




RUSSIA:

**GEOGRAPHY, ECONOMY,
POLITICS, NATIONAL
SYMBOLS, CAPITAL.**



1 Geography

The Russian Federation (Russia) is the largest country in the world It lies in the eastern part of Europe and the northern part of Asia.



Russia is washed by 12 seas

- the White Sea;
- the Barents['ba:rents] Sea;
- the Okhotsk Sea;
- the Black Sea;
- the Baltic ['bo:ltik] Sea and others

and 3 oceans

- the Arctic;
- the Atlantic;
- the Pacific [pæ'si:fik].

The main mountain chains are

- The Urals
- The Caucasus['ko:kəsəs]
- The Altai



The longest rivers are

- the Volga and the Ob
(in Europe)
- the Yenisei and the Lena
(in Asia)

The largest lakes are

- Ladoga
- Baikal



Baikal is the *deepest* lake
in the world.

Baikal

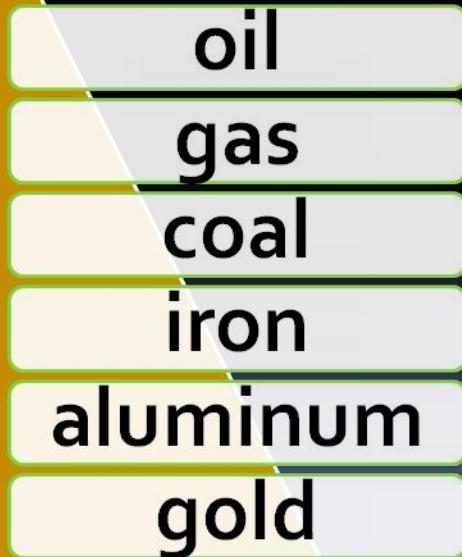
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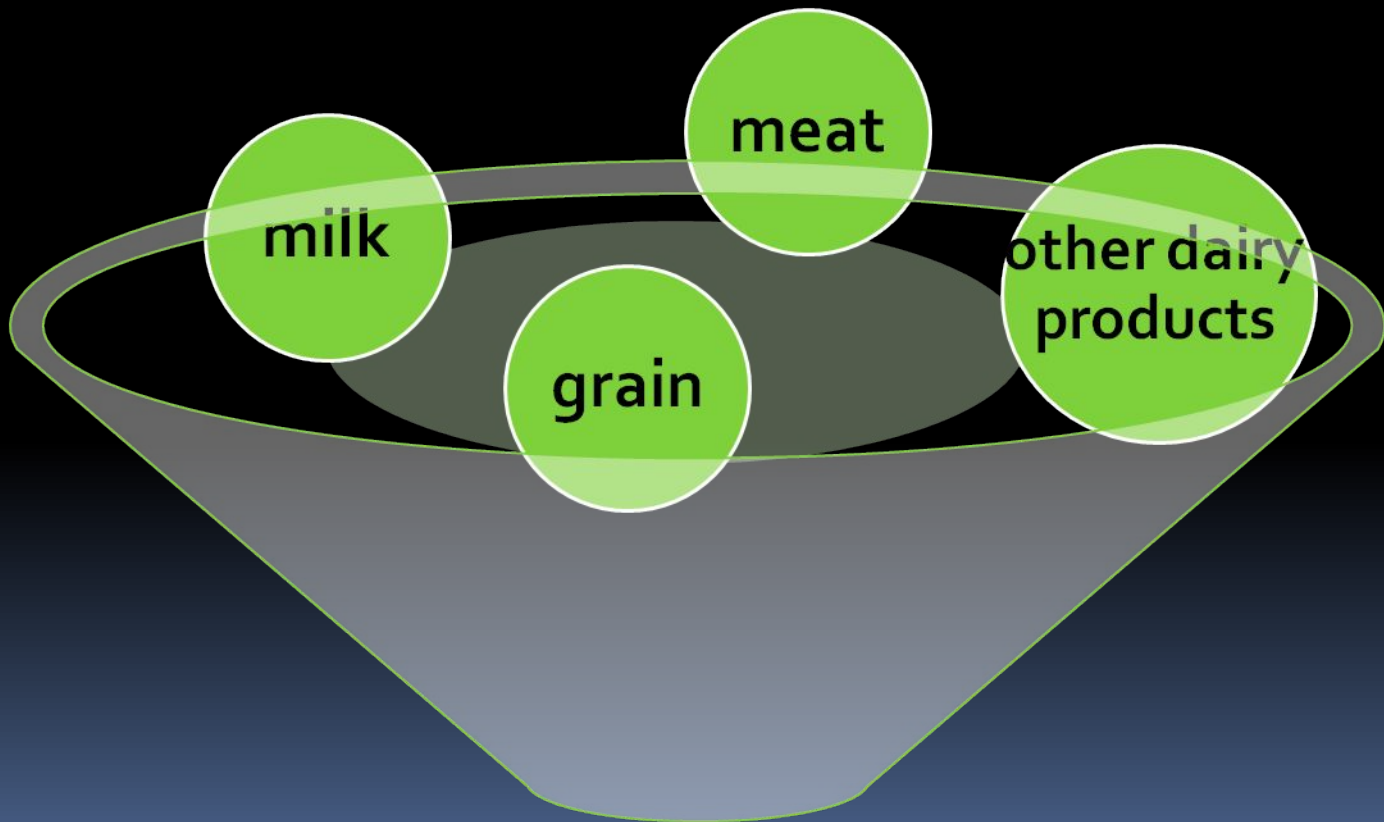
2 Economy

