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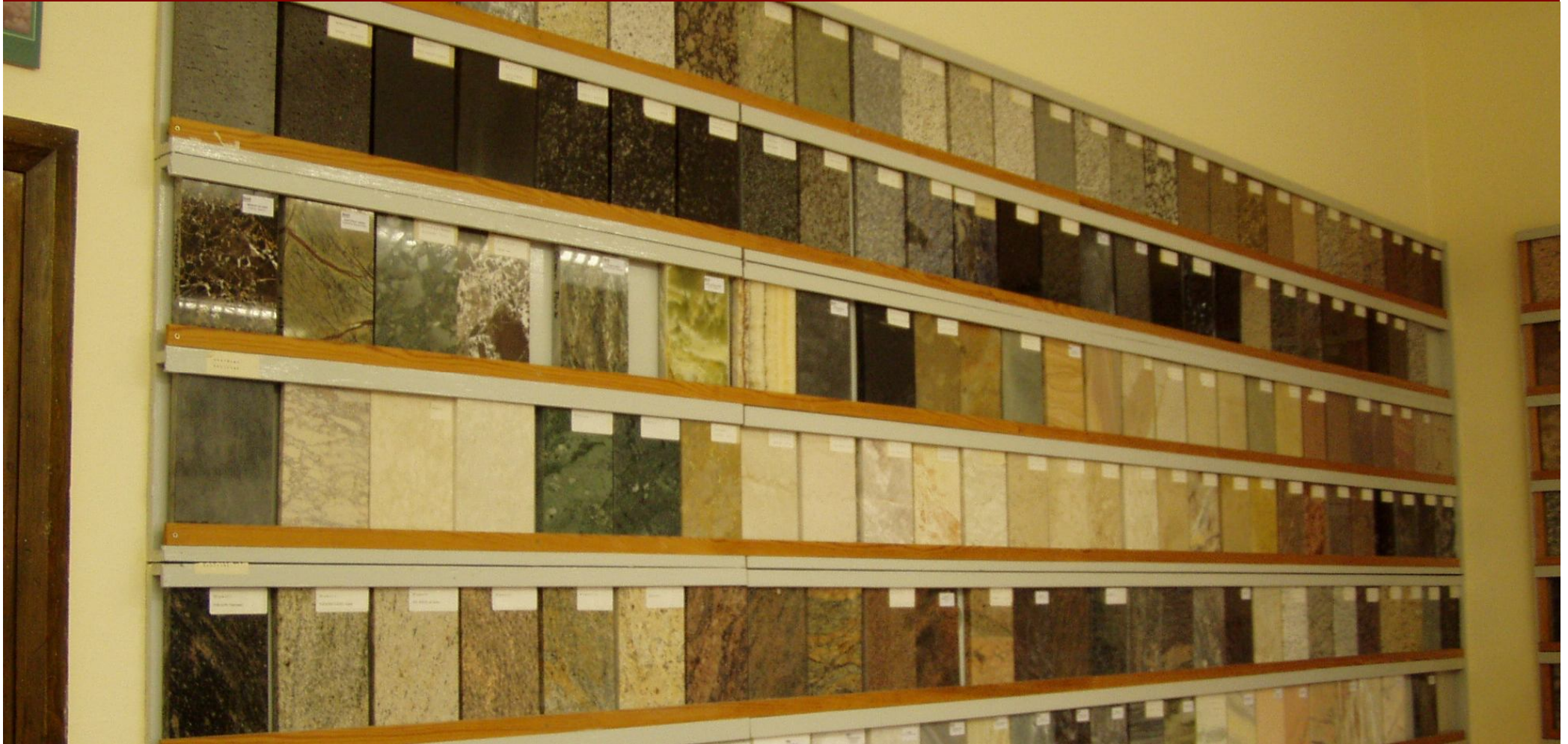
Saxon Stone Industry School in Demitz-Thumitz – stonemasons and sculptors / stone breakers have been educated in the Commune since 1908.



Within last 24 years more than 2,000 students have been educated here, in the only stone industry school in the new German States, and they became apprentices in stonemasons' plants.



Our students come from Saxony, Thuringia, Brandenburg and Saxony-Anhalt. We are educating 97 students this year.



The vast collection of natural stone samples (being enlarged permanently) provides students with the possibility to review the variety of the material.



