Arkhangelsk- My Native Town

Activity stages:

Before reading

1) Repeat the words after the announcer.

2) Complete a multiple choice.

While reading

1) Summarize the main ideas of the text.

2) Complete the sentences.

After reading

1) Agree (+) or disagree(-).

2) Explain historical dates.

3) Tell about Arkhangelsk as a guide.

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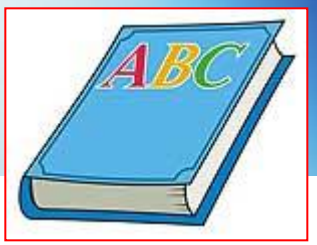
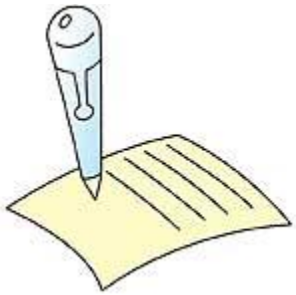


1) Repeat the following words and expressions after the announcer then read them:

an administrative center- административный центр
Arkhangesk Region- Архангельская область
to be situated on- быть расположенным на
a bank of- берег
the Northern Dvina- Северная Двина
to flow into- впадать в
the Dvina Bay- Двинская Губа
the White Sea- Белое море
to be founded in- быть основанным в
by the order of- по приказу
shipbuilding- кораблестроение
the cradle of- колыбель
to be considered- считать
merchant-торговый
timber industry- лесная промышленность
sawmill- лесопиление
a craftsman – ремесленник
a dweller - житель
the Kuznethikha River- река Кузнечиха
a suburb -пригород
to be interwoven- быть переплетённым(и)

2) Before you read the texts about Arkhangelsk, complete a multiple choice quiz to see what you already know. If you are not sure or don't know the answers, find them while reading the text.



1. **What Russian tsar does Arkhangelsk owe its origin to?**
A. **Peter I**
B. **Ivan IV**
C. **Vasili III**

2. **What island was the first state-owned shipyard founded on?**
A. **Mudiug**
B **Solombala**
C. **Vaygach**

3. **What was the name of the first ship built at the shipyard founded by Peter I?**
A. « **St Paul**»
B. «**St Peter**»
C. « **St Catherine**»

4. **How many bridges connect the suburbs of the city with the center?**
A. **three**
B. **two**
C. **four**

5.What is the largest river of the Arkhangelsk Region?

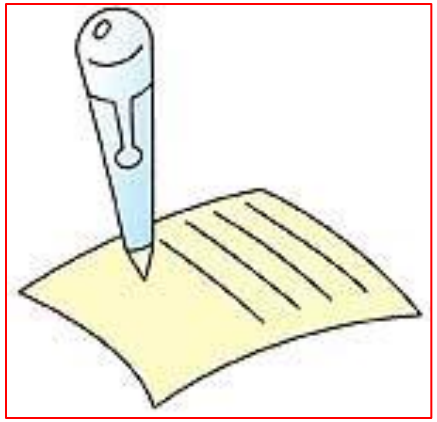
A. the Northern Dvina
B. the Pinega
C. the Mezen

6.What is the main town of the region?

A. Velsk
B. Severodvinsk
C. Arkhangelsk

7.What is the main industry?

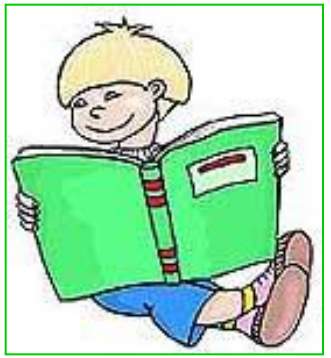
A. textile
B. oil
C. timber



While reading activities:

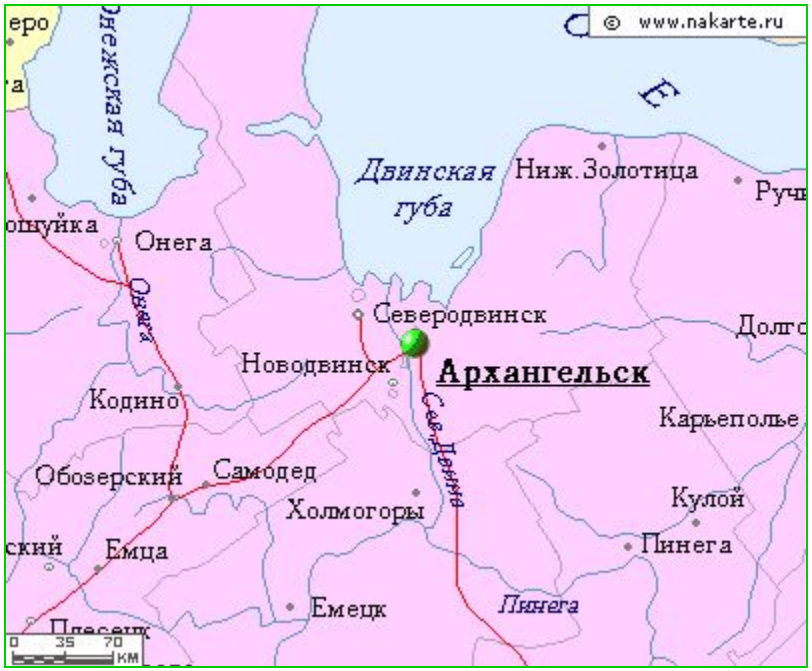
1.Read the text « Arkhangelsk- my Native Town».