Russia is rich in natural and mineral resources:



They are concentrated in Siberia and the Far East.

10 million people are
engaged in agriculture.
They produce



3 Politics

Russia is a parliamentary republic

[,pa:lə'mentəri ri'pʌblik].

Head of state is the President.

The government consists of three branches:



legislative

['ledʒislətɪv]

законодательная,

- executive

[ɪg'zekjʊtɪv]

исполнительная

- judicial

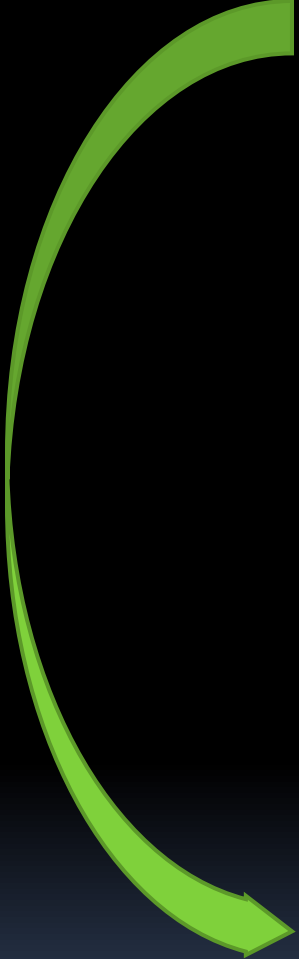

[dʒʊ'diʃəl]

судебная

The President


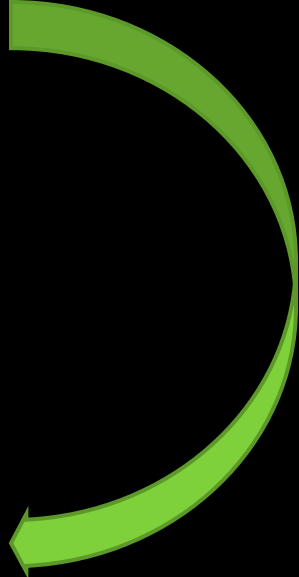
controls each

of them



The legislative power
(the Federal Assembly
Федеральное собрание)


consists of
the Council of Federation
Совет Федерации



(They are headed by the Speaker)
the State Duma

The executive power
(the Government
=
the Cabinet of Ministers)

It is headed by the Prime Minister.