Freshmen may benefit from contacts with apprentices and masters who practically prepare the students for professional examinations.



Insight in the practice is facilitated by various machines, e.g. bridge saw. With the use of the saw semi-finished products may be further machined.



Next to the school, there is a dormitory with some 100 beds for the students.



The dormitory is managed by the "*Förderverein des Steinmetz- und Bildhauerhandwerks e.V.*" The members of the association are unions of the guilds from the entire Eastern Germany and the Saxon Union of Stonemasons and Rock Breakers.



The dormitory underwent complete repairs of the bedrooms, bathrooms, external façade, thermal insulation. The total of 75% of the students benefited from the offer of the dormitory.



Meals are served here, i.e. breakfasts, lunches and dinners. Students decorated the room themselves.



Radlader
Gabelstapler
Ladekran
Denkmalpflege

Students have the opportunity to develop their additional skills in their free time.



Recreational and sports center of the Commune of Demitz-Thumitz which is located in the direct vicinity of the school is used for sports classes and offers extracurricular classes.



The stone craftsmanship as well as the stone industry school are directly connected with Demitz-Thumitz. In 2009, the village became a theme one – a granite village.



Rich natural resources of granite were used in the construction of the railroad bridge on the railroad line Dresden-Görlitz.



Lusatian granite has been excavated here, in the stonemasons' village, since mid nineteenth century.



Manual work prevailed in the beginning. More than 3,000 workers worked in the quarry near the monastery.



Nowadays technology facilitates the work – the traditional bases of the craftsmanship are documented in the school museum.



The year 2008 was the 100th anniversary of the stone industry education in Demitz-Thumitz. The educational offer of the school is closely connected with the concept of the granite village.



At our stone industry school some 20 students from Saxony and Thuringia pass their apprentice examination.



The examination works includes not only tombstones but also mass works and sculptures.



Following a successful apprentice examination, the students of the Saxon Stone Industry School may develop their professional skills and take a master examination.



This is how a joint project was accomplished within the frame of a master examination. The fountain was donated to the Town of Wehlen in 2002, after the disastrous flood.

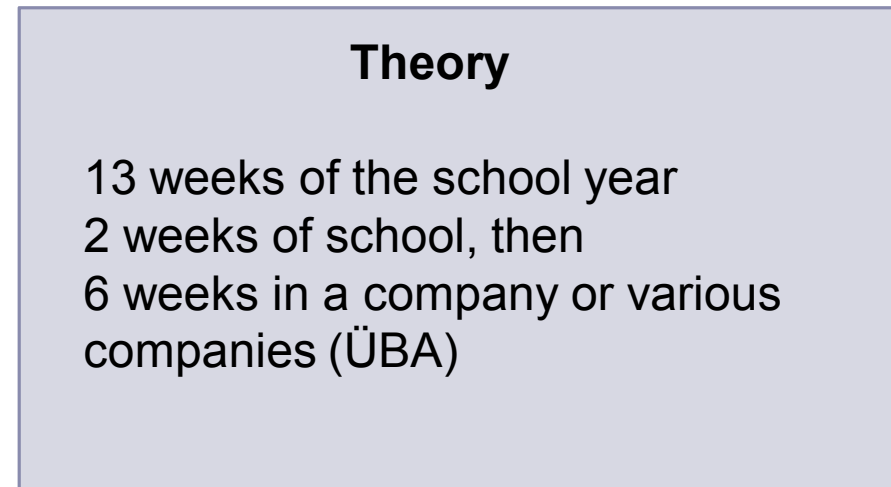
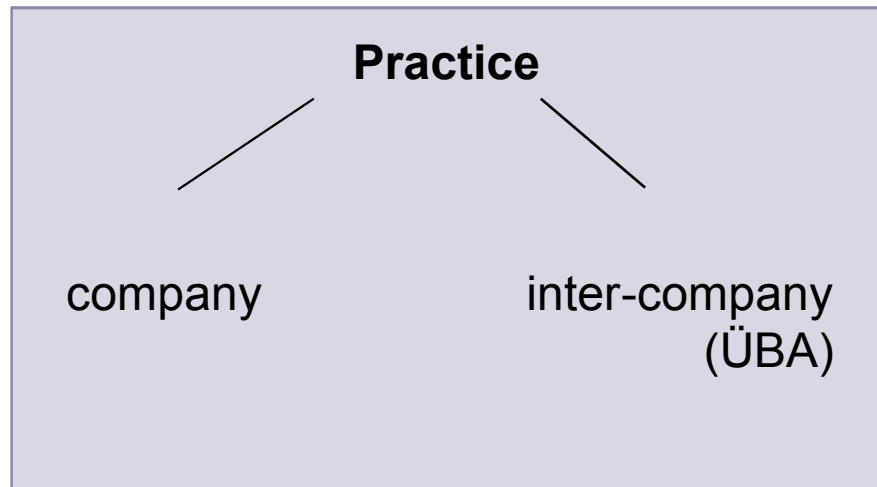