Summarize the main ideas of the text. Exchange your ideas.

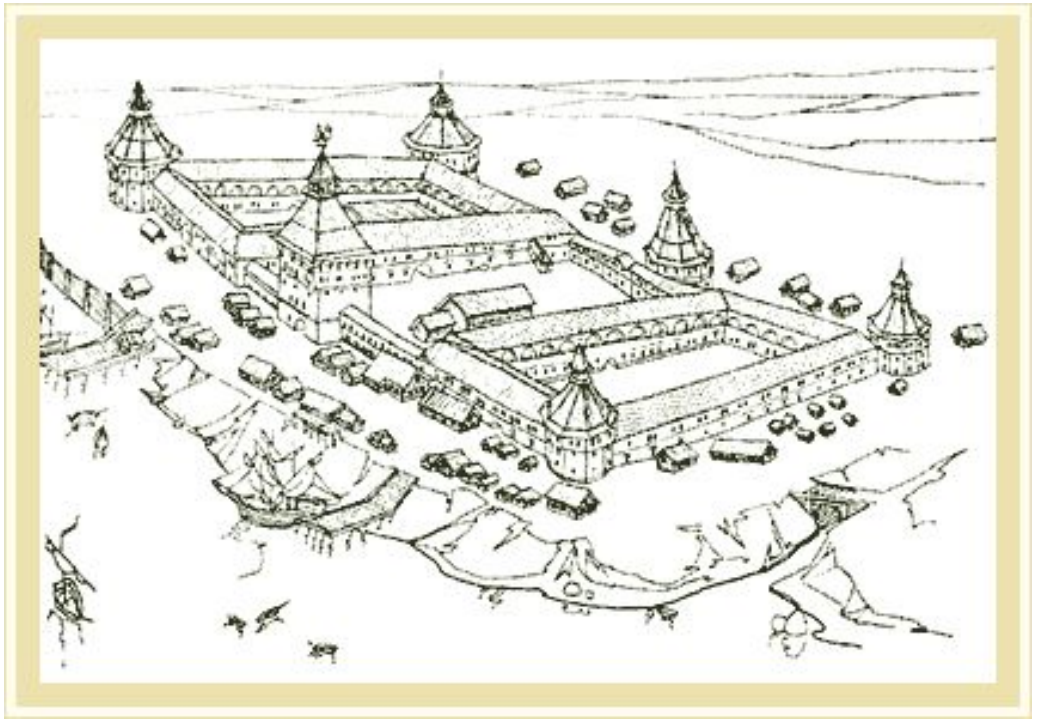


Arkhangelsk-My Native Town.

Arkhangelsk is the administrative center of the Arkhangelsk Region. It is situated on both banks of the Northern Dvina, not far from the place where it flows into the Dvina Bay of the White Sea.



Arkhangelsk is one of the oldest cities in the Russian North. It was founded in 1584 by the order of the Russian tsar Ivan IV, known better Ivan the Terrible.



Arkhangelsk is one of the longest cities in Europe. It stretches for more than thirty kilometers. Its population is about 370 thousand people.

Arkhangelsk was the first sea-port of Russia, the cradle of Russian shipbuilding, major center of fishing and sea-hunting, the gate to the Arctic Region.

