

What can architecture tell us
about the national story?

Architecture as a symbol

- Prague castle **certainly** is a national symbol
 - Václav Havel – funeral
 - Coronation jewels
 - Residence of the president
 - Relicts are kept there
- *The way the nation adapts its symbols reflects its mindset*

Prague castle examples

- Renaissance bell tower – Rudolf II. (Prague – the capital city, heyday of arts)
- Baroque roof (stable period of the Habsburk monarchy, reassessment of values)
- Completion of the cathedral 1929 – newborn country
- Plečnik's improvements 1930's – prosperity
- Jiříčná greenhouse 2001

