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### **Personal Report on the Anglistic Excursion to Manchester**

This year's excursion to Manchester and North Wales I remember as a great trip with good travel companions since it was my very first time travelling to England. The country welcomed us with its best known feature – the rain – almost through the whole 10-days-journey. Still we had a lot of fun visiting and exploring the many places we've got to see throughout the excursion.

As we arrived in Manchester on Tuesday, September 10, it was actually quite sunny and warm. The first day was then spent with checking in in our accommodation, getting to know the town of Salford and going shopping at Tesco for food and drinks. Unluckily, the weather changed overnight and the next day was nothing but rainy.

On Wednesday we headed towards Blackpool where there is located the fun park called "Pleasure Beach" and many other attractions along the coast line of the small town. Even though it was raining two other excursionists and I decided to go into the park and had a lot of fun riding the coasters in the rain. When we were totally soaked we left the park for a warm diner place and later on we watched the "Illuminations" along the coast street. But I was glad when we finally got "home" after such a wet day.

Thursday was one of my favorite days: I joined the optional activity of the cycle tour on the Monsal Trail which turned out not to be as long as the whole group expected it to be. I really enjoyed the landscape and the surprisingly good weather that day.

The next day we got to see part of North Wales when driving up to Castle Conwy. Since I'm interested in castles I had a good time exploring the place, climbing every tower and walking the old city wall. I also ate my first "fish and chips", which was quite tasty. Later we continued to Llandudno but unfortunately the rain followed us too and we had to cancel the little hiking trip on one of the surrounding hills.

Saturday, the only day with no rain at all, I spent in Chester. I especially liked the second hand book stores and bought more books than I can read in a year. Chester is a cute old town and worth seeing!

Another favorite day of mine was Sunday when we drove into the Peak District again. The weather made us cancel another hiking adventure but I climbed up a hill with two other excursionists and we got a great view of the Cave Dale. The landscape was just breathtaking to me. I wished to stay there for another week so I could go hiking every day and explore the nature. Later we were shown an old flooded cavern by boat which was very interesting as well.

Monday and Tuesday were more relaxed since we couldn't do much due to the rain and therefore the City Centre Cruise on the Manchester Ship Canal was less fun than expected. Tuesday I would have liked to walk the "Mass Trespass" but the weather again was to blame for cancellation.

Wednesday we left our accommodation in the morning and on our way to the ferry in Hull we stopped by in Haworth where the famous Bronte House is located. In the evening we boarded the ferry and woke up reaching Rotterdam where we were taken back to Siegen by bus.

I can just say that I had a great and fun time during the excursion and that I will definitely return to England to see more of its beauty. Thank you, Phil and Tom for the unforgettable trip!!!