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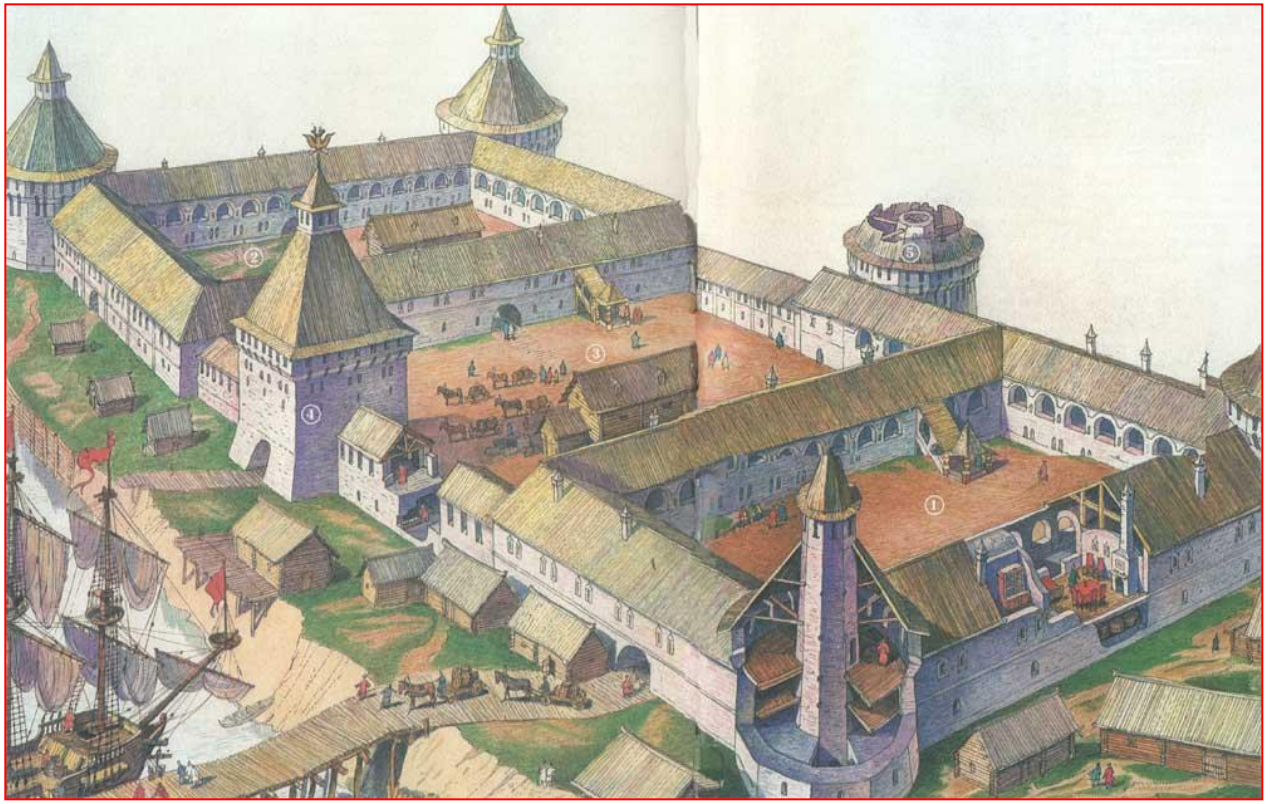
The city owes its name to the Archangel Michael Monastery situated nearby in those distant days.



Arkhangelsk is justly considered to be the cradle of Russian shipbuilding. It was here, on the island of Solombala, that in 1693 Peter the Great founded the first state-owned shipyard and a year later the sea-going merchant ship “Saint Paul” was launched.

During the Northern War different types of warships were built at the Solombala yard.

At the end of the 18 century, Arkhangelsk also became a center of sawmills. Present-day Archangelsk remains one of the leading centers of timber and timber-chemical industry in Russia.

The city is also a center of science and education in the North. It has Northern (Arctic) Federal University ,several schools of higher learning, a number of colleges.

Arkhangelsk is well-known for its museums, musical culture, artists and craftsmen.

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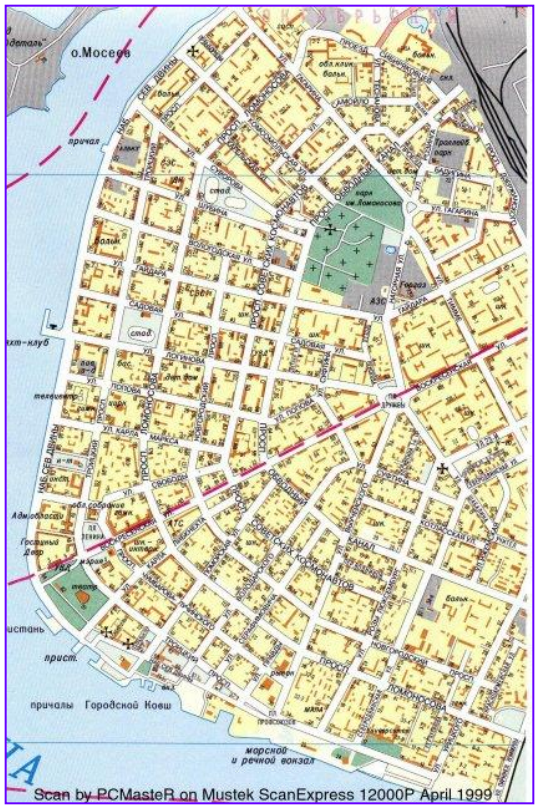
The city is partly located on a number of islands, and getting from distant parts of the city to the center used to be a problem for its dwellers.