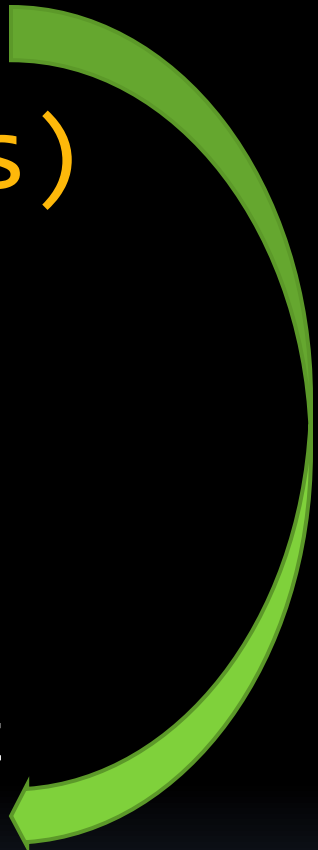


The judicial power
(the system of courts)
consists of



the Constitutional Court

the Supreme Court
Верховный суд
(and the others)



4 National Symbols



The Russian national flag

The colours are symbolic.

The red colour means love and bravery.

The blue colour means honesty and devotion.

The white colour means that Russian people are noble and sincere.



The birch tree

People sing beautiful
songs with poetic words
about birch trees and
plant them near their
houses. In old Russian
towns people often call
young lovely girls
beryoзка, beryozon'ka.



The Russian Hymn

is the official song of the country by
S.Mikhalkov and A.Alexandrov.



держава,
Россия-
любимая
наша
страна.
Могучая
воля,
великая
слава-
Твое
достоянье
на все
времена!

**The
Eagle
has two
heads. One
of them
looks at the
West,
another one
looks at the
East. It
means that
Russia looks
at the West
and at the
East.**



5 Capital

Moscow is the capital of Russia.

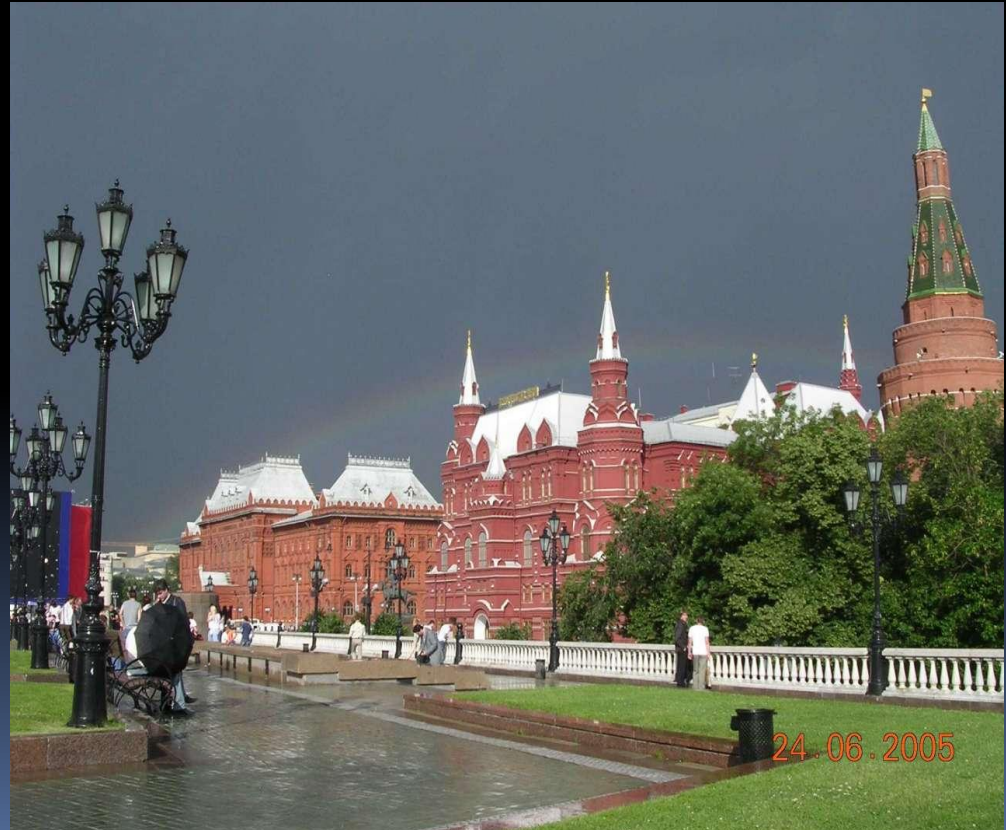
It is a political, economic, commercial and cultural centre with the *population* of about 10 million



The official date of the foundation of Moscow is 1147.

