

# Russian folklore



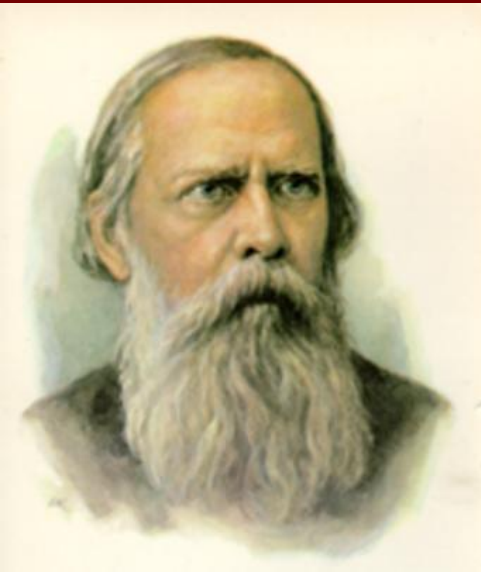


«Russian people created a great oral literature:  
wise sayings and sly riddles, cheerful and sad ceremonial songs, solemn bylines and fairy tales. It is in vain to think that this literature was only the fruit of people's spare time. It is a virtue and people's mind. It made and strengthened its moral character, it was its historical memory and it filled with deep contents all its life»

A.N. Tolstoy



It influenced on our Russian poets and writers. For example: for the poetry of Pushkin, Krylov, for the tales of Saltykov-Shchedrin, Ershov and Aphanasiev.



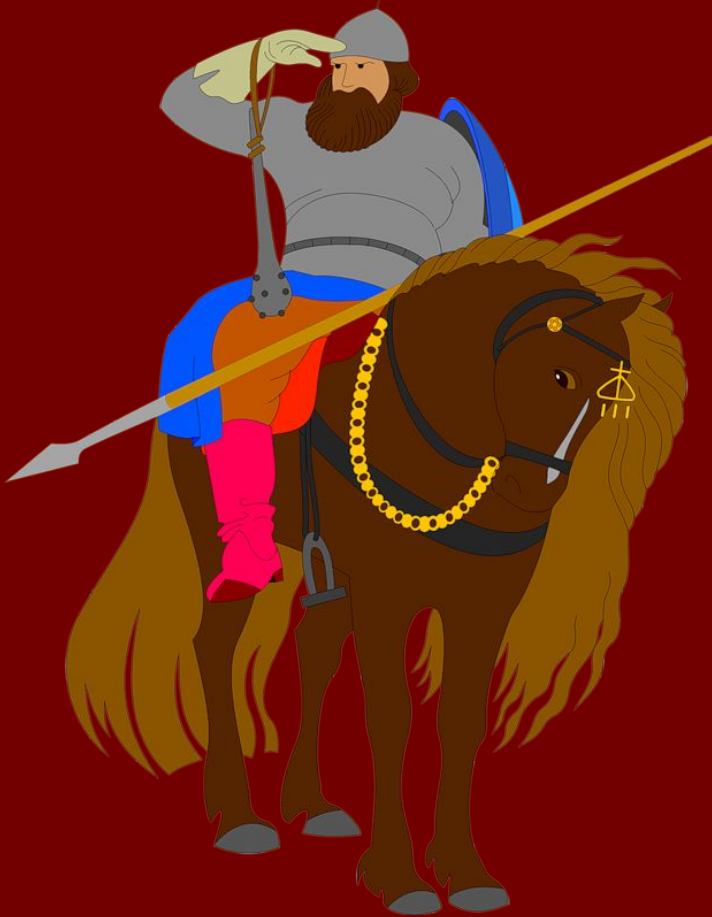


There is nothing that can  
better tell about the wealth of the country, than its folklore.



Russian folklore: bylines, fairy tales, songs, historical legends, riddles, proverbs and sayings, rhymes and so on

The most prolific and striking genres of Russian folklore were bylines and fairy tales.





“If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales.” Albert Einstein



Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale of all.  
Hans Christian Anderson

Morning is wiser than evening.

Now the tale has come to an end  
And those who listened to it are great!

And I was there,  
Drinking mead and beer  
That trickled down my moustache,  
Into my mouth, though,  
I had not got much.

