians, Greeks, Turkmen, Persians and Armenians were charmed with her beauty, talent, wisdom and kindness.

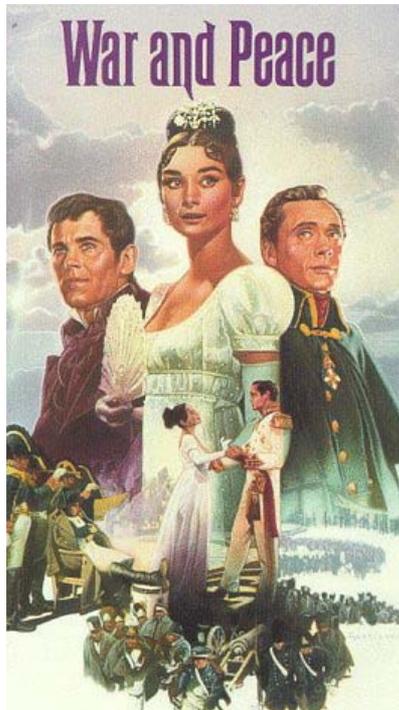
Scientists express an opinion that name influences in forming of person's character.

By horoscope I am maiden, whose characters are: staidness, devotion of affair, ability to work, reply and intellectuality.

I do not know scientist's consideration is true or no, but I will be glad if I have all these characteristics, which had the king Tamar, because my name is Tamar too.

I am proud that I carry such a famous woman's name and I'll try to become like her that I'll be able to do my bit in our country's regeneration.

Tamar Gelashvili,  
Georgia,  
Rustavi,  
student of International Education Center "Zari"



# Natalia

Hello! My name is Natalia. My mum is the person who gave me this name. Why Natalia? My mum likes the “WAR & PEACE” very much and the characters she likes more were Andrew Balkonsky and Natalia Rostova so now I am Natalia and my brother is Andrew. Of course this story about occurrence of my name is not intricate but interesting. And now, I tell you some info about the meaning of my name. The name comes from the Latin word "natalis" - native. In the childhood Natalia (I mean myself, too) is a cheerful child, likes to play and play pranks, a ringleader- even in well-known games she will try to think up of something new and interesting that was even more cheerful. In school days she shows boisterous activity. She studies well, aspires to become an honour pupil. She has time to participate in all public affairs, likes to hear praise.

With her kind and cheerful character, she is resolute and active. She is capable to protect the weak and offended. Her fault is her intolerance to critical remarks - she can suddenly flare up because of several words which were said in a hurry or which were not considered.

In marriage she leaves her family early. Choosing the future spouse, serious fluctuations do not count. All members of family will feel liked and necessary to her. Natalia is hospitable and likes to travel. In rare minutes of rest (tour) she can be fond of drawing or play on a guitar.

Natalia is an ambitious person and praise for her is the most powerful stimulus in life. It is necessary for a husband to use more often this weakness of the wife, and at the same time to try to get out of a habit to make remarks and to allow valuable instructions on any trifles. It irritates Natalia very much.

Some famous actors have such a name: actresses: Natalia Kasatkina, Natalia Fateeva; singers: Natalia Koroleva, Natalia Podolskaya, Natalia who has a pseudonym “Glucose”, Natalia Oreiro...

Natalia,  
Belarus

Kiev's princess Olga



# Olga

I won't discover America if I say that a name has a certain influence on a person's life, that its role has always stirred people. Every nation sees personal names closely associated with its traditions and customs, legends and myths. Nowadays we don't think a lot about the original meaning of our names, but, actually, each name can tell a lot about itself.

My name is Olga, Olga means "holy" and "light". The Scandinavian equivalent of my name is Helga. My father gave my name to me, but, actually, "Olga" wasn't the only variant: I could have been also Marta. Although there is a tradition to give a child a name of a respectable and a distinguished person, I'm not a link of this chain. I don't think it's sensible, because in such a case a child will be associated with the remarkable success of the name's owner, and it seems to be unfair. I have the name "Olga", because my family likes it, it's a widespread harmonious personal name.

It's suitable to mention that my family tree can boast of several women, whose name was Olga: they were the sisters of my grand grannies. It's interesting to note that one of the settlements in Seaside area is called Olga. It seems to be

unreal, doesn't it? The wife of Kiev's prince Igor', who lived in the 10<sup>th</sup> century, was Olga; famous actresses (Olga Ostroumova, Olga Aroseva, Olga Kabo) and singers (Olga Orlova) have the name "Olga".

Though my official name is Olga, my friends call me just Olya, Osya, Osik or Osita. My mum calls me Olyus'a.

Olga Vaitkute,  
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Minsk, Belarus

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