

The Republic of Belarus

Belarus is my Homeland. It is 1) *a / an / the / -* country with unique history and rich cultural 2) (*INHERIT*). 3) (*OFFICIAL*) it is called the Republic of Belarus, a sovereign 4) (*DEPEND*) state with its own 5) (*GOVERN*), constitution, state emblem, flag and anthem. It came into 6) (*EXIST*) at the end 7) 1991.

Belarus is situated 8) *near / nearly* in the centre of Europe and borders 9) Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Russia and Ukraine. The territory of our country is 207.6 10) *thousands / thousand* square kilometres. Its population is about 10 11) *millions / million* people. The largest cities are the capital Minsk, Gomel, Vitebsk, Mogilev, Grodno and Brest. The climate of Belarus is 12).....(*CONTINENT*).

The landscape of Belarus is 13) *most / mostly* flat. The southern part of our country is made 14) ... of marshes, swamps and forests. This region is called Polesie. Forests cover 40 percent of the country's surface. The most 15).....(*FAME*) is Belovezhskaya Pushcha, the home of the 16).....(*EUROPE*) bison. This animal is one of the symbols of Belarus.

Belarus is 17) *a / an / the / -* country of 18) (*NUMBER*) rivulets, long rivers and beautiful lakes. The major rivers are the Neman, the Western Dvina and the Dnieper. The largest lake is the Naroch 19) *who / which / whom / whose* is located in a 20) (*PICTURE*) pine-covered area.

My country is 21) *a / an / the / -* developing industrial state. It's known 22)..... its production of tractors, motor-cycles, bicycles, TV-sets, refrigerators, watches and many 23) *another / the other / other / others* goods. The country's major crops are potatoes, flax, barley, rye and sugar beet.

Throughout the history Belarus has suffered a lot. It was involved 24) ... many wars and conflicts, because it's situated 25) the crossroads of Europe. The greatest and most notorious event is World War II. The eternal flame 26) front of the Victory monument keeps our memories alive. But 27) is necessary to admit that despite all the 28) (*HARD*) our country managed to preserve its unity and strong spirit.

Speaking 29) Belarusian national character, many 30).....(*FOREIGN*) admit that our people are 31)..... (*EXTREME*) sociable, 32) (*HOST*), generous and welcoming. They are also described 33) resourceful and 34) (*PEACE*). When socializing, Belarusians are open, warm-hearted, fun-loving, 35).....(*HUMOUR*) and outgoing.

36) conclusion, I'd like to say that I'm proud 37) ... my country and its people. Each time I go abroad I tell 38) (*FOREIGN*) about our great past and 39) (*ACHIEVE*). Belarus is the place my heart will always belong 40)