Numerous details from machined stone were made by our students for the *Frauenkirche* church in Dresden at the time of its restoration. First pieces were also made for the restoration of the Berlin Palace.



Since 2002, Secondary School of Creative Design has been supplementing the educational offer of the Saxon Stone Industry School. One such class of female and male students is taught each year. The class prepares the students for the entrance examination at college.

Organization of the education



Principally, a three-year contract for profession learning is concluded between a stone industry company and a student. Fees for such education is based upon appropriate rates. A partial examination is taken after one and a half year.

Tasks

teaching important practical educational information which may not be taught at the company running vocational training

Goal

to achieve a comparable level of skills by all the vocational trainees

Contents

instruction in all the practical aspects of the profession, e.g. machining of surface, profiles, façades, floors, stairs; machinery, wording

Duration

6-8 weeks of the school year divided into subject areas

The partial and final exams consist of theoretical and practical parts.

partial examination ← contents → final examination

Theory

oriented to the particular areas of learning with a two-year curriculum

Practice

depends on the State; in Saxony: developing of a chosen profile on the detail being machined (approx. 50 cm long within 7 hours)

Theory

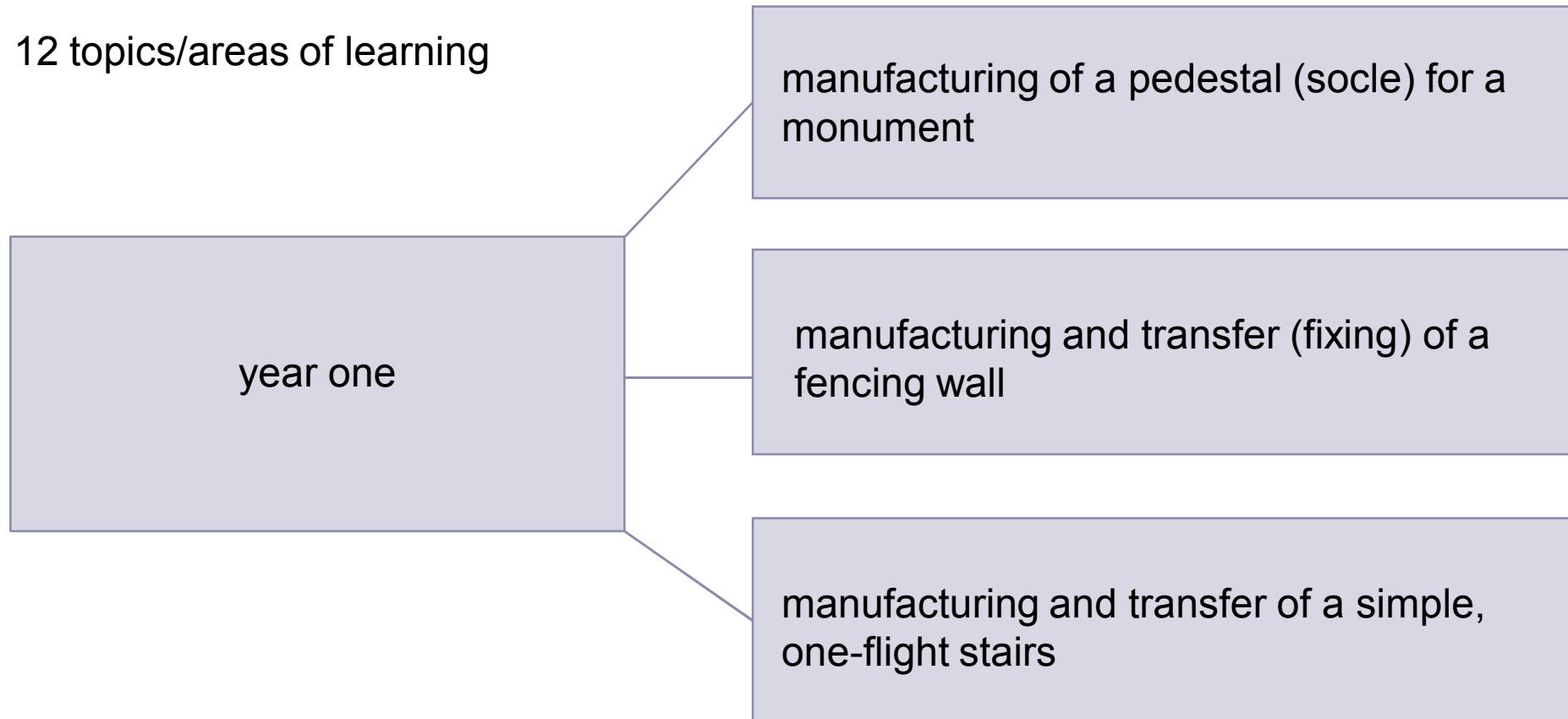
- (1) Work planning and design (approx. 130 min)
- (2) Work technique and transfer tasks (approx. 130 min)
- (3) Economics and society (approx. 30 min)

