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## Before reading activities:



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

outstanding- выдающийся

a founder- основатель

The Slavic Greek Latin Academy- Славяно-Греко-Латинская Академия

peasant origin- крестьянское происхождение

to pretend to- делать вид, претендовать

noble birth- дворянское происхождение

to master- овладевать

an income- доход

to be appointed- быть назначенным

a discovery in- открытие в

a field of science- область науки

to strive for – стремиться

an apex- вершина



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



to be connected with- быть связанным с

an investigation in- исследования в

to be ahead- быть впереди

significant- значимый

to lay the basis for- закладывать основы для

stained glass- цветное стекло

to award- награждать

to be elected- быть избранным

to be buried- быть похороненным

scientific achievement- научное достижение

a stream – течение

a scholar- учёный



## Match the words with their meanings



a) Governorate	1) is an award of <u>financial aid</u> for a student to further education
b) Academy	2) transmission of accumulated <u>knowledge</u> , <u>skills</u> and <u>values</u> from one generation to another
c) a stipend	3) an institution of higher learning, research, or honorary membership.
d) University	4) administrative division of Russia in the 17 th century
f) education	5) an institution of <u>higher education</u> and <u>research</u> , which grants <u>academic degrees</u> in a variety of subjects.



## Match the words with their meanings



discovery	6) a type of <u>lyrical verse</u>
navigation	7) the <u>art</u> of creating images with an assemblage of small pieces of colored <u>glass</u>
mosaic	8) the act of detecting something new.
ode	9) the process of reading, and controlling the movement of a craft or vehicle from one place to another.

While reading activities. Read the text.

## Mikhail Vasilievich Lomonosov



M. V. Lomonosov, is known as the father of Russian science, an outstanding poet, founder of Russian literature and creator of the Russian language.





Lomonosov was born on the 19 th of November [[O.S.](#) on the 8 th of November ], 1711 in a fisherman's family, near Kholmogory in the village of Denisovka (later renamed Lomonosovo in his honor) in the [Arkhangelsk Governorate](#).







Learning was young Lomonosov's passion. At an early age Mikhail learned to read and write through church books. When he was fourteen, Lomonosov was given copies of [Meletius Smotrytsky](#)'s "Modern Church Slavonic" (a grammar book) and [Leonty Magnitsky](#)'s "Arithmetic."





When he was 19, Lomonosov went on foot to Moscow where he entered the [Slavic Greek Latin Academy](#). The Academy was closed to peasants and Lomonosov had to hide his peasant origin. He pretended to be of noble birth.





Here he studied Latin and mastered it in a short period of time. At that time he was hard up, for his only income was a stipend of three kopecks a day but he made rapid progress scholastically. He completed a twelve-year study course in only five years, graduating at the top of his class.





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Lomonosov strove to upgrade the quality of Russian science and education. He founded Moscow State University in 1755. This university, officially named after Lomonosov, is at the apex of the Russian system of higher education.



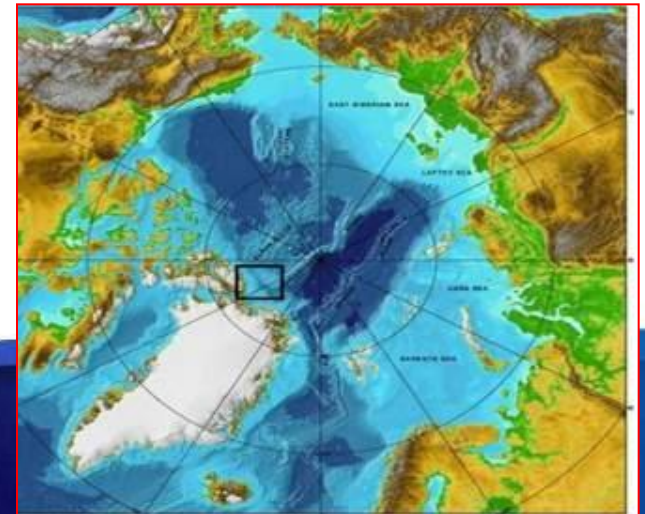


A. Pushkin said about Lomonosov ,  
« Lomonosov was a great man.... He founded the  
first Russian university: or to express it more  
correctly he himself was our first university».