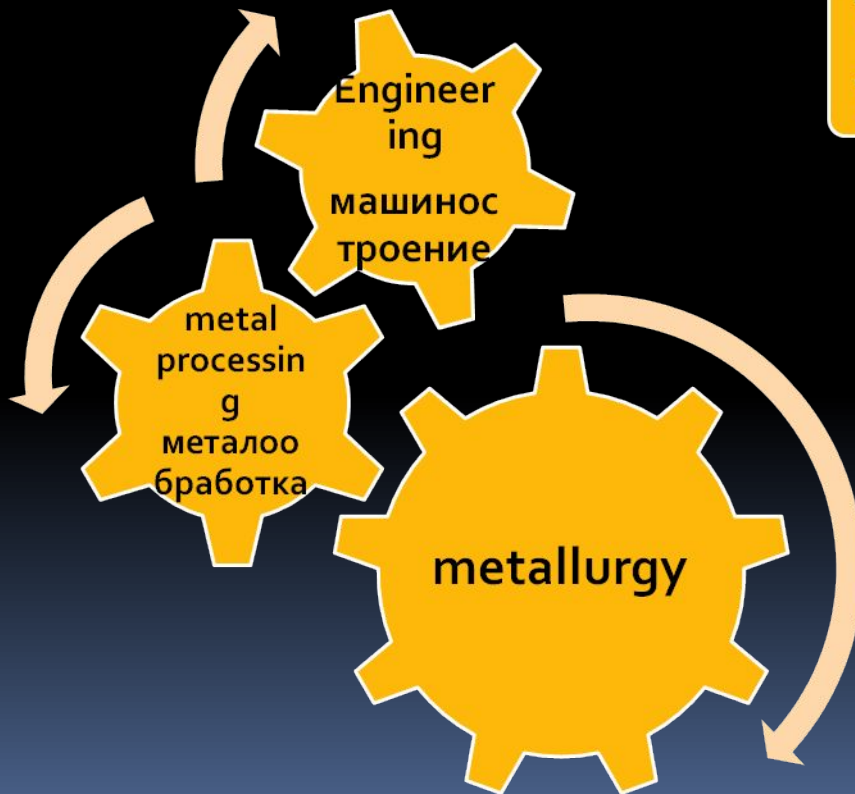
The town was almost destroyed in 1237 and 1293 during the Tatar invention. In 1812 came the Napoleon's conquest.

The city was destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt within a short period.



Moscow is Russia's largest industrial city.

