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**My competition entry was about...**

...Fray Diego Maroto, a well-known architect of the 17<sup>th</sup> century who was thought to be Peruvian. In our research paper, we wanted to demonstrate that he is originally from Spain. Therefore we divided the project in two parts: a document about Diego Maroto's life supported by verified facts and references and a novel, describing his possible life in Spain.



\* 1999

**Topic of history competition:**

America

**Year of participation:**

2015

**Title of your competition entry:**

»» Discovering the origins of the architect Fray Diego Maroto ««



**How did you decide on your topic ?**

I personally liked the topic because Spain has always been closely linked to America. The competition encouraged me to find connections between Spain, our environment and America, but it was difficult to detect how our small and centrally located city is related. Once it turned out that Maroto is the connection, it was obvious for which topic to go for.



**How did you react when you came upon surprising points during your research?**

I was surprised that during the research work every single detail counts, even though it seemed insignificant. Sometimes a date, that we considered as unimportant, turned out to be THE missing clue we had been looking for. There were moments we got stuck in our research. These experiences were frustrating but once we found a new source we were able to go ahead.



**Did the research affect you personally?**

Without a doubt, my participation in this EUSTORY History Competition was an unforgettable experience. It has taught me that life does not give you anything for free: if you want to achieve something, it is up to you to work hard to get it.

**I based my research**

- ...on source material
- ...on interviews
- ...on family history
- ...on literature
- ...on the internet

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