

Dear Queen Candidate,

As part of the on-stage interview process, you will be asked three (3) questions. You will first be asked a personal question derived from your application. Then you will draw a question regarding Czech/Slovak history, memorable people and events, etc. from a basket. Some of the questions below have answers provided that are quite short. *I would encourage you to add additional information that is pertinent to the question. This you will need to research on your own.* In addition, you will also draw a general kroj question from a basket to answer on stage. Remember, this is your time to shine as you show your knowledge with the judges and the audience, make use of it!

Sincerely,

Trinity Pesko

Miss Czech-Slovak Wisconsin State Pageant Director

1. **An Agreement was made by Czech and Slovaks in the USA in May 1918 called the Pittsburgh Agreement. What was important about this agreement?** This document declared the intent of Czechs and Slovaks to form a new democratic nation in Europe known as Czechoslovakia, free from outside rule.
2. **The Velvet Revolution came about in what year and what did it lead to?** – 1989. Led to the fall of communism in Czechoslovakia
3. **The Velvet Divorce of the Czech Republic and Slovakia followed the Velvet Revolution in what year? Why was it called the Velvet Divorce?** – 1993. With the dissolution of the country of Czechoslovakia, two separate countries were established. It was called the Velvet divorce because the separation happened without bloodshed.
4. **Four countries border the Czech Republic.** What are they? – Austria, Poland, Germany, and Slovakia
5. **Who is the current president of the Czech Republic?**
6. **Who is the current president of Slovakia?** –
7. **In what year did Warsaw Pact troops head into Prague to end protests against Soviet Occupation in the Czech Republic?** – 1968
8. **What is the capital of Slovakia? Of Czechia?** – Bratislava (Slovakia) and Prague (Czech) (maybe give a fun fact about each?)
9. **What was the name of the small country between the Czech Republic and Slovakia and what became of it?** – Moravia. It's capital was Brno. It became part of Czechoslovakia, and now part of Czech Republic

10. **What is the name of the main River that flows through the Czech Republic?** – Elbe River (and talk about it some...importance, where it runs to/from, etc.)
11. **May 8th is what holiday in Czechia? Why is it important to them?** – National Liberation Day. On this day, Czechoslovakia, which until that date, was under German occupation, was liberated by American and Russian army units. This ended the worst and most destructive war in modern European history.
12. **What year did Slovakia join the European Union?** – 2004
13. **Name some famous Czech, Slovak, Moravian, Silesian, or Rusyn _____ and their accomplishments:**
 - a. poets/authors/playwright
 - b. Inventors/scientists
 - c. musicians/composers
14. **This pageant recognizes those of Czech, Slovak, Silesian, Moravaian, and Rusyn Heritage. Regionally, where would those of Rusyn heritage have lived?** – Northeastern Slovakia, Southern Poland, Western Ukraine. In Slovakia, they are referred to as Carpatho-Rusyns.
15. **Where would one find the Czech Silesian region?** – Northeastern Czech Republic and into Poland. Includes what one would consider originally parts of the regions of Moravia and Bohemia.
16. **Briefly describe Sokol:** gymnastics organization first founded in Prague in 1862 by Miroslav Tyrš and Jindřich Fügner. It was based upon the principle of "a strong mind in a sound body"
17. **Wisconsin was initially the state that attracted the most Czech & Slovak immigrants. What was it about Wisconsin that attracted them?** Many settlers were farmers. Farmland was something that most Czechs and Slovaks would not have been able to have in their homeland. The land and climate were good for growing crops they were familiar with (corn, wheat, oats, etc.).
18. **Describe the Czech and/or Slovak Flags and tell the importance of various parts of the flag (colors, insignias, etc.).**