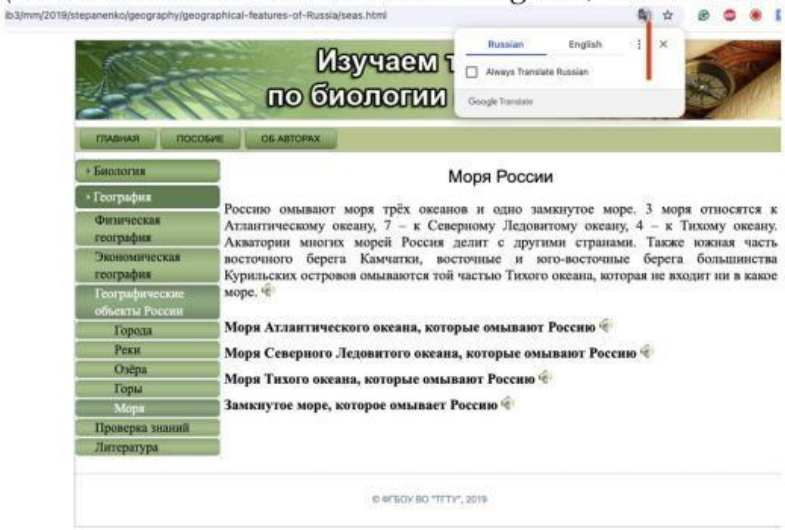
Assignment #3: « Oceans and Seas»

#1. Read about the oceans and seas surrounding Russia. Listen to the names of the seas and repeat them after the speaker.

(to translate the website into English, choose the English language on the top)



#2. Write the names of the three oceans surrounding Russia in Russian and English

	Russian name	English name
1.		
2.		
3.		

#3. Look at the map and read the names of oceans and seas in Russian

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Сколько морей и океанов омывают Россию?



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#4. Watch the video «The seven smallest Russian seas» and mark them on your map (write their names in Russian)

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#6. Complete the test.

1. **What is the main reason the Laptev Sea is of limited use to Russia year-round?**

   A. It borders several international countries

   B. It is not rich in natural resources

   C. It is frozen from October to May each year

   D. It is heavily polluted

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2. **Which sea was historically used as a dumping ground for nuclear waste and is now considered highly polluted?**

   A. Laptev Sea

   B. Kara Sea

   C. East Siberian Sea

   D. Barents Sea

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3. **Why is the Russian name for the Sea of Japan considered a misnomer?**

   A. Russians do not use the sea

   B. It does not border Japan

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C. Other countries use different names for it

D. The name was changed after the Russo-Japanese War

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4. What historical significance did the Barents Sea have during World War II?

A. It was used to launch submarine attacks on Germany

B. It served as a major trade route with the U.S.

C. It was the site of a large Soviet naval victory

D. It allowed Arctic convoys to deliver critical supplies to Russia

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5. Why was the Sea of Okhotsk considered strategically important during the Cold War?

A. It connected Russia to India and Southeast Asia

B. It was a major hub for coal mining

C. It offered proximity to Japan for intelligence gathering

D. It was used for nuclear missile testing

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6. Why is the Bering Sea considered the least important of Russia's largest seas, despite its size?

A. It lacks natural resources

B. It is not connected to any other body of water

C. It is rarely used due to its severe climate and distance from Moscow

D. It borders too many international waters

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7. Why is the Sea of Azov historically significant to Russia?

A. It was the site of several Cold War battles

B. It has deep waters ideal for submarine bases

C. It provides a route into the Black Sea and Mediterranean

D. It borders Moscow directly

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8. What made the White Sea a vital trade artery for medieval Novgorod and Muscovy?

A. It connected Russia to China via inland rivers

B. It provided access to the Hanseatic League markets

C. It was rich in diamonds and gold

D. It never froze, allowing year-round shipping

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9. Why was foreign access to the Pechora Sea restricted in 1619?

A. Due to dangerous weather conditions

B. To prevent overfishing by European nations

C. Because of its strategic route into Siberia

D. Because it was a sacred site for local peoples

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10. What makes the Caspian Sea unique among Russia's seas?

A. It is the saltiest sea in the world

B. It is the only sea Russia shares with the USA

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C. It is actually a lake, not a sea

D. It is the coldest sea year-round

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11. What historical event allowed Russia to gain access to the Baltic Sea in 1721?

A. The annexation of the Crimean Khanate

B. The defeat of Sweden in the Great Northern War

C. The Treaty of Versailles

D. The collapse of the Hanseatic League

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12. How did the Chukchi Sea's strategic importance change after 1945?

A. It became a key fishing area

B. It became a tourist destination

C. It hosted Red Army naval patrols during the Cold War

D. It was used to launch space missions

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