



THE GREAT
PATRIOTIC WAR.

1941-1945

This year we celebrate the
70th anniversary.

In this war 6.8 million Soviet soldiers were killed and 4.4 million died in captivity. The Soviet Union lost 26.6 million men and women in total.

Poems about the Great Patriotic War

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By birth I am not from childhood.

I am from war.

And, therefore, probably,

I value more than you can value

The bliss of stillness

As well as **each new day**

I live.

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The term *Great Patriotic War* appeared in the Soviet newspaper Pravda soon after Nazi Germany invaded the Soviet Union



Periods of World War II

- **First period of World War II (22 June 1941 – 18 November 1942)**
 - Summer-Autumn Campaign (22 June – 4 December 1941)
 - Winter Campaign of 1941–42 (5 December 1941 – 30 April 1942)
 - Summer-Autumn Campaign (1 May – 18 November 1942)

Second period of World War II

- (19 November 1942 – 31 December 1943)
 - Winter Campaign of 1942–43 (19 November 1942 – 3 March 1943)
 - Summer-Autumn Campaign of 1943 (1 July – 31 December 1943)

Third period of World War II

- (1 January 1944 – 9 May 1945)
 - Winter-Spring Campaign (1 January – 31 May 1944)
 - Summer-Autumn Campaign of 1944 (1 June – 31 December 1944)
 - Campaign in Europe during 1945 (1 January – 9 May 1945)

"Katyusha" – a notable Soviet rocket launcher



Tiger I tanks spearhead the assault in
the northern sector of the Battle of
Kursk.





14,933,000 Soviet and Soviet influence nations personnel were awarded the medal for victory over Germany from 9th May 1945.

Homeless Russian children in occupied territory (about 1942)