Practice

- (1) One product by an apprentice who chooses the product (4-52 hours)
- (2) A work sample: wording and symbol on a slab of approx. 30 x 40 cm (8 hours)
- (3) Economics and society (approx. 30 min)

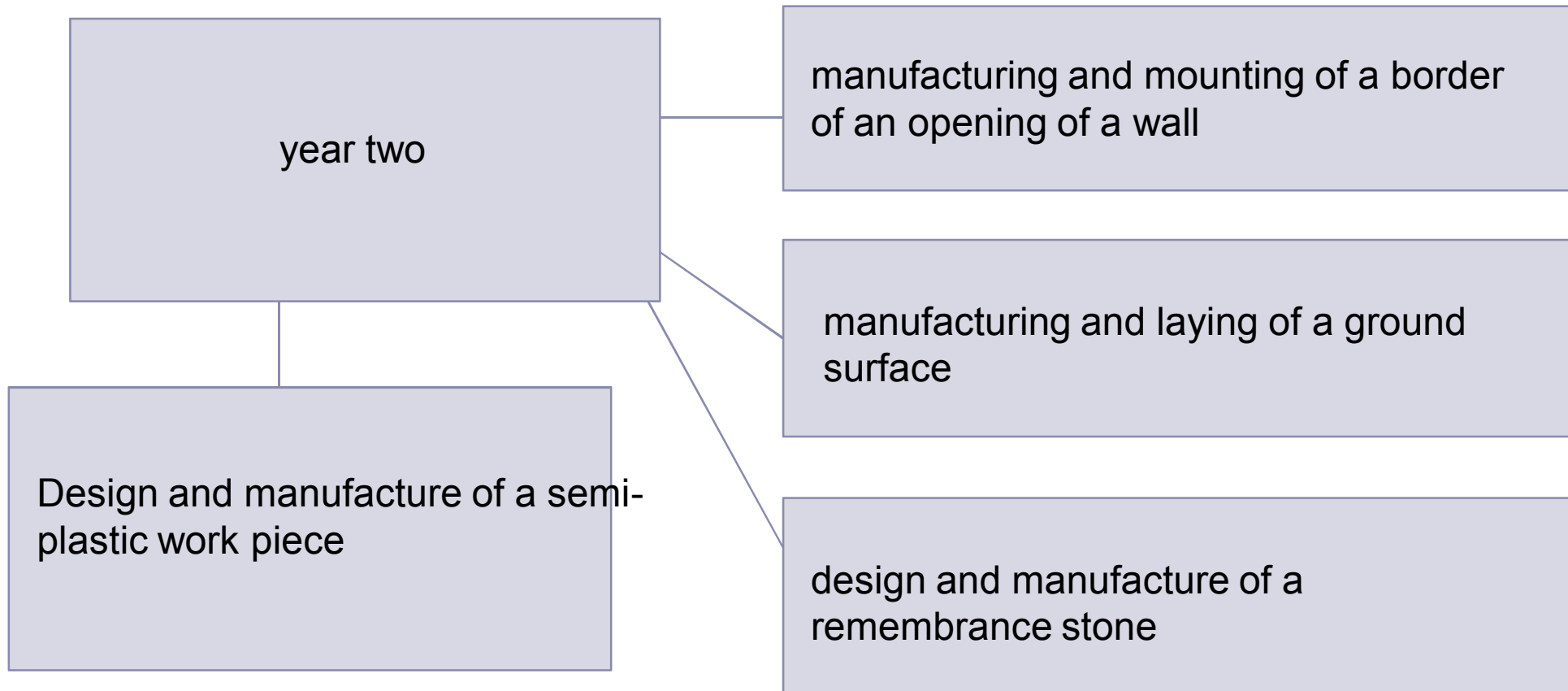
The classes are taught within theoretical and practical (inter-company education) topics specific for each profession. The skills achieved at school are developed in a company.