The largest industrial sectors are



Other large sectors are

textiles
ткани

clothing
одежда

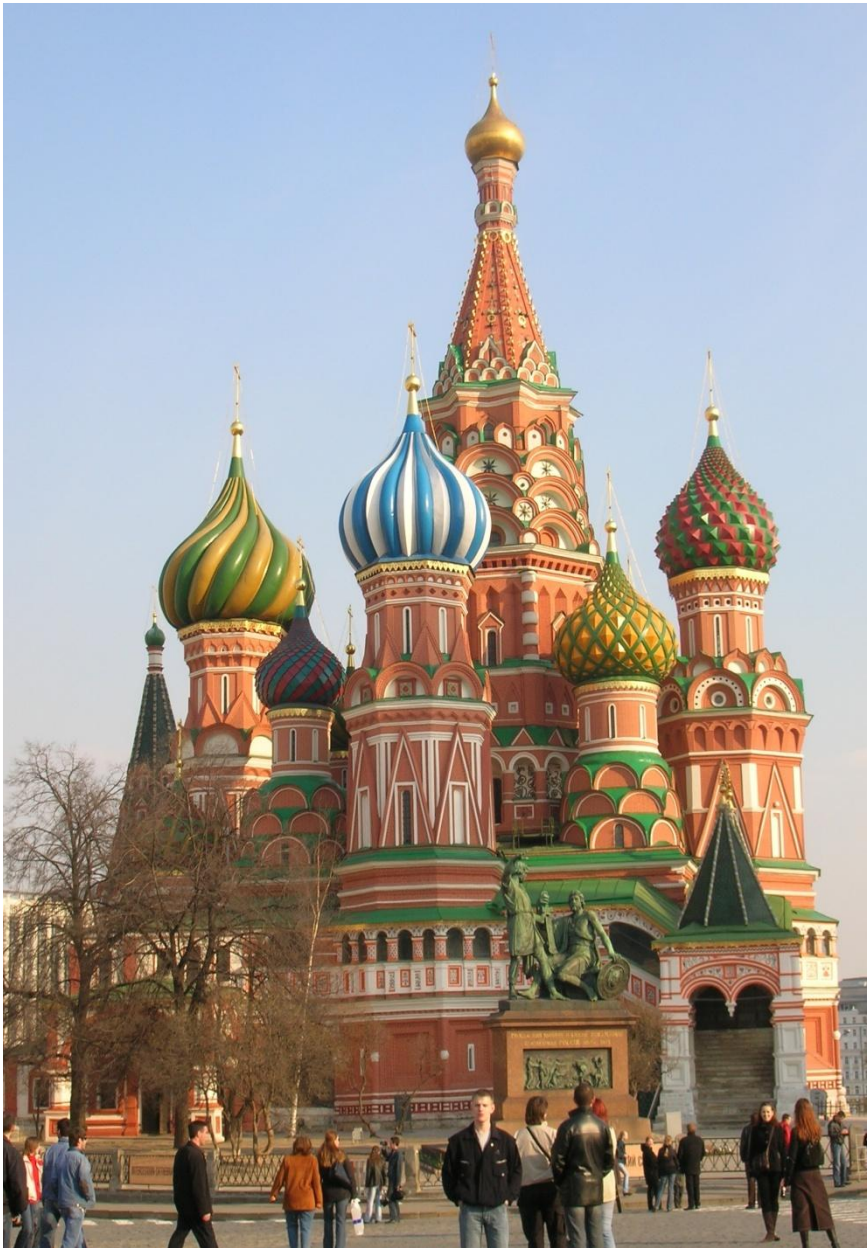
footwear
обувь

chemical
industries

electronic
instruments

Moscow is the seat of the
Government of the Russian
Federation.

