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We live in Novomoskovsk. It is the second largest town in the region after Tula. Novomoskovsk was founded in 1930 and it has been renamed three times during its history. First it was called Bobriki, then Stalinogorsk and in 1961 it became Novomoskovsk. Our town was a part of Moscow region from 1942 to 1957.

Now Novomoskovsk is a modern industrial town with the population of about 150 thousand people. It can be easily found on every map, because Novomoskovsk has its own special location: at the beginning of the great Russian river Don. The town is situated between the Don and the Shat, another river.

Novomoskovsk is located 230 kilometers south of Moscow and it takes about three hours to get to the capital by car or by bus.



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Novomoskovsk was founded with the construction of new chemical plants during the years of the first 5-year plans. Now there are three huge plants : «Azot», «Orgsintez», «Procter & Gamble». That is why my native town is famous for its different chemical productions. Besides, there are 26 big plants in Novomoskovsk and the surrounding area.



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Sport takes a very important place in the town life. Adults and kids can attend a modern swimming pool. We also have stadiums, where football matches of the first league are held.

Our football team «Don» plays there. In winter we can enjoy skating on different ice-rinks and skiing in the parks. There is even a specialized college of physical education and a track-and-field school for kids. In addition, we have many sport clubs and sections, where people can play such games as volleyball, basketball, football and table tennis, do karate, gymnastics and other sport.

Many children like to spend their free time attending clubs and sections in two palaces of culture. Sometimes pop singers, famous bards and other musicians visit our town and we enjoy their performances.





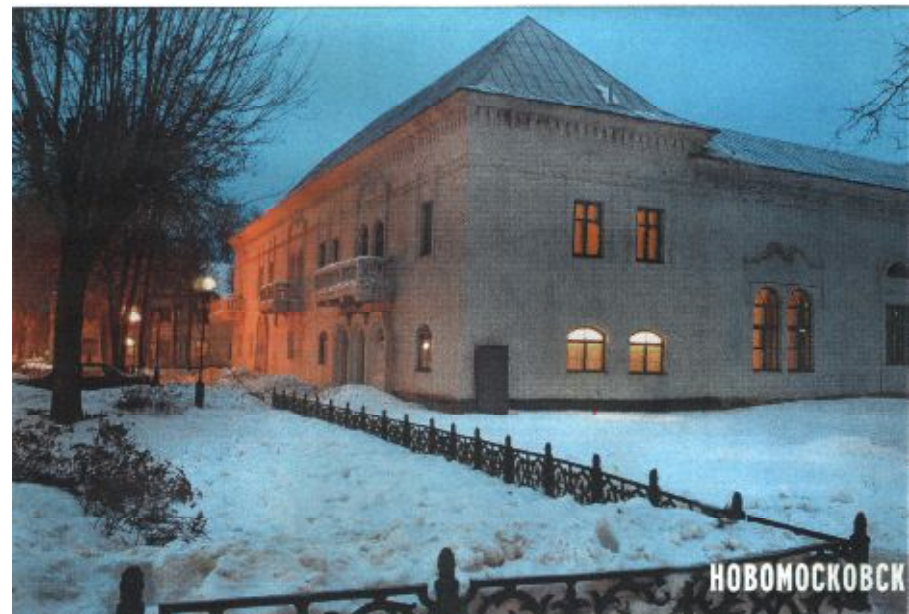
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We are glad to have the «Pobeda» cinema and the Drama theatre. All the pupils of our school like to go there to watch interesting films and performances.

Novomoskovsk is a young town but we have our own City Museum and Exhibition Hall. There you can learn a lot about the history of the town and see many beautiful paintings and works of art.

If you ask me what season is the best to visit Novomoskovsk, I will not be able to tell you, because it is remarkable in summer and winter, in spring and autumn. We are proud to have a great number of beautiful flowerbeds with many-colored plants.



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Many people like to sit around the city's three fountains and relax. But they are not only parks and fountains that make our town beautiful. Once I saw an ad in a street, which said: "They are people who make our town beautiful", and I think it is true.

During New Year and Christmas everyone goes to Soviet Square to watch the beauty of our magic New Year tree. Many people say that the main heroine of the holidays is much more beautiful than even New Year trees in Moscow and other main cities.



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NOVOMOSKOVSK and THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR

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June 22, 1941 became a tragedy for all citizens of Russia. It was the beginning of the Great Patriotic War. Men went to fight against the fascist soldiers. Around eight thousand of our fellowmen were killed.