12 topics/areas of learning

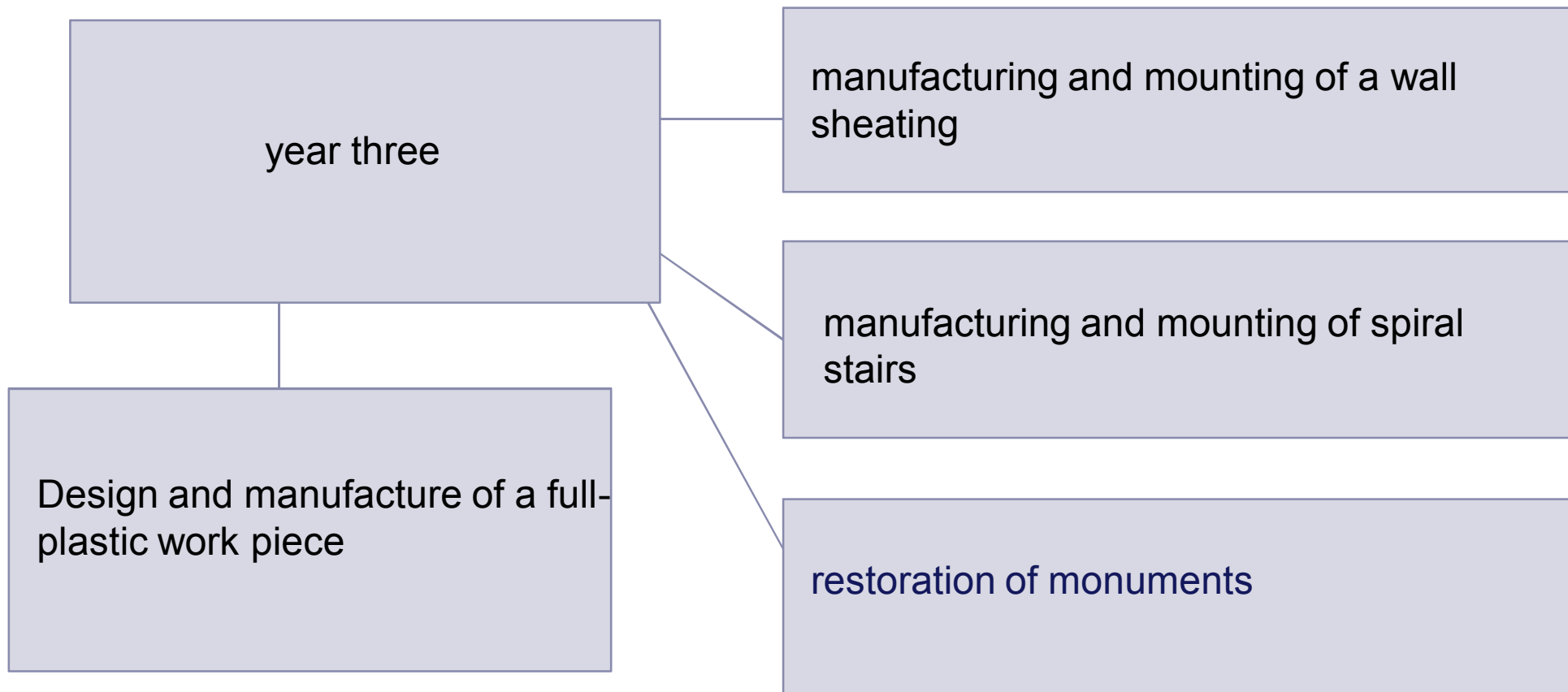


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