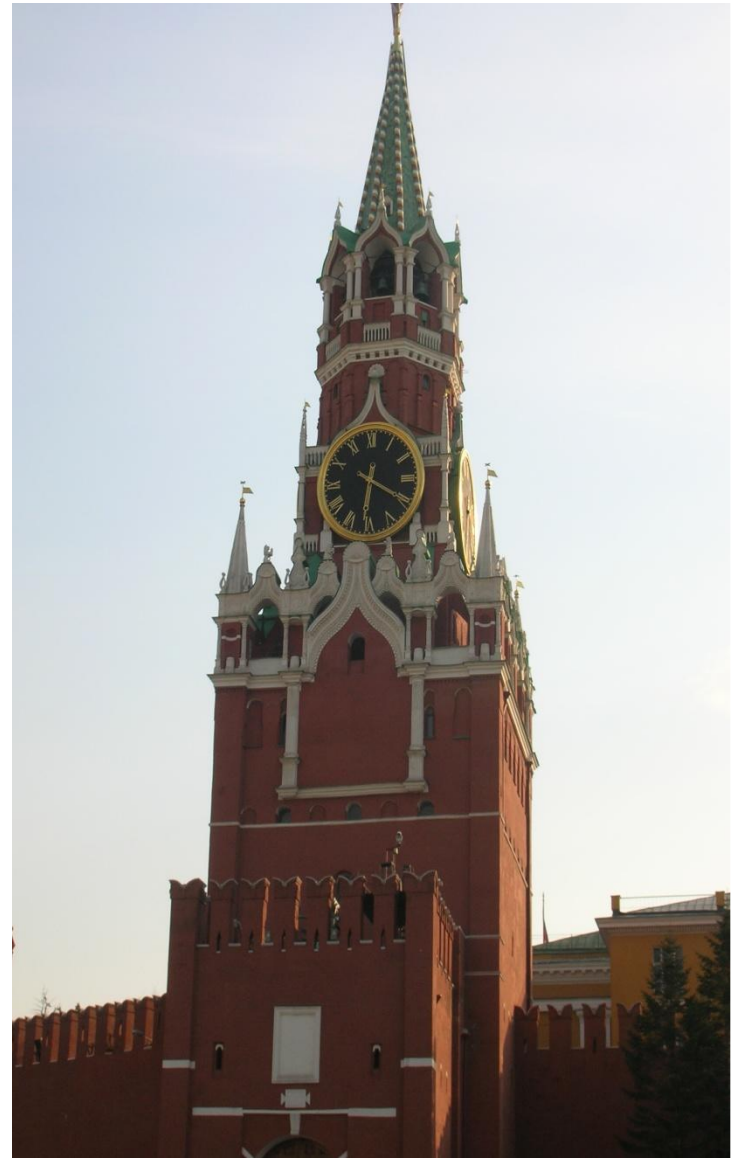




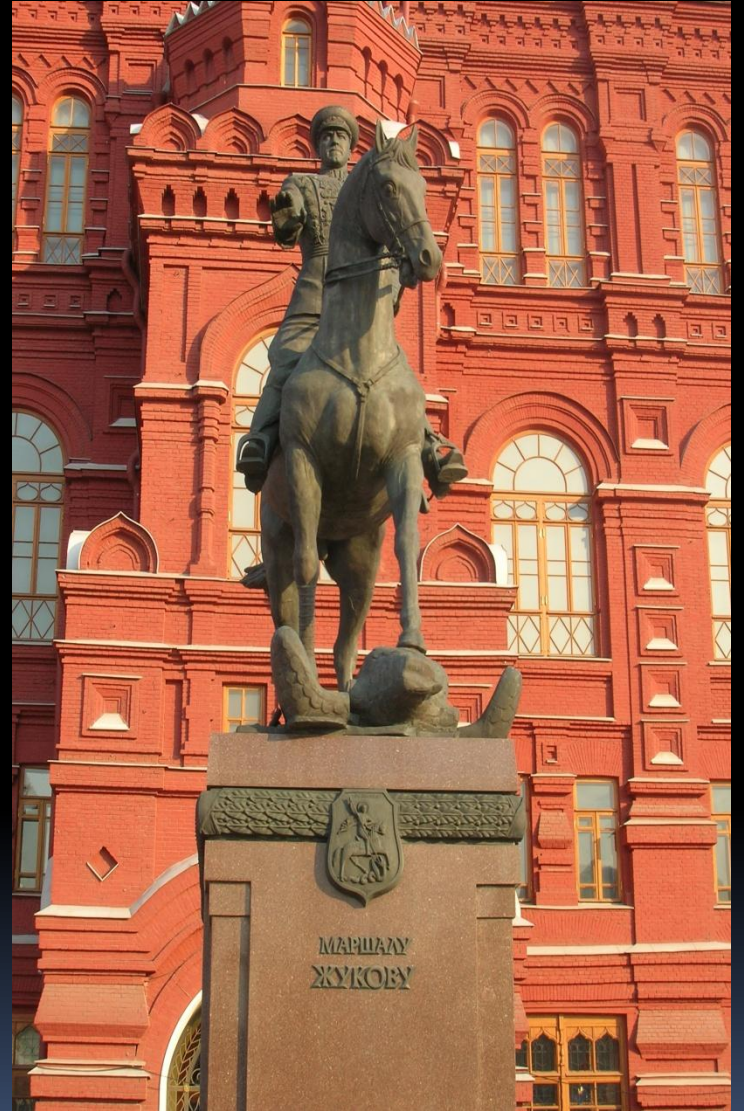
Moscow is known for its beautiful old *cathedrals, churches, monasteries*. One of them is St. Basil /Pokrovsky Cathedral (*Vasiliya Blazhennovo khram*)

The oldest part
of Moscow is the
Kremlin.

It is the heart
of the city. The
word “Kremlin”
means “fortress”



Moscow is also
noted for its
art museums,
such as the
Tretyakov
Gallery and the
Pushkin Museum
of Fine Arts.





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The End