M.V.Lomonosov made many important discoveries in different fields of science: physics, chemistry, astronomy. The last period of Lomonosov's activity was connected with his scientific investigation in navigation. He tried to find a short sea route from the West to the East through the Arctic Ocean. In this field as well he was ahead of his age.







His literary works remain one of the most significant pages of Russian literature in the 18th century. He wrote verses, odes and poems. He also laid the basis for the scientific study of the Russian language, he wrote the first Russian grammar.





Russian critic [Belinsky](#) wrote of Lomonosov, «Our literature begins with Lomonosov; he was its father and mother, he was its [Peter the Great](#) ».





M.V.Lomonosov was also a talented artist. He revived the ancient art of stained glass mosaic in Russia, and he himself created several stained glass pictures.





At the end of his life in 1764 Lomonosov was elected honorary member of the Stockholm and Bologna Academies





In 1765, Lomonosov caught a cold and died on the 15 th of April [[O.S on the 4 th of April](#)], 1765 at age 54. He is buried in the cemetery of Alexander Nevsky Monastery in [St Petersburg](#) .





Lomonosov is widely known and honoured in our country. He occupies a central place in the history of Russian science. The Russian Academy of Sciences awards Lomonosov honorary medals in scientific achievement - one to a Russian and one to a foreign scientist.





Lomonosov is memorialized in many place names - Moscow University was named after its founder and monuments to him have been erected in Moscow, St Petersburg , Arkhangelsk , Severodvinsk , the village of Lomonosovo and Koryazhma.





In 1957 the name of Lomonosov was given to the Arkhangelsk State Pedagogical Institute, now the Pomor State University named after M. V. Lomonosov.







The theatre, the town library and an avenue in Arkhangelsk bear Lomonosov's name.



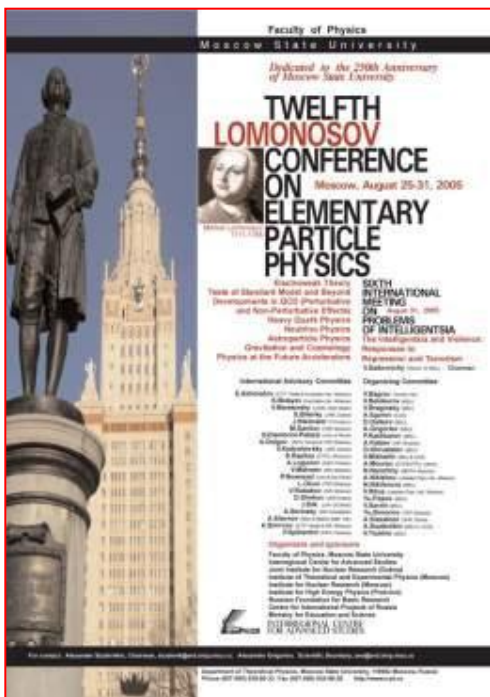


His name is also found on the map of the world: a stream in the Atlantic Ocean, mountain ranges of Novaya Zemlya and Spitsbergen, a plateau in Greenland, an underwater mountain in the Arctic Ocean and even a crater on the Moon were named after the great scientist. They commemorate his achievements in Geography , Oceanography and mapping.





Every year scientific Lomonosov Readings are held in Arkhangelsk. Scholars from the best-known research centers of the country come to take part in them.