The plants and factories produced the goods for the front. The people worked hard. They were ready to do everything they could.

On November 25, 1941 fascists captured Novomoskovsk in spite of the selflessness of our town's defenders. The enemies killed many citizens, burned their houses. In December General Belov and his soldiers set the town free with help of the famous Russian weapon «Katyusha». One of them sank in Ivan Lake. On November 25, 1988 it was found, pulled out, restored and mounted near the City Museum.





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Unfortunately the damage done by the war was great. Schools, hospitals, houses and apartment buildings were destroyed. But people of the town worked and believed in victory.

Twenty-eight thousand people left Novomoskovsk to fight at the front. Many of them were given medals and orders. Twenty-three citizens of our town are the heroes of the Soviet Union, three have been decorated with the Order of Glory, one person has become the Hero of Russia.





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## MONUMENTS

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Novomoskovsk is a young town, but it has several monuments. The monuments are not only the decoration of our streets and parks, they also tell us about the history of the town and its cultural development.



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Some monuments are connected with the Great Patriotic War. A lot of people were killed from 1941 to 1945, but no one has been forgotten. That's why we have the monument of «Eternal Glory» in Moskovskaya Street. We are also proud of the sad beauty of the «Mass Grave» in Urvanka forest. There's famous Russian weapon «Katyusha» in front of our museum. People put these monuments to pay tribute to the courageous defenders of Novomoskovsk.

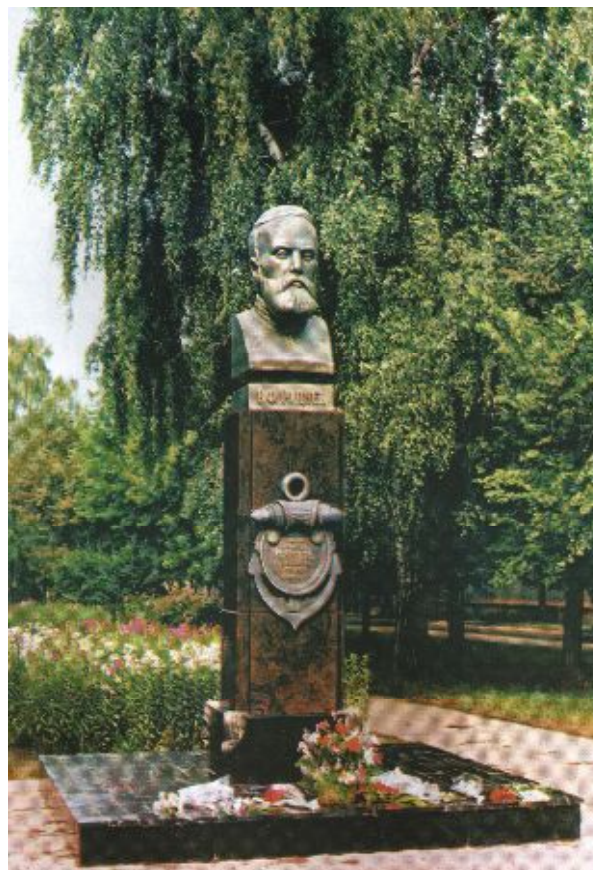




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Our town is also decorated with the monuments to outstanding personalities of Russia: to the great poet A.S. Pushkin, to the Prince Dmitriy Donskoy, who led the Russians on Kulikovo Field, to the commander of the famous ship «Varyag» V. Rudnev.





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As the Don starts in our town,  
there is a sculptural composition, which  
symbolizes it, and it is really beautiful.





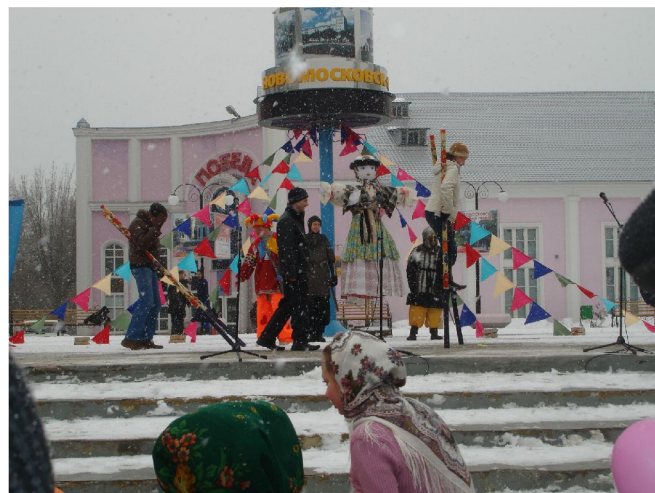
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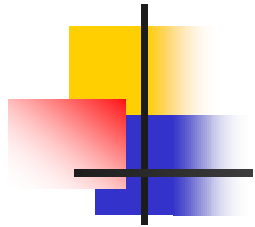




