

Lessons №10-11

Famous People

Famous People of Baranivka

Our town! It's so beautiful, the people are so generous, good-natured, hospitable and talented. They are a real wonder of the town. They are really our pride. We all know the holder of three orders of Glory K.P. Tyschuk, general Stepaniuk, the Hero of the Socialist Labour Shmorhun, the participant of the 1980 Olympic Games O.V. Demianiyuk, composer A.Pashkevych and many, many others who have made and are still making our town famous.

We are proud that an outstanding Ukrainian poetess Lesia Ukrainka lived in our town. The beauty of our nature, the picturesque banks of the river Sluch, the mystery of the forests around Baranivka inspired her Lesia to creation of her well-known "Forest Song" where she depicted our wonderful land. Just here she looked for new extraordinary ideas. The river Sluch and old lime-trees are real witnesses of Lesia's life in Zhaborytsia. In 1971 in honour of 100th anniversary of Lesia Ukrainka's birthday the memorial sign was opened in our town. It is in the place under three lime-trees where Lesia for the first time drew the image of Mavka. And we are proud that this memorial was created by our townsman M.T. Nazarenko. The memorial is especially dear for us and it ensures us again that our town, our land is really rich in talented and creative people.

There is a small old building in Chervonoarmiis'ka Street(Pashkevych Street) in Baranivka. Here our famous townsman Anatolii Maksymovych Pashkevych was born. He began his glorious career in this house and often came back to this place looking for inspiration.

A famous composer People's artist of Ukraine Anatolii Pashkevych has come forever to the history of Ukrainian culture. His numerous songs are sang at all big concerts, all famous singers are proud to have them in their repertoire. Such songs as "Mother's Cherry-Tree", "My Hut, My White Hut", "Through the Steppe", "Chebretsi", "The Swans of Motherhood" and others are well-known in Ukraine and abroad. Many of Pashkevych's works are often thought to be folk songs, but he was never offended about it. He thought this fact to be the greatest acknowledgement of his talent and creativity.

Oleksii Demianiuk was born in Baranivka in 1958. He finished Baranivka Secondary School N1. He was fond of athletics during his school years. His first coach was Dmytro Ivanovych Prysyazhnyuk. He became a member of the junior team in 1978. In 1980 he took the second place in the USSR Championship and won in competitions in memory of the Znamenskii brothers, that's why Oleksii was enrolled in the USSR national team. He took part in the Olympics-80, which was held in Moscow. Oleksii Demianiuk introduced innovative approaches to the training system, which were recognized by the leading athletes of that time. He was the first in the world who made the model of specialized jumping shoes. A lot of the world shoes' companies introduced this idea into their production. His son, Dmytro Demianiuk is also a famous sportsman, jumper.

Secondary school №2 in Baranivka is named after Olia Siabruk. This girl is considered to be our heroin. When the Great Patriotic War began she was only 17. All her relatives worked at the china factory in Baranivka. She would have probably continued their tradition if she had had a chance... She became a member of the guerilla underground group led by Y. Starchenko. Olia had to carry out the connection with other guerilla groups in Dovbysh, Myropol', Polonne and Novohrad-Volyns'ky. She also

helped her father to print leaflets, was busy with spreading them all over the town and looking for weapon for the guerillas.

In 1943 at one of her underground meetings she ran into the ambush and was tortured to death. She was only 19. The people of Baranivka will always remember this courageous girl who gave her life for the freedom of her native land.

Some soldiers were distinguished in battles with Russian invaders:

- Oleh Torzhanskiy - soldier of the Armed Forces of Ukraine
- Oleksii Safin was killed in the fight for Donetsk airport
- Vitalii Gasyuk was also killed in the fight for Donetsk airport

1. A) Match the words (1-12) with their definitions (a-l).

B) Make sentences with words and word combinations from the table below.

1) generous	a) a feeling of pleasure and satisfaction that you get because you or people connected with you have done or got something good
2) hospitable	b) to be satisfied
3) a pride	c) to make someone feel that they want to do something and can do it
4) a participant	d) the day on which an important event happened in a previous year
5) to be proud	e) very unusual, special, unexpected, or strange
6) outstanding	f) having or showing courage
7) to inspire	g) deserving great admiration, praise, and honour
8) an anniversary	h) willing to give money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is usual or expected
9) extraordinary	i) a large tree with leaves shaped like a heart and pale yellow flowers
10) a lime-tree	j) a person who takes part in or becomes involved in a particular activity
11) glorious	k) friendly and welcoming to guests and visitors
12) courageous	l) excellent

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2. Read and complete the statement.

The text is about_____.

- a) famous writers and poets
- b) famous people of Ukraine
- c) famous people of Baranivka.

3. Say and tick if the statements are true(T) or false(F)

- 1. Lesia Ukrainka depicted the nature of our town in "Forest Song".
- 2. In 1971 in honour of 200th anniversary of Lesia Ukrainka's birthday the memorial sign was opened in our town.
- 3. Anatolii Pashkevych began his glorious career in Zhytomyr.
- 4. Songs of Anatolii Pashkevych were known all abroad.
- 5. Oleksii Demianiuk was the first in the world who made the model of specialized jumping shoes.
- 6. Olha Siabruk helped her father to print leaflets.

4. Read and match the people (a-d) with the actions.

a) Lesia Ukrainka b) Anatolii Pashkevych c) Olha Siabruk d) Oleksii Demianiuk

- 1) The people of Baranivka will always remember this courageous person who gave her life for the freedom of her native land.(.....)
- 2) This person depicted the nature of Baranivka well. (.....)
- 3) This person became a member of the junior team, when he was 20 years old.(.....)
- 4) His numerous songs are sang at all big concerts, all famous singers are proud to have them in their repertoire. (.....)