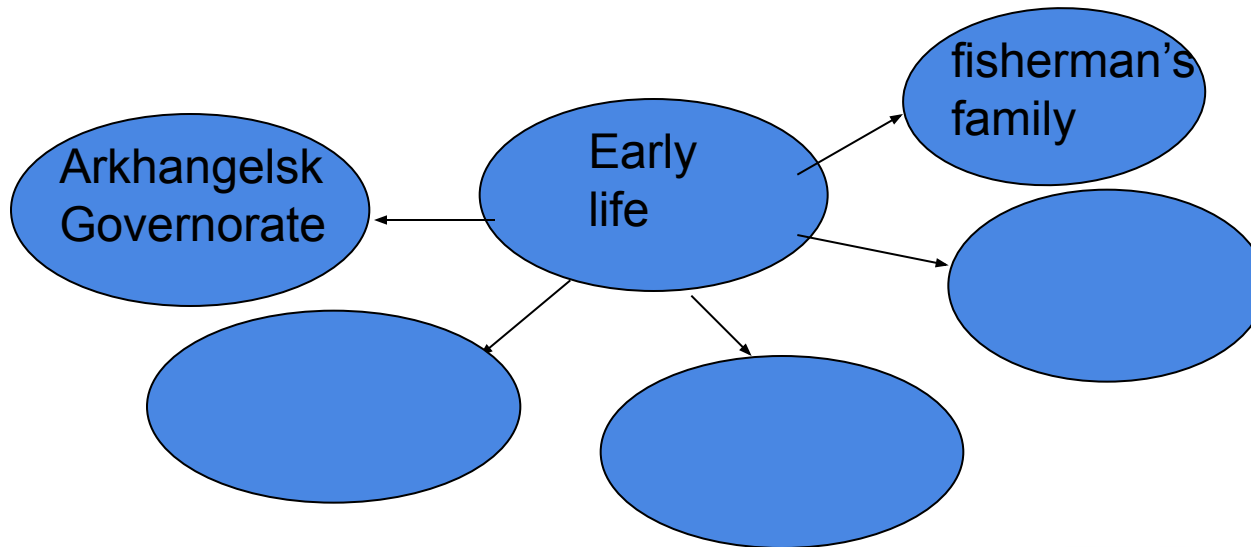


## Reading activities



- Divide the text into parts. Give each a title.
- Find the sentences in the passive voice.
- Complete these networks with as many branches and words as you can.

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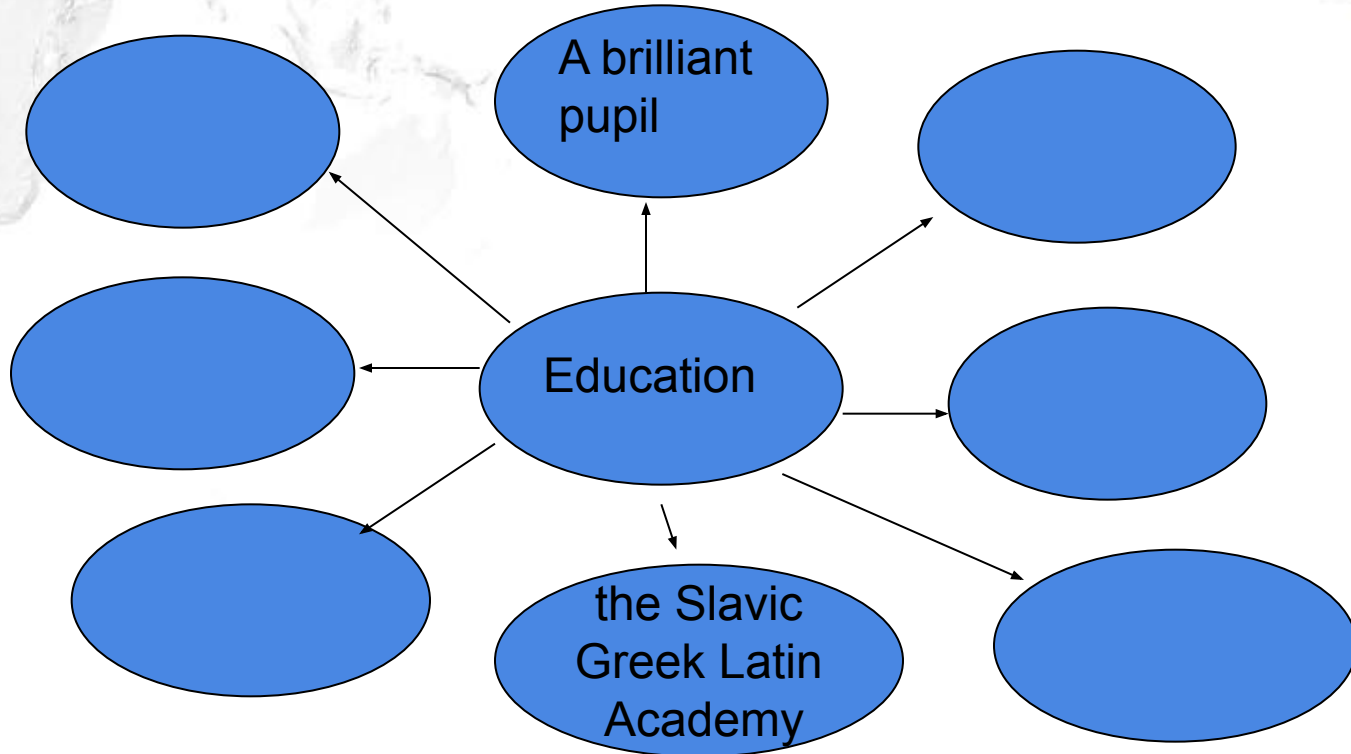