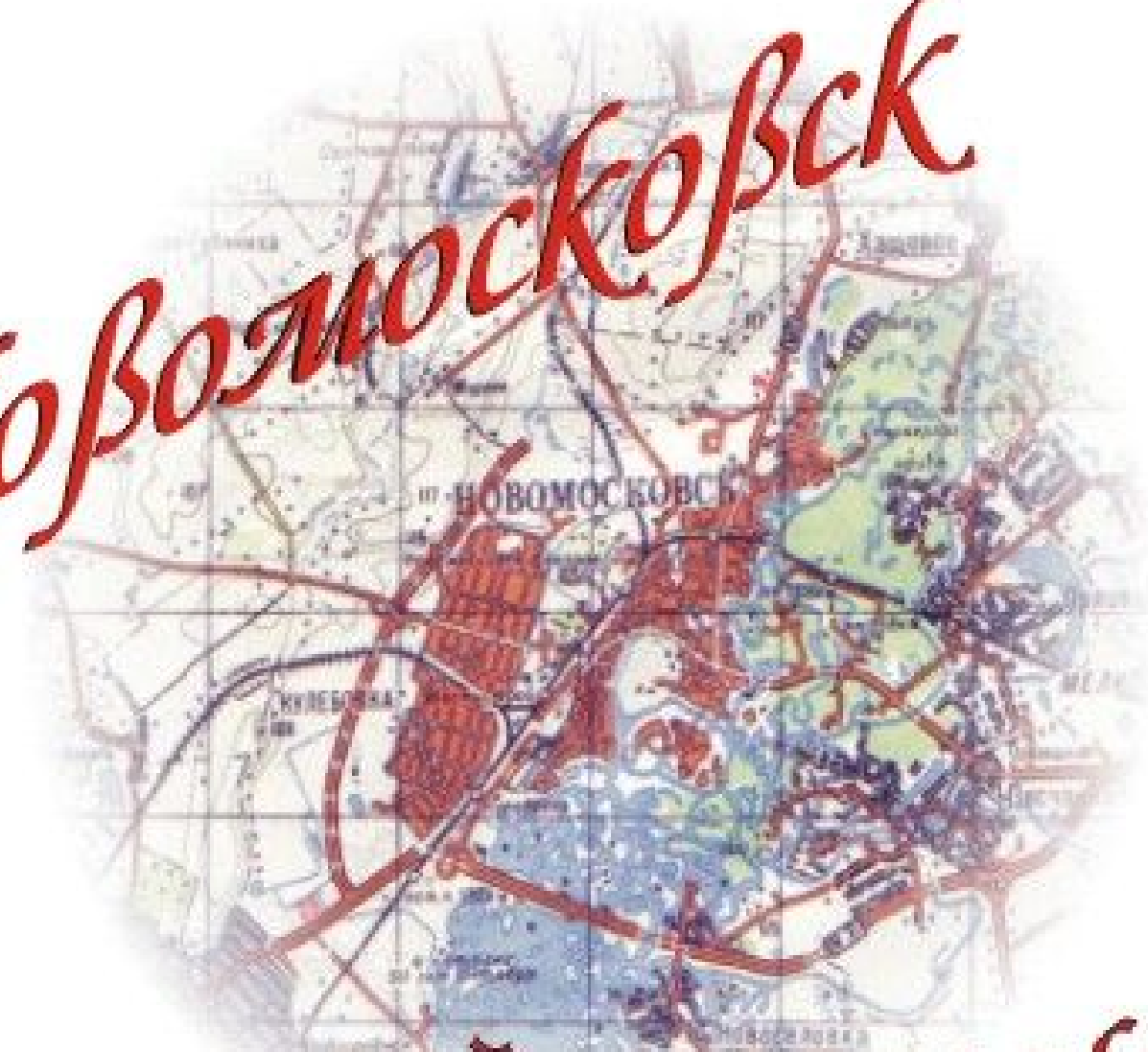


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