At present two modern bridges across the Northern Dvina and one across the Kuznechikha River connect the suburbs of the city with the center.

In Arkhangelsk, which is older than 400 years, more than 500 streets and avenues are interwoven like a net, and each of them has its own name.



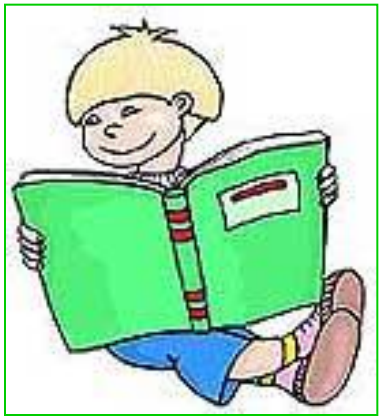
While reading activities:

Complete the sentences according to the text :

1. Arkhangelsk is … .
2. It was founded … .
3. It stretches for … .
4. Arkhangelsk was … .
5. The city owes its name to… .
6. Arkhangelsk is justly considered … .
7. During the Northern War … .
8. At the end of the 18 century … .
9. The city is also a center of … .

Complete the sentences according to the text :

10. Arkhangelsk is well-known for … .
11. The city is partly located on ….
12. At present two modern bridges … .
13. In Arkhangelsk, which is older than ….



After reading activities:

1. **Agree (+) or disagree (-) with the following statements.**

- Arkhangelsk is situated on both banks of the Northern Dvina.
- It was founded by the order of the Russian tsar Peter the Great.
- Archangelsk was the first sea-port of Russia.
- At the end of the 18 century, Archangelsk also became a center of dairy-farming.
- The city isn’t located on islands.

After reading activities:

- 2.What do historical dates mean:

a)1584 b) 1693 c) the end of the 18 century

- 3. Imagine that you are a guide. Tell the tourists what you know about Arkhangelsk

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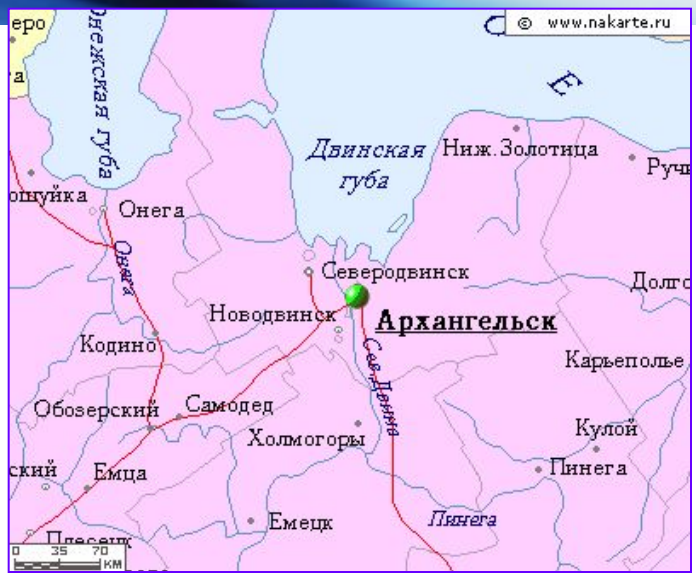

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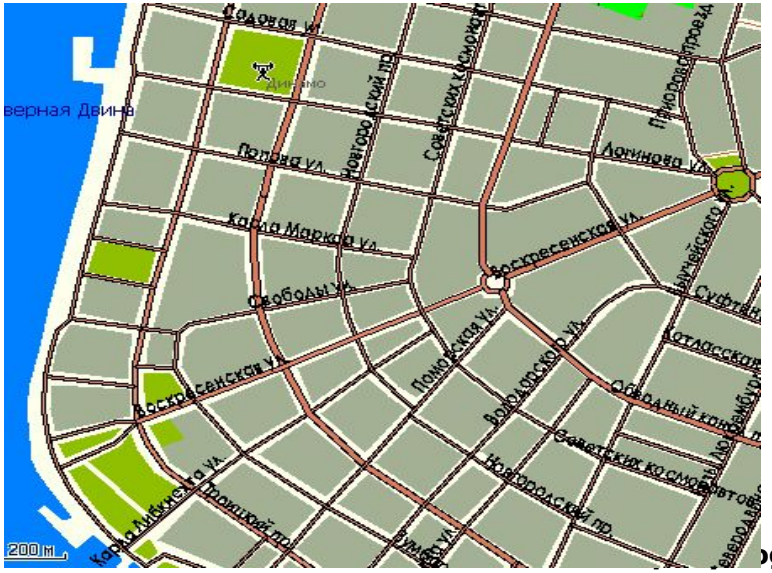

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