Complete these networks with as many branches and words as you can.



b)

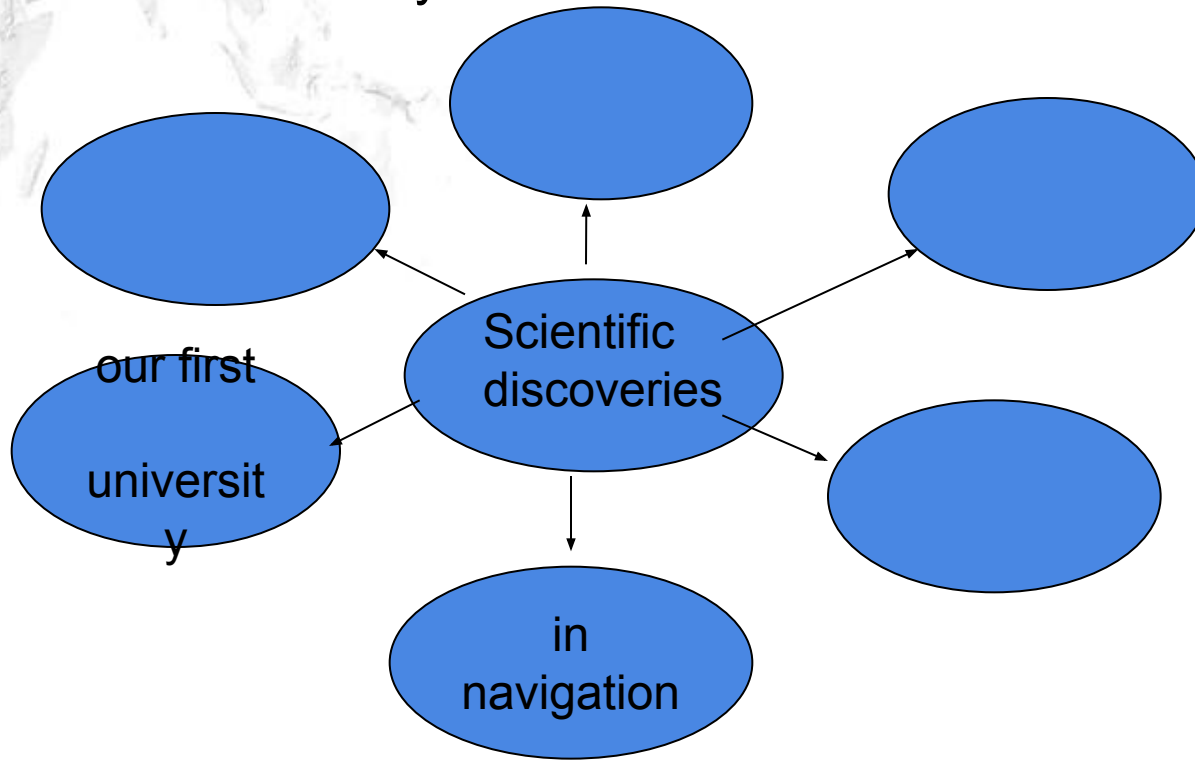




Complete these networks with as many branches and words as you can.



c)



## ➤ After reading activities



1. What are these historical dates remarkable for?  
1711; 1736; 1741; 1745; 1755; 1764; 1765.
2. Refer. Go on to say
  - a) Learning was young Lomonosov's passion.
  - b) He made rapid progress scholastically.
  - c) Lomonosov strove to upgrade the quality of Russian science and education.
  - d) His literary works remain one of the most significant pages of Russian literature in the 18 th century.



Go on to say:



- f) M.V. Lomonosov was also a talented artist.
- g) Lomonosov is widely known and honored in our country.
- 4. Explain why A.S. Pushkin called M.V. Lomonosov “our first University”
- 5. You are preparing for the school Conference dedicated to the third century since M.V. Lomonosov’s birth. Propose the subjects of students’